

The Life of Christ

Sermon on the Mount

Serving God, Trusting Him for our Livelihood - Matthew 6:19-34

Part One : Serving Him

Matthew 6:19-24 Serving God, not wealth¹

Matthew 6:19-21 Where is our heart? Inseparable from "Where our eyes focused," and "Who are we serving?"

"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."

- Colossians 3:23-24 (NASB)

Q: Ever get the feeling that you can focus on accumulating treasure on earth, because everyone's going to be rich when we get to heaven? Why doesn't that work?

Matthew 6:22-23 Not single or double, by single or evil (use Greek [TR or CT] or KJV or ASV – NASB and NIV miss this.

If we focus on God AND Mammon, we (Christians!) will be filled with darkness.

Matthew 6:24 Not a third illustration, but an explanation of why the first two are the way they are.

Part Two: Trusting Him for our Livelihood

Matthew 6:25-34

V 25 What defines our lives?

V 30 God is more than capable and is asking us to trust Him

Vs 31-33 Not abandonment of enterprise or wealth, consider all the financial blessings promised to Israel if they obeyed God's commandments – vs. 33 is key – our eye on God, and let HIS eye be on our finances – stewardship remains, but...

V 34 Worry = Fear, opposite of Faith and also of Love!

1 John 4:16, 18-19 – Abide in Him.

Proverbs 31 – Think of a husband and wife, she devotes to him, he provides the income, but she also labors in love for her household for material things. This is a good example of how we should labor, not for riches or "security," but in love for Christ.

¹ Mammon – Aramaic personification of wealth/property, first appears in Targum and New Testament.

Study, Obey, Teach – Ezra 7:10 *For Ezra had set his heart to SEEK the law of Jehovah, and to DO it, and to TEACH in Israel statutes and ordinances. (ASV)*