

Low Bar

Part 2

The five best things I've learned:

- Grace
- Holy Spirit
- Spiritual Gifts
- Worship
- Tithing

Matthew 6:19–33 (NKJV)

- 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.
- 22 “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!
- 24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve **God** and **mammon**.
- 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?
- 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?
- 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?
- 28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
- 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little **faith**?
- 31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’
- 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

John 12:1–8 (NKJV)

- 1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.
- 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.
- 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.
- 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,
- 5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"
- 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.
- 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.
- 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

1. The Enemy of Generosity

(It's selfishness)

God gave Judas the money box not so he'd fail, but to give him an opportunity to pass.

2. The Extravagance of Generosity

(It's all about the heart not the wealth)

Luke 12:33–34 (NKJV)

- 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.
- 34 For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.

3. The Reward of Generosity

Mark 14:9–11 (NKJV)

- 9 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."
- 10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them.
- 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him **money**. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

Generosity - is when you give not expecting anything in return.

Selfishness - is when you give expecting God to return it.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

- 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

