

The Sermon on the Mount 10 - Laying Up Treasure

Matthew 6:19-24

What is Treasure?

- Money
- Health
- our family
- accomplishments/achievements
- reputation/notoriety
- approval of others

God is the provider of every earthly blessing.

The pursuit of earthly treasure offers two great dangers:

1. Fleeting and temporary

Proverbs 28:22

James 5:2-3

2. Distraction from our devotion to Christ

Ezekiel in 14:3

Luke 18:18-30

Jesus desires that we turn from pursuing earthly treasure to pursuing Him and His kingdom

Galatians 6:7-8

What is heavenly treasure? The pursuit of God Himself.

Job 22:25

Psalms 16:5-6

Psalms 73:25

1 Corinthians 2:9

Philippians 3:7-9

1 Timothy 6:6-10

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God is in the business of shaping and forming character in His people

We can then use our earthly treasure for heavenly good.

Deuteronomy 15:9

Luke 16:9

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Ask yourself some key questions:

1. Will this last?
2. Is this just for me, or does it benefit someone else?
3. When this world has passed away, will this action or plan I have done have contributed to the kingdom, even in some small way?
4. Does this bring me closer to God, or does it distract me from His love and care and compromise my dependence upon Him?

Be Thou My Vision

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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Next week – Matthew 6:24-34, “Do not be anxious.”

Here are a few questions to consider:

1. What situations or challenges cause you to worry?
2. How have the current issues of racial inequality and the pandemic affected you, whether emotionally or practically?
3. How does your trust in God work itself out in your daily needs being met?
4. How does your faith in Christ affect your hope for the future?
5. What should we do if we find ourselves worrying?
6. What is the relationship between worry and trust in Christ?