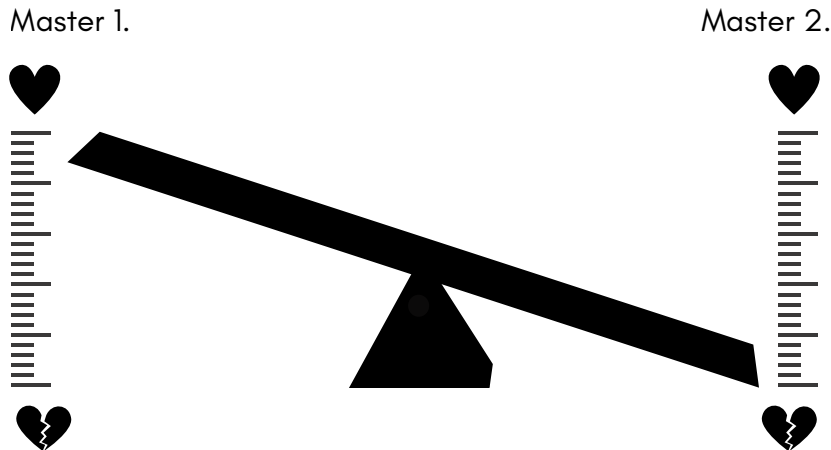


WEEK FIVE

Treasure *and* Trust



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1. Treasure

Matthew 6:19-21

[19] “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. (ESV)

- Our tendency as human beings is to _____ things.
- As Jesus warned against adultery of the heart in Matthew 5:28, here, Jesus is warning against _____ of the heart.
- In both of these warnings he addresses our _____.

Matthew 6:22-23

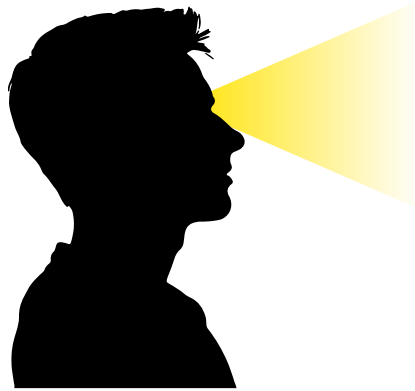
[22] “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, [23] but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! (ESV)

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Jesus exhorted [his] disciples to value that heavenly reward above any temporary earthly treasure.

-Charles Quarles

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The eye is the lamp of the body.

- The theme here is _____.
- Jesus is calling us to have a _____ eye and not an evil eye.

"The evil eye in the ancient world was especially associated with greediness, envy, and stinginess, especially when used in the context of material possessions. For example, Deut. 15:7-10 exhorts the people of God not to be stingy toward one another, in the Septuagint rendering: "Do not let your eye be evil toward your brother" (Deut. 15:9). Proverbs 23:6 and 28:22 also describe a greedy or stingy person as having an evil eye."

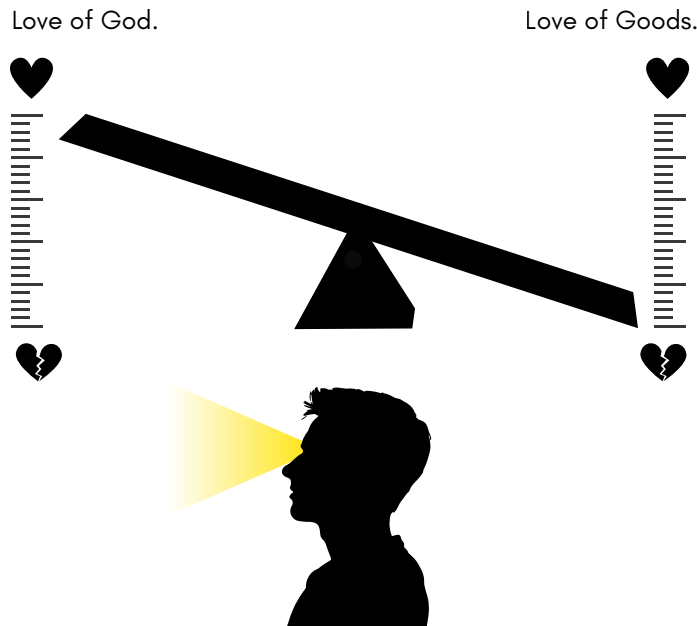
-Jonathan Pennington

If	Meaning	Then
Eye is healthy.	Single/Whole and Generous.	Whole body will be full of light.
Eye is bad.	Evil and Greedy.	Whole body will be full of darkness.
Your whole body is full of light.	You have understanding.	You are wise.
If the light in you is darkness.	You do not have understanding.	You are a fool.

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Matthew 6:24

[24] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (ESV)



- Jesus is calling us to a single focus and a single devotion rather than a _____ life.
- We are to be wholly holy. Wholly _____ and wholly devoted.

2. Trust

First Topic: Sustenance

Positive Example - Birds of the air are fed by the heavenly Father (6:26a)

Lesser-to-Greater Argument - You are much more valuable (6:26b)

Reproof for Foolishness and Anxiety - No one can add to their life by worry (6:27)

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Second Topic: Clothing

Positive Example – The flowers of the fields grow and are glorious (6:28–29)

Lesser-to-Greater Argument – You are much more valuable (6:30)

Reproof for Foolishness and Anxiety – Those outside the community desperately seek after these things (6:31–32)

- Jesus gives two _____ of how we can keep our whole person focused on God instead of goods.

Matthew 6:25–30

[25] “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious 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? [26] Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [27] And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? [28] And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, [29] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. [30] But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? (ESV)

- Jesus is not speaking against work, but _____.
- We are created to work hard, but we are not created to _____.

Matthew 6:31–32

[31] Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ [32] For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. (ESV)

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- As Jesus told us last week not to be like the hypocrites, he tells us this week not to be like the _____.
- Jesus is saying, "Don't be like those whose god is their _____." Trust God who fills and covers your _____.

Matthew 6:33-34

[33] But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

[34] "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (ESV)

"Herein lies a deep irony of human existence. According to Jesus's teachings, when people seek to keep everything together and provide for themselves apart from God, the result is not the sought-after peace, but rather, anxiety. That is, there is an organic connection between the warning against greed in 6:22-24 and the exhortation against anxiety in 6:25-34. Greed causes anxiety. It is the non-God-directed heart that is laying up earthly treasures that ironically does not have peace. But the people who live like the flowers and birds, apparently foolish from the world's financial perspective, are the ones who are free from anxiety. They seek first God's kingdom and as a result get all their needs met without anxiety. This is not to say that all anxiety is caused by greed; there are many other sources of anxiety, real and perceived. But it is to say that greed will inevitably result in the double-souled anxiety that is the opposite of the human flourishing to which Jesus is inviting his hearers."

-Jonathan Pennington

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Matthew uses a lot of triads in The Sermon on the Mount. Notice here how "Do not be anxious" is in this text three times.

HOMEWORK:
ANSWER THE REFLECTION
QUESTIONS BELOW.

Go to your class reading plan on page 4. Read the assigned Scriptures and write any observations below.

Read this article (scan QR code) and answer some reflection questions. The Shema declares "The Lord is our God; the Lord is one," a strong affirmation against polytheism and divided loyalty. In what ways might modern culture present "competing gods" for your attention or allegiance? How can you reorient your priorities to affirm that "the Lord alone is our God."



- **Seminary+ students, read *An Introduction to Biblical Ethics* - Chapter 5: The Structure of the Law.**

One of the best ways to retain what you're learning is to tell it to someone else. Share with someone what you are learning in this class. Also, make sure that you continue reading your Bible throughout this class. Let this supplement your time in the Word, not replace it. For a plan and help go to C3Rowlett.com/resources. See you next week! GITKOG&BF.