

Material Matters

Matthew 6:19-21

"**Do not** lay up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20 but** lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**"

- 1. Two Treasures: temporary or eternal.**
- 2. Inordinate desire Luke 12:15**
- 3. It's never enough! Ecclesiastes 5:9-12**
- 4. Bottom line is adequate, all else is extra**
Psalm 37:16; Proverbs 15:16; 16:8;
Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19

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Matthew 6:22-24

"**The lamp of the body is the eye.** If therefore your **eye is good**, your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your **eye is bad**, your whole body will be full of darkness. **If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!**

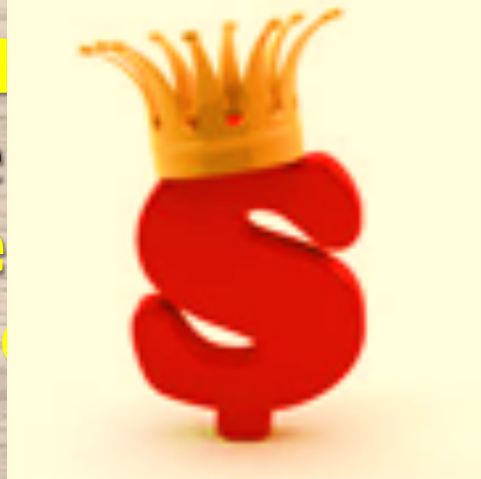
- 1. Two Eyes: Good Proverbs 22:9 or Bad Proverbs 28:22**
- 2. Wrong to Condemn the Generous Matthew 20:1-16**
- 3. Blind Leading the Blind Luke 6:39**

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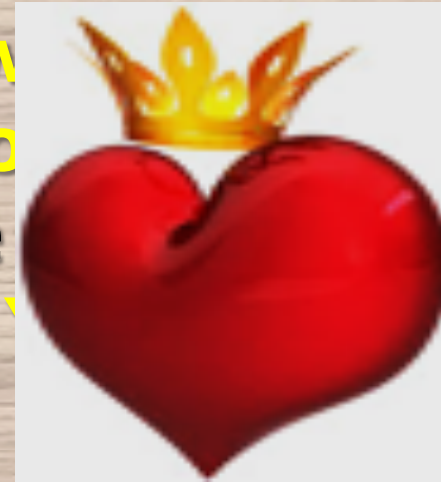
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- 1. Two Masters: God or Mammon.**
- 2. Impossible to try Luke 18:18-25**
- 3. Loyalty is the issue James 1:5-8; 4:8**
- 4. "Mammon" (Greek, *mammona*), money-god. Also in **Luke 16:9,11,13****
- 5. Don't Be Owned By Ownership!**

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Matthew 6:25

"**THEREFORE** I say to you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will **eat** or what you will **drink**; nor about **your body**, what you will **put on**. **Is not life more than food and the body** more than clothing?"

1. "Worry" = "anxiety" **Philippians 4:6**
* "concern, planning ahead" **Romans 1:11-13** ("longing"); **Romans 15:23-24** ("longing"); **1 Thessalonians 2:17-18** ("desired," "longing")
2. "Life" = "soul" (Greek *psyche*) **Matthew 10:28; 16:25-26**
3. "Life" is "more than" not "other than"

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Matthew 6:26-29

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?

- 1. Plural, God works for all, not just a particular individual or kind!**
- 2. Birds are free to "fly" Genesis 1:20; "multiply" Genesis 1:22; and have "nests" Matthew 8:20; but not dominate mankind Genesis 1:26**
- 3. Under Moses, used as poor's sacrifice instead of lamb Leviticus 5:7; 12:8; Luke 2:24**

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1. What good does "anxiety do?"

Then, why "worry?"

2. It's not *that* flowers grow, but "how!"

3. Elegance of human effort not equal!

1 Kings 10:23; Revelation 17:3-6

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Matthew 6:30-32



...the grass of the field which is sown today and tomorrow is thrown down and trampled underfoot and will wither. Likewise you do not wear a garment which will last. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

1. "Anxiety" shows the size of faith

Matthew 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; 17:20

2. Don't practice religion like "others!"

Matthew 6:2, 5, 7-8, 16, 19, 31-32

So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

2. Jesus seeks the lost Luke 19:10, but men must seek Him John 5:44; 6:20; Isaiah 55:6; Acts 15:14-17; 17:27