



## Sermon #1 – Kingdom Principle and Priorities

Matthew 6:19-24

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### Discuss Sermon

*He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep  
to gain what he cannot lose. – Jim Elliot*

All of your life, you've been on a treasure hunt. You've been searching for a perfect person and a perfect place. Jesus is that person; heaven is that place. So if you're a Christian, you've already met the person and you're already heading to the place. But there's a problem. You're not yet living with that person, and you're not yet living in that place yet! You may attend church, pray, and read the Bible. But life can still be toil, can't it? You dutifully put one foot in front of the other, plodding across the hot, barren ground, longing for a joy seems hard to find some days, a treasure that eludes you. The good news is that "Joy" does not have to elude you anymore. It all begins with learning how to live out the Treasure Principle.

- What does it mean to store up treasure in heaven?
- What are practical ways that you can live out the "Treasure Principle" in this life?

**Treasure Principle = You can't take it with you but you can send it ahead.**

### Exchange Views

The less I spent on myself and the more I gave to others, the fuller of happiness and blessing did my soul become. – **Hudson Taylor**

As we read through the New Testament we see a direct connection between the way we choose to live this life and the joy that we find in life. It is a fact that when we choose to live

life with our eyes on eternity then we will value in choosing to spend our time, talent, and treasure on the things that matter most our Master and not that which matters most to man. Our joy will be found in the midst of our sacrifice for His glory.

**Matthew 6:21** – Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- What do you treasure most in your life? (Family, Friends, Faith, etc...)
- How much of your time, talent, and treasure is spent pursuing that which matters most?
- Explain the meaning of Matthew 6:21 in your own words.

### **Examine Text** – Matthew 6:19-24

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What are the main components of the treasure principle that you learn in these verses?

### **Personalize Truth**

Today's message taught us several important lessons regarding the "Treasure Principle." Review the lessons below and ask yourself how they apply to your life.

How can you apply these lessons in your own life as you train up others?

- **Lesson #1 – Attitude** - Treasure Up the Right Treasure Today
- **Lesson #2 – Belief:** Your Vision is Directly Connected to Your Faith
- **Lesson #3 – Choices:** Kingdom Principles Produce Kingdom Priorities

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