

Summer on the Mount: Kingdom Treasure / Packing Light

Matthew 6:19-24

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How often do you check your accounts?

- John 18:36

Kingdom living means using our resources, attention, and priorities for eternal impact instead of temporary gain

- Matthew 6:19-24

1) The Danger: Your [stuff] Will Consume You

- Matthew 6:19

The primary tool the kingdom of darkness will use to seduce you away from the kingdom of light is the kingdom of (insert your name here)

Bowing to the kingdom of self renames selfishness as freedom and makes you nothing more than a slave to your own desires

2) The Call: Lift Your Eyes to Kingdom Treasure

- Matthew 6:19-20

The way of Jesus can set you free from endlessly running on the hedonic treadmill

“I am wired by nature to love the same toys the world loves . . . I start to call earth ‘home.’ Before you know it, I am calling luxuries ‘needs.’ It’s truly a terrible sickness.”

- John Piper

“The whole purpose of God in redemption is to make us holy and restore us to the image of God. To accomplish this, He disengages us from the cheap and unworthy prizes that worldly men set their hearts upon.”

- A.W Tozer

- Matthew 6:21

3) The Vision: Can You See Kingdom Treasure?

Where there is no vision for kingdom treasure, the people will perish into earthly consumption

- Matthew 6:22-23

Clear Vision comes from a healthy, generous eye, letting in the light of God
Blurry Vision: comes from spiritual cataracts, greed and jealousy leaving your whole life in spiritual darkness

- John 12:1-8

4) The Choice: You Can't Have Both . . .

- Matthew 6:24
- Romans 6:16

Matthew left the tax booth . . .
Peter left the nets . . .
Zacchaeus left selfish gain . . .
The paralytic left his mat . . .
The woman at the well left her shame . . .
Paul left self-righteous religion . . .

BUT the rich, young ruler walked away sad because his master - possession and accumulation - had too strong of a grip

Challenge FOR every Alaskan:

- 1) This week, give away something of value to 'The Kingdom of (insert your name here)'
- 2) In communion, approach the One who gave up everything of value for the ultimate treasure