



Kingdom Righteousness: Loyal & Large-hearted Matthew 6:19-24

- are you materialistic?

Don't lay up treasures on earth, because it won't last (6:19-21)

- don't lay up treasures on earth ¹

- do lay up treasures in heaven ²

Don't be greedy, because it will affect your whole life (6:22-23)

- whether we are generous or greedy ³

- will affect our whole life ⁴

Don't try to serve God and money, because it's not possible (6:24)

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¹ Luke 12:13-21; James 5:3; 1 Timothy 6:17; Mark 4:19

² Luke 16:11; Matthew 5:12; Matthew 19:21; 1 Timothy 6:18-19; Romans 16:5; Proverbs 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:4; 6:17

³ In Proverbs 22:9 "generosity" is expressed by the Hebrew phrase *tov ayin*, which literally means "good eye"; likewise, "begrudging" in Proverbs 23:6 and "stingy" in Proverbs 28:22 are expressed by the Hebrew phrase *ra'ah ayin*, which literally means "bad/evil eye."

⁴ 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Matthew 19:22; Mark 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:10

⁵ Luke 16:14; 20:47; Joshua 24:14; Matthew 19:20-21; Luke 19:8

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin¹ destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin¹ do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

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¹ Some translations say "rust," others "vermin." The Greek word *brōsis* means "eating" or "consuming," and it can describe metal being corroded (rust) or food being ruined by rodents or pests.

Check out the testimony of Joseph, a former banker and multimillionaire who had no treasures in heaven. When the stock market crashed and he lost everything, then he met Jesus the Messiah—and became rich toward God.



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If we understand the dangers of materialism, it will help liberate us to experience the joys of Christ-centered stewardship. Jesus speaks of the "deceitfulness of wealth." The psalmist warns, "Though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them." The dangers of materialism are far-reaching. We should not think that we're immune to the value-changing nature of wealth.

— *Randy Alcorn* —