

# Matthew 6:19-34

## “The Kingdom View of Money”

What percentage of people would you estimate worry about money specifically or the future generally? God offers a life without anxiety or worry based on trust in Him. Join us as we learn to trust God, lay up treasure in heaven, and experience satisfaction, hope, and peace beyond any you could imagine.

### Discussion Qs

1. What percentage of people would you estimate worry about money specifically or the future generally?
2. If people knew that God would provide for their needs; and that as they used earthly resources to advance God’s kingdom they were earning guaranteed eternal rewards, how would it likely impact behavior?
3. How do the problems of materialism, greed, and coveting impact a relationship with God?
4. How can people know whether they are serving God or money?

## “Jesus is our King and the Family Realm”

When Jesus is king, parents train their children in God’s ways (including a kingdom view of money); and children obey and honor parents [Eph. 6:1-4]

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“The Kingdom View of Money”  
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**Intro:** Article of 4 men in different positions interviewed Esquire: poverty line \$7/hr plus tips hoped to triple income, \$53k/yr hoped to double income in 10 years, \$250k/yr hoped to

quadruple income in 10 years [or more], \$1mil/yr [35 yr old] w/ \$5mil retirement hoped to have a net worth of \$150-200mil but needed only \$25mil to have the life he wanted. (<http://www.esquire.com/lifestyle/money/a44086/four-men-four-numbers/>)

## **Subject: The Kingdom View of Money**

### **Object: Love God and Trust God**

#### **I. Love God not Money (v.19-24)**

##### **A. Money and Possessions are Temporary; Heavenly Treasure is Permanent (v.19-21)**

v. 19 - Material possessions get old or they can get stolen (moth larvae eat cotton, wool, etc)

Cleaning out garage

v. 20 - What are treasures in heaven? Anything done for God (time, talent treasure) with the right motive will be rewarded. These rewards will not perish and cannot be taken from us ever.

v. 21 - How we choose to use our resources (time, talent, treasure) will dictate where our heart goes and is indicative of where our heart already is.

Is Jesus saying that it is a sin to save or to leave an inheritance for our children?

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous." - Proverbs 13:22

The issue is when we put our trust and security in earthly treasure instead heavenly treasure.

Additionally, the issue is when we look to earthly treasure instead of God to bring us security and satisfaction.

##### **B. Loving Money Brings Darkness; Loving God Brings Light (v.22-23)**

Jewish concept of a "bad eye" - squinting - greedy and/or coveting. The person who is greedy brings darkness into their whole life. The person who is generous and does not worship money is filled with God's light.

When we look to money and possessions to give us only God can we are left empty.

Study re anticipation of a purchase or vacation more pleasurable than the act!

Coveting and social media

"Pinterest is a visually driven social media platform strategically designed for nonstop, twenty-four-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week reminders that your kids are not as well dressed as your neighbors' kids, that your home is decorated in the most amateur fashion imaginable, that the pictures you take are bland and artless, that you did a terrible job planning your wedding, and

that you live a generally tedious, monotonous existence - unlike everyone else, whose lives are categorically awesome at all times." - Steven Furtick

### **C. You Cannot Serve God and Money (v.24)**

Jesus is declaring that we must make a decision - we cannot serve both. Either God is our source of joy or money is.

## **II. Trust God, Don't Worry (v.25-34)**

### **A. Life is More than Food and Material Possessions (v.25)**

Jesus says our real problem starts with our narrow focus on what makes up our lives. We think if we could only have a little more - bigger house, newer stuff, more obedient children - we would be content.

J.D. Rockefeller - Just a little bit more

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." - C.S. Lewis

### **B. Worrying Does Not Change Anything (v.26-32)**

v.26, 28-29 - example of nature - birds and lilies

v.27 - worrying doesn't actually change anything!

should we not plan? - Jesus is not telling us to be irresponsible, He is telling us not to worry

Planning focuses on what we can control; Worrying focuses on what we can't control.

Note: it is very easy to cross over from planning into worry

"He is not, of course, saying that they must not go about their daily work with due care, or that they must not run their businesses profitably. It is worldly-mindedness to which he is objecting, the concentration on prosperity in this world to the neglect of all else." - The Pillar New Testament Commentary

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.'" - James 4:13-15

What about anxiety disorder?

v.30-32 Ultimately, we don't have to worry because we can trust that God cares about us (v. 30) and he knows what we need (v.32).

### **C. Put God First and Trust Him to Provide (v.33-34)**

Instead of a life of worry, Jesus invites us to put God first and God will add all of these “other things” to us.

Kingdom = God's rule in our lives (making Jesus King)

His righteousness = justification by faith + God's power for victorious Christian living

### **Conclusion + Communion:**

**"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7**

## **Pastor Bruce Zachary Lewis Rd. Campus**

**Intro.** BZ childhood experiences with money struggles. Kids don't worry because they trust parents will care for them. **What percentage of people would you estimate worry about money specifically or the future generally?** I have learned to trust God, and how to lay up treasure in heaven, and have exp'd. satisfaction and peace beyond any I could imagine. Would you like to know how?

**Subject: The Kingdom view of money**

**Object: Trust God and lay up treasure in heaven**

**Context:** Sermon on the Mount: The attitudes and behaviors of Kingdom subjects

Two groups: those with the problem of too much, and those with problem of too little

### **I. Love God not money [19-24]**

**A. Lay up treasures in heaven not on earth [19-21]** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### **1. Stop laying up temporal treasure on earth [19]**

**a. Don't try to secure your future apart from God** Moth and rust destroy & thieves steal [19]: earthly treasure is subject to earthly forces, and doesn't last.

i. Parable of Rich Fool [Lu. 12]:

b. Not wrong to possess things but don't let things possess you

i. Abraham, Job, Solomon, Joseph of Aramathea – used resources to glorify God

**2. Start laying up eternal treasures in heaven [20] But:** contrast re Christ's subjects.

Treasure in heaven never perishes it is secure.

a. Resources: time, talent, and treasure belong to God [we are stewards (managers)]. They become yours when we use them for God resulting in heavenly rewards.

i. **Matt. 19:27-30** promised 100-fold heavenly return

b. God doesn't increase your wealth to merely increase your standard of living, but to increase your standard of giving.

**3. Your heart is always inclined towards where your treasure is [21]**

a. **You can tell where your heart and treasure are by what you sacrifice for**

i. **1Tim. 6:10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil

ii. Money is not neutral it tends to corrupt + produce pride, materialism, greed, coveting. But money can do great good to serve God

**B. You can be blinded by money and not see God [22-23]** The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> 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. Greed and materialism obscure the light of God**

2. "evil" or "bad" eye refers to a greedy or covetous person

**C. You cannot serve God and money [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: ref wealth, material

**1. You will either worship God, or the material world will be your master**

**1Tim. 6:6** Godliness with contentment is great gain

**1 Tim. 6:9** Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare ...

a. Elisha and the double portion life – no regrets

b. Demas: Philemon 1:24, Col. 4:4, 2Tim. 4:10

**If people *knew* that God would provide for their needs, and that as they used earthly resources to advance God's kingdom they were earning guaranteed eternal rewards, how would it likely impact behavior?**

**II. Trust God don't worry [25-34]** 5x stop worrying

**A. God will provide so stop worrying [25-30]**

**1. God offers spiritual life beyond temporal physical life [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?

a. Money won't solve man's greatest needs (spiritual) [encouragement to the poor]

**2. God loves you and He cares so don't worry [26-30]**

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? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup> "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> 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?**

**Note:** Jesus' style of teaching using the world around us as an object lessons

**a.** God provides for **birds**: they work to gather food daily, but they don't worry [26]

**b. Worry adds no value to life [27]** Worry: literally, "drawn in different directions"

**i.** Worry chokes out life generally and life with God. All of our fears are learned except fear of falling and loud noises. Need to learn to trust God

**c.** God provides for the **flowers**: no need to worry about clothing [28]. The beauty of the flowers is greater than **Solomon's finest clothes**. The flowers quickly become kindling, but you are a child of God. Argue from lesser to greater: you are of greater value than birds & flowers & God cares for them [26,30]. You're created in His image

**d. Worry is the antithesis of faith and it grieves God [30]**

**i. O you of little faith:** Gentle rebuke [30]. How much do you really trust God?

**3. God knows your needs, cares, and will provide [31-32]** Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

**a. Unbelievers focus on material things, but God's people prioritize eternal things, because they trust God [32]**

**i.** Food, drink, and clothing are necessities [31]. Cf. needs vs. wants

**B. God will care for those who pursue His kingdom & righteousness [33]** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**1. God offers satisfaction to those who choose Christ rather than this world**

**a.** Cf. Those who live for this world are never satisfied

**C. God offers a life without anxiety or worry based on trust in Him [34]** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble

**1. God wants you to remember the past, plan for the future, & live for today [34]**

**a.** Don't worry about tomorrow [the future], but focus on today

**2. Tomorrow will have new troubles and God will provide new mercies to cope a. Lam. 3:22-23** *Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness.*

**Communion: Trust God, don't worry, and lay up treasure in heaven**