

Darkness and Light

—Riddles from Q, Week 10—

Matthew 6:19-24//Luke 11:33-36 (NIV)

Matthew

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(See Matt 5:15)

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body.

If your eyes are healthy,^a your whole body will be full of light.

²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy,^b your whole body will be full of darkness.

If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

^aThe Greek for *healthy* here implies *generous*.

^bThe Greek for *unhealthy* here implies *stingy*.

Luke

(see Luke 12:33-34)

³³ “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.

³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body.

When your eyes are healthy,^a your whole body also is full of light.

But when they are unhealthy,^b your body also is full of darkness.

³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.

³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

(see Luke 16:13)

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^bThe Greek for *unhealthy* here implies *stingy*.

If you would like to analyze these passages visually, you can: (1) put a box around material that is unique to either gospel; (2) Material that is shared exactly you can underline in both gospels; and (3) Material that is similar you can underline with a dotted line in both gospels.

The Bottom Line:

your Spiritual

...by being _____ against the _____ of _____ and _____ (Matthew).

...by _____ on guard _____ hindering your _____ of _____ (Luke).

I think the biggest danger right now to my spiritual perception is: _____

One step I can take this week to combat this is: _____