

The Way of Trust

Matthew 6:19-34

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Review: The Final Word on Wealth

Last Sunday we learned: “You cannot understand the true meaning or purpose of wealth except in the light of eternity.” This is what we called “the final word on wealth.” No, you’re not going to hear this from Donald Trump or Wall Street. But you do hear it from Jesus Christ our Lord! Jesus teaches us to view all of life from an eternal perspective. When we do, it changes our thinking and our living in daily life. It literally changes our values and our choices.

Laying Up Treasures

In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus gives us a “wealth seminar” that really matters! He tells us to not store up treasures on earth, but in heaven. This is a radically different view of wealth than we are used to. We hear once again that there are ways for us to use our “time, talents and treasures” that will be meaningful—not only in the short term, but eternally. Anytime we make choices with our time, our talents or our treasures that serve God’s purposes in our world, we are making an eternal investment. This can be difficult to do! We are ever pulled by the values of the world around us. It becomes a battle in our hearts and minds for the right perspective. As Jesus said, it can become a struggle between two masters—God and Money.

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What is fascinating about Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 6 is how He turns the focus to the issue of trust. In verses 25-32 Jesus makes His point, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink...” It really is the perfect truth that we need to hear. “Don’t worry!—Trust in God!” After all, how can we ever begin to follow Christ’s teachings about stewardship if we are filled with worry about the practical details of our lives? How can we be generous and give to God of our time, talents and treasures, if we think we are going to starve tomorrow? Jesus wisely introduces the theme of trust. This is crucial! Trust causes us to rethink our view of God and His presence in our world and our lives. The bottom line is that those who truly trust God in life are those who are able and willing to be generous with what they have and who they are. Trust—it makes all the difference in our lives on so many levels.

Seek First the Kingdom of God and All These Things will be Added to You!

After His teaching on trust, Jesus brings our focus back to the big picture. He brings us back to the work of God in our world—back to the purpose of God—back to the spiritual and eternal perspective. He does this because as we have learned, that actually is the final word on wealth! In our study on wealth, God is challenging us to adjust our thinking. He is calling us to adopt a different perspective than the world around us. If we do, it will change our lives, change our world and impact eternity. That is the gospel truth. May the Lord help us to hear and respond in our practical life choices everyday.

Upcoming Events:

TODAY

No JRH Youth Group

El Salvador Trip
Applications Due

MONDAY 05/28

Happy Memorial Day

SUNDAY 06/03

Introducing River West
12:30pm @ Guy &
Maureen Gray's Home

SATURDAY 06/09

5th-7th Grade Summer
Party! 12:30pm @
Doug & Lianne
Anderson's Home
See Josh for Details

SATURDAY 06/09

8th - 12th Grade Summer
Party! 5:30pm @
Doug & Gretchen
Tarpley's Home
See Josh for Details

SUNDAY 06/10

Sunday School Move up
Day for all Grade Levels

SATURDAY 06/16

Ministry Prayer Time
8-9:15am @ RWLG

**WEDNESDAY 06/20-
SUNDAY 06/24**

High School Summer
Camp. See Josh for
Details

SUNDAY 06/24

Shape Seminar 4-8:00pm
@ RWCC