

Kingdom Impact: The Reversal of Values

Matthew 6:19-24

- I. A Disciple’s Characteristics: 8 Blessings (5:1-12)
 - II. A Disciple’s Influence: 2 Metaphors (5:13-16)
 - III. A Disciple’s Righteousness: Six Contrasting Illustrations (5:17-48)
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 - V. A Disciple’s Commitments: Four Contrasting Choices (6:19-34)
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Introductory transition from the “Disciples’ Prayer” – If a person were to pray for the hallowing of God’s name, the coming of God’s kingdom, and the accomplishing of God’s will on earth, and _____, how would such prayer affect his life?

I. A Choice between competing treasures (6:19-21)

A. The King’s Command

1. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth

a. What Jesus did not forbid

- 1) _____ of property (Acts 5:4)
- 2) _____ for the future (Prov. 6:6; 2 Cor. 12:14)
- 3) Working for a living and _____ for one’s family (1 Tim 5:8)
- 4) _____ of material blessings that God chooses to provide (1 Tim. 4:3-4; 6:17)

b. What Jesus did forbid –

- _____ accumulation of goods;
- a _____ with the acquisition of material goods
- _____ living that disregards the plight of the impoverished
- a fantasy that life consists of one’s _____ or that security is found in _____ (Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:17-19)

2. Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven

a. What is “treasure in heaven?”

- 1) that which is of supreme _____ in heaven
- 2) it is _____ in duration (Luke 12:33)
- 3) it takes _____ to store it up.

Summary: Whatever is of good and eternal significance that comes from what is _____.

b. How do we store it up? (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- do _____
- be rich in _____
- be _____ and ready to _____

B. The King's Rationale

1. Earthly treasure does not _____.
 - a. Garments are vulnerable to _____
 - b. Grain is vulnerable to _____
 - c. Gold is vulnerable to _____
2. Heavenly treasure is _____ (and is, therefore, _____)
3. What we treasure _____ our lives.

Summary: The choice of treasure will manifest the _____ that occupies our dreams, motivates our actions, and consumes our energies.

II. A Choice between competing masters (6:24)

- A. A statement of fact: It is impossible to serve two masters.
- B. A requirement: we must make a choice
- C. A decision: which will it be?

Summary: A person's _____ determines his _____.

III. A Choice between competing perspectives (6:22-23)

- A. Statement of fact: What you _____ determines how you proceed through life.
- B. Two possibilities:
 - 1) Good eyes: _____
 - 2) Bad eyes: _____
- C. A conclusion: There is something worse than darkness – living in darkness, but _____ it is light.

Summary: A person's allegiance determines his ambition; and his _____ of what is real and true governs both.

IV. Some Ramifications of Kingdom Perspectives

- A. Apart from God's intervention, we would not have _____.
- B. Because of God's intervention, choices are _____.
- C. Because we live in a physical and fallen world, choices made in the past must be evaluated and _____ in the present.
- D. The essential requirement for good decision making is _____ (Colossians 3).
- E. To have clarity of vision, one's belief in the heavenly realm must become a _____