

Matthew 6:19-34 (ESV)

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Talk: Priorities to Treasure

Intro: The King hit

Where our loyalties lie (vv.19-24)

- Tale of two treasures
- Tale of two hearts
- Tale of two masters

Where our needs are met (vv.25-34)

- Jesus and his anxiety attacks
 - Food, drink and clothing (vv.25-32)
- The true kingdom of tomorrow (vv.33-34)

How our treasure is changed

- Jesus and his heart attack – the gospel
- Worries diffused
- Priorities transformed
- Savouring the Kingdom
 - Poor in spirit repent
 - Pursuing and avoiding regrets
- Making it real
 - Our stuff, our church, our all...

Some further questions:

- 1) How does this passage confront you worries and fears? What is their real source?
- 2) What steps will I take to ensure the worries and agenda of this world don't consume me?