

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – July 16– 21**  
***Doing Life Together – Thriving in Babylon – Single Mindedness***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:19-20

**OBSERVATION:** The key to Jesus' warning here is "yourselves." When you accumulate possessions simply for your own sake — whether to hoard or to spend selfishly and extravagantly — those possessions have become idols. But when you wisely, lovingly, willingly, and generously use things for kingdom purposes, you can turn them into a means of accumulating heavenly possessions.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:21

**OBSERVATION:** Your view of your possessions is an effective barometer of your spirituality. Stuff is neither good nor bad in itself — corrupt people put it to evil use, Jesus followers can use it for righteous ends. But what you do with the money God gives you is a reflection of your thinking. As Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:22-23

**OBSERVATION:** The heart is the eye of the soul, through which the illumination of every spiritual experience shines. It is through your heart that God's truth, love, peace, and every other spiritual blessing comes to you. When your heart — your spiritual vision — is clear, then your whole body will be full of light. But if your heart is diseased and damaged, being encumbered with an affection for stuff, it becomes "blind" and insensitive to spiritual things. A defective eye is a picture of a selfishly indulgent heart — the master of every unbeliever, the tempter of every believer.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:24

**OBSERVATION:** A slave in Jesus' day was a piece of property, an asset over which the owner had absolute control. For a slave there was no such thing as partial or part-time obligation to his master. His full-time service to his full-time master left no time for service to anyone else. It was not simply difficult, but absolutely impossible to serve two masters.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:33

**OBSERVATION:** If you want to be single-minded about your treasure, your vision, and your Master, you must pursue a single goal — move your thoughts up to the divine level. God wants to free you from the mundane, temporal, passing vanity of this life to seek the things of God. In His right hand are pleasures forever (Psalm 16:11), so "set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** 1 John 3:2-3

**OBSERVATION:** We in this country are blessed with unparalleled affluence, have unprecedented opportunity to pursue the interests of the kingdom, and live under the unwavering gaze of the God who will call each one to account. So what is your heart's preoccupation? Are you more concerned with the kingdom of God or with the things of this world? Think about where you are storing your treasure; consider the condition of your eyesight; contemplate which master you serve; and assess what it is you seek. If you are on the wrong side of His will, return to a single-minded pursuit of His kingdom and His righteousness, and enjoy the blessing of His favor.