

## **Lesson 13: Treasure and Worry**

Matthew 6:19-34; Philippians 4:4-13

### **I. SEARCHING FOR TREASURE (19-23)**

#### **A. What Are You Looking For?**

- 1. What do you value?** What are you willing to pay for, to sacrifice for?
- 2. How will you get it?** In what do you ultimately trust?

#### **B. How Is Your Vision? (22-23) Where are you looking and with what mindset?**

- 1. Choosing Your Focus** - A nearsighted focus obscures things in the distance.
- 2. Discerning True Value** - Does it bring you true joy and lasting pleasure?

#### **C. Where Is Your Heart?- It's with your treasure. What brings you the most joy or causes you the most concern?**

### **II. CHOOSING YOUR MASTER (24)**

**Mammon** refers to wealth and property—think money, houses, land, food, clothes, toys, etc...

#### **A. Competing Claims - both lay exclusive claim to your time and money and loyalty.**

#### **B. Rival Affections - different values, clash of priorities; serving one means betraying the other**

#### **C. A Matter of Worship - You will serve the god you trust, the god whose values you share**

### **III. WHY WORRY? (25-32, 34)**

#### **A. The Reality of Our Vulnerability - We are not in Eden anymore; the earth is not friendly.**

- 1. We are mortal.** We are going to *die*.
- 2. We are fragile.** It doesn't take much to *make* us die.
- 3. We (think we) are alone.** Estranged from God; who's going to take care of us?

## B. The Wrongness of Worry

1. It is **futile**. (27) It doesn't help.
2. It is **sinful**. (30, 32a) Habitual worry is the practice of unbelief.
3. It is **inefficient**. (34) wasteful of time, energy, emotional resources; doesn't produce
4. It is **unnecessary**. (32b) There is a God; He's got this!

## C. The One You Can Trust (26-32)

### 1. The Character of God

- a. **His Personal Knowledge** - He *knows everything* about you and your circumstances.
- b. **His Attentive Care** - He is interested in you and He is completely invested in you.
- c. **His Generous Provision** - He's *rich* and He is *extravagant* in His generosity!

### 2. Your Heavenly Father (26, 32)

- a. He **claims** you as His child. He takes responsibility for you as your Father!
- b. You are **precious** to Him. You are *His treasure*!

## IV. SEEKING FIRST THINGS FIRST (33)

### A. The Object of our Seeking (Rom 14:17)

1. **God's Kingdom** ("Thy kingdom come")—honor and serve Him as king
2. **His Righteousness** ("Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven")—that everything be done righteously on earth as it is in heaven

### B. The Priority of our Seeking – *first/ top priority* of your life; sacrifice other things, not *this!*

### C. The Effort of Seeking (6:9-10) - absorbed in the search; persevering and strenuous effort

### D. The Provision of Everything Else (6:11; Phil 4:19)

1. You can't be devoted to God if you are worrying about other things.
2. You won't serve a God you don't trust.
3. God is able to meet all your needs.