

Sun Morning

# HEAVENLY PRIORITIES FOR A KINGDOM MINDED CHRISTIAN

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Text: Matthew 6:19-34

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:19-34)*

## INTRODUCTION

- Part of the Sermon on the Mountain

## 1. A KINGDOM <sup>Commandment</sup> (v. 19-20)

Quote: "God's commandments are God's enablements." - God gives ability

A. Eternal perspectives (view point)

EARTHLY TREASURES ARE TEMPORAL (temporary)

- Jn 14:1-4 God's heaven many mansions

- Lust & pride creates bad actions

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-17)

HEAVENLY TREASURES ARE ETERNAL - VS. 20

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" (1 Timothy 6:17)

B. With A Biblical process = offerings

WEEKLY GIVING

each  
Sunday  
(month)

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

SPECIAL GIVING

extra  
offering

"Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. 6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:" (2 Corinthians 9:5-8)

## 2. A KINGDOM Connection (v. 21-24)

A. From A Heart of love

God  
also  
gave

**Quote:** "Where there is no interest, there is no investment."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above and not on things on earth." (Colossians 3:1-2)

**Quote:** "Material possessions tend to focus one's thoughts and interests on the world only. Wealth gradually enslaves those who are attached to it and perverts their values. The more we have, the easier it is to be possessed by our possessions, comforts, and recreations." —Kent Hughes

B. From A Heart of service

- James 1:8 double minded man unstable

IF WE LOVE GOD - WE WILL SERVE HIM

IF WE LOVE MONEY - WE WILL SERVE MONEY

**Quote:** "Money can quickly become an end in itself rather than a means to godly ends."—**Gene Getz**

*"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:9-10)*

C. From A Heart of trust - in the LIVING God

CEASING FROM WORRY—TAKE NO THOUGHT

BELIEVING GOD WILL PROVIDE

*"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)*

### 3. A KINGDOM Cause (v. 33)

**Quote:** "Here I am in the twilight years of my life, still wondering what it's all about. I can tell you this: fame and fortune is for the birds."—**Lee Iacoca**

A. Seek His kingdom

**Quote:** "The last days of our life should be spent giving thought as to how much we can give, not how much we can keep."—**Lheman Strauss**

*"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14)*

B. Expect His blessing

**Quote:** "God will use money to strengthen our trust in Him. It is often through money that God can clearly and objectively show us that He is God and in control of everything."—**Larry Burkett**

*"I have been young, and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psalm 37:25)*

*"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11)*

*"Every good gift is from above..." (James 1:17a)*

### CONCLUSION

a) Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Heaven,  
Kingdom of His dear Son

