

Matthew 6:19-34 WEB

- (19) “Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal;
- (20) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don’t break through and steal;
- (21) for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- (22) “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light.
- (23) But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- (24) “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t serve both God and Mammon.
- (25) Therefore, I tell you, don’t be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- (26) See the birds of the sky, that they don’t sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you of much more value than they?
- (27) “Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan?
- (28) Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don’t toil, neither do they spin,
- (29) yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these.
- (30) But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won’t he much more clothe you, you of little faith?
- (31) “Therefore don’t be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘With what will we be clothed?’
- (32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- (33) But seek first God’s Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.
- (34) Therefore don’t be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day’s own evil is sufficient.

Sermon on the Mount / Sermon on the Plain (Section 4)

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Jesus spoke in Matthew 6:1-18 about seeking rewards, and tells us to seek to be secretly rewarded by our Father in heaven, rather than seek to be publicly rewarded by men (being praised by them). In Matthew 6:19-34, Jesus speaks about storing up treasure, and tells us to lay up lasting treasure in heaven, rather than lay up non-lasting treasure here on earth.

These are some verse about wealth, money, greed (or covetousness), and treasure.

1 Timothy 6:6-11,17-19

Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5 (note in these verses: what is idolatry?)

Mt 6:19-21

What happens to treasure on the earth? Does the same thing happen to treasure in heaven?

Is it wrong to lay up treasure (compare verse 19 with verse 20)?

If you saved up treasure on earth, do you think you could love the Lord your God with all your heart (read verse 21)?

Mt 6:22-23

In a race, a runner fixes his eye on the goal. What are you fixing your eye on? Will you fix your eye on Jesus and things above and seek them, or will you fix your eye on the many things of this earth to seek them first?

Read Hebrews 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 John 2:15-17.

Mt 6:24

What happens if you try to serve two masters?

Look up the word "mammon" in a dictionary.

What two masters can't you serve.

Mt 6:25-26

Have you ever been anxious about what you will eat or drink or wear? Why?

If your heavenly Father feeds the birds of the sky, how do you think He will take care of you?

Mt 6:27-30

Does worrying or being anxious usually improve your life?

Have you ever seen a field of grass in springtime clothed with beautiful flowers? If your Father in heaven clothes the grass so wonderfully, won't he much more clothe you?

Why do you think Jesus refers to us as "you of little faith"?

Mt 6:31-34

What are we to seek FIRST?

If we seek that first, what will be given to us?

The CEV Bible paraphrased verse 34 like this: "Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today."