

Sermon Reflections

Worries, Treasures, and Trusts (Matthew 6:19-34)

Summary: Let your Father's care master you. Stop worrying, and start seeking His Kingdom.

Seek First the Father's Kingdom. Four reasons why we should do this:

1. Your Heart Follows Your Investments (vv. 19-21)

- Treasures built here on earth are subject to decay (moth/rust) or theft whereas treasures deposited in heaven can never be lost. Since this is true why would a person be tempted to invest so much here instead of in heaven?
- Read 1Peter 1:3-5 and list the benefits indicated of an inheritance that results from investments made in heaven. How does this motivate you to make changes in your current investment strategies?

2. Your Focus Colors How You See Life (vv. 22-23)

- The spiritual eyes of the Pharisees were diseased. With their eyes they were coveting money and wealth. Thus they were in spiritual darkness. They were slaves to the master of greed and their desire for money was so great they were failing in their service to their true Master — God. If you realize that you do not have “healthy eyes,” what are some practical steps you can take to be more focused on the things that are above? (Hint: see Colossians chapter 3)

3. Your Master Takes Full Allegiance (v. 24)

- Jesus said that it is impossible to serve two masters and then He gives the example of two masters: God and money. Then He gives us two reasons why this is impossible. What are these two reasons? Have you ever attempted to serve two masters at the same time? If so, what happened?
- James 4:4 teaches that friendship with the world is enmity with God. In light of Matthew 6 why is this necessarily true?

4. Your Father Takes Care of All Your Needs (vv. 25-34)

- Rather than being like the pagans who are concerned about physical needs the Lord's disciples should be concerned about the things of God, His kingdom, and His righteousness. Jesus' exhortation to “not be anxious/worry” occurs three times in these ten verses. Worrying shows that one has “little faith” in what God can do. Do you tend to be a person who worries a great deal? What do you see in this text that can help you in this struggle?
- “O you of little faith” is a rebuke but it also is an invitation to know God better. What are some things that you could do in order to know God better?