

Stashing, Worrying or Investing

Matthew 6:19-34

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I. Invest

Matthew 6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

Reasons to invest:

a. our hearts follow our investments

²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

b. God's light follows our investments

²² "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

²³ "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 the darkness!

c. our allegiance follows our investments

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

II. Don't be anxious

²⁵ "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, *as to* what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you shall put on.

Reasons to not be anxious as we invest:

a. There are things more important than \$ on which to focus

Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?

b. We have a Father who values us

²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

c. Worry does not help

²⁷ "And which of you by being anxious can add a *single* cubit to his life's span?

(b. We have a Father who values us)

²⁸ "And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

²⁹ yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

³⁰ "But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *do so for* you, O men of little faith?

Summary

³¹ "Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'

³² "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

III. Prioritize

³³ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. *Each* day has enough trouble of its own.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

1Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way *He took* the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.