

Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin 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.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Series: Matthew: Following the Teacher

Feb. 4, 2018 – A Singular Pursuit (Mat 6:19-34)

The Pursuit of Happiness

Do you have a hope or dream for the future?

What is your greatest hope and wish?

Matthew 5-6: What does Jesus promise to His followers?

What challenges and difficulties might they face?

What is your greatest concern about following Jesus?

Three Tests of the Heart (19-24)

What can we learn about our hearts from – what we collect, what we look at, and what we serve?

How can these things take the place of Jesus in our life?

Which one of these tests is the greatest challenge for you now?

The God Who Satisfies (25-32)

25-30 – Jesus tells us not to worry. What is your initial reaction to this command?

Think of your best experience of nature – how did it make you feel?

What can we learn from nature? How can this affect our worries?

31-32 – Why would the Gentiles worry? How can the disciples’ knowledge of God transform their worries?

Invest in Eternity or Worry about Tomorrow? (33-34)

In your life, what does “worry” look like right now?

Bring God into that situation – what difference does it make to know that He knows about it, and will provide what you need?

Pray and listen – is He inviting you to take any steps?

What would it look like to live by faith in that situation?