

The Sermon on the Mount

Two Illustrations about Earthly Treasures; Matthew 6:22-24

Gospel: Unless a person has a relationship with God, none of these things matter. There is no amount of giving or sharing or serving that can offset the barrier between us and God.

Romans 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:7-8 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The Sermon on the Mount and Kingdom Citizens

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

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I Timothy 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

I Timothy 6:18-19 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

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Matthew 6:21 "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Two Illustrations:

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* The Slave with Two Masters

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Genesis 1:3-4 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

John 1:4-5 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

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