

## Laying Up Treasures in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-34

### Summary

This sermon will focus our attention on three basic commands found in Matthew 6:19-34. These three commands will help us understand how we can achieve the basic principle of laying up our treasures in heaven. The three commands are as follows will follow the basic premise of sowing the right seed at the right time in order to reap a harvest that will last for eternity.

### The Daily Three

The three commands that follow are meant to be implemented daily. These are three basic commands that we can follow in order to help us understand how we can transition from laying up treasures on this earth to that of laying up treasures in heaven.

#### The First Fruit – The Apple

- **Exodus 20:3** – You shall have no other gods before me.
- **Command #1 – Seek God First**
- **Key Point:** This is the central overarching command out of the three. The other two commands support us in achieving the first command. In order for us to truly lay up treasures in heaven then we must have the right motivation present in our heart. What is the right motivation? Seek God with your entire being and seek him first. If you do this then you will truly be laying up treasures in heaven.

#### The Second Fruit – The Mango

- **Luke 12:34** – For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- **Command #2 – Lay Up Treasures in Heaven**
- Two Basic Lifestyle Choices
  - Live to be rich on Earth
  - Live to be rich in Heaven
- **Key Point:** The second command of laying up treasures in heaven supports the overall command of seeking first God's kingdom. It helps us come to the basic understanding of the eternal impact of the lifestyle choices that we are making while dwelling upon this earth. Our primary motivation on this earth is not to build up riches on this earth but to build up riches in heaven.

#### The Third Fruit – The Banana

- **1 Peter 5:7** – Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
- **Command #3 – Do not be Anxious**
- Anxiety is an Issue of Trust
- Anxiety is an Issue of Obedience
- Anxiety is an Issue of Faith
- **Key Point:** The third command is one of the most challenging because it is the most common struggle that people face in their daily lives. Anxiety plagues the heart, mind, and soul in order to enslave us and cloud our vision. We must break free of our addiction to the treasures on this earth and devote ourselves to seeking the heavenly treasure.

### Questions to Consider

1. What is the treasure that I am seeking in my life? (*What are my top priorities?*)
2. How well am I following the command to seek **first** God's Kingdom and His righteousness?
3. How is anxiety affecting my life and my relationship with God?

### Primary Investment Tip #2

This week the challenge is for you to get a better understanding of where your time, talent, and treasure are being spent. A good baseline for understanding your priorities is by examining your checkbook. This week create a working monthly budget and track for one month where your money is going. Master your money before it masters you.

### Memory Verse

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