

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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THE LORD'S PRAYER – PART 16

# Matthew 6

**7**“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. **9** Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

**10** Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**11** Give us this day our daily bread,  
**12** and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**13** And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.— **ESV**

# Storehouse Principle

**Matt. 6:19** “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **21** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. – NLT

- How much is enough?
- Is it wrong to have a financial plan for success?
- Where is your treasure?

# 1 Timothy 6

**6** Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. **7** After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. **8** So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

**9** But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. – NLT

➤ Are we truly content with just food and clothing? (shelter is implied)

# 1 Timothy 6

**17** Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. **18** Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. **19** By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.– NLT

- I believe God gives many people the ability to acquire riches so they can be a blessing to His work and to others in need
  - In Romans 12 – There is the gift of giving
  - The sin is not in acquiring wealth – The sin is when wealth becomes the treasure of our hearts
- Caveat – The danger of legalism here

# Love of Money Principle is related

**Matthew 6:24** “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. - NLT

- Jesus' words here are powerful
  - Jesus teaching often leaves us in divine tension
  - It causes us to look deep within and examine our hearts
  - So, even many of the poorest Americans are rich by the world's standards
  
- So, can we be effective disciples in a world of prosperity?
  - Remember the Parable of the Sower
  - Here is the third soil – **Matthew 13:22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. - NIV

# Love of Money

**Matthew 6:25** “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? **27** Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? – NLT 2

- Worry is the indicator that your heart is set on the wrong treasure

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**Matthew 6:28** “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, **29** yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. **30** And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

**31** “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. **34** “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today. – NLT



# Love of Money

- Is worry an emotion or is it a sin?
  - How do I conquer worry?
  - Repentance for worry, unbelief, fear . . .
  - Set Godly Boundaries – eliminating things that are toxic in our life
- Who/What has a vested interest in you feeling inadequate, needing a product/ service to be complete, etc
  - Distinguishing needs and wants
  - Rene Kapn – I feel sorry for Americans – people are constantly trying to sell you things”
  - Now – I would add – they are trying to sell you – make you into merch

# House Church Reflection

- Take a moment to have a time of prayer response to the Lord. HC Leaders, allow the Lord to lead you in ministry to people and response.
- Discussion
  - What spoke to you most in the message this morning?
  - How will you apply this truth in your life?