



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: September 18, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Matthew 6:19-21 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What do you think it means to lay up treasures in heaven? What are heavenly treasures?
- 5) Respond to this quote from Leon Morris:

“It is worldly-mindedness to which he is objecting, the concentration on prosperity in this world to the neglect of all else. Jesus is saying that his followers must have a right sense of values and not see earthly success, however that be understood, as the aim of all their labor”¹

- 6) Respond to the following quote by Randy Alcorn:

“As a Christian, you have inside knowledge of an eventual worldwide upheaval caused by Christ's return. This is the ultimate insider trading tip: Earth's currency will become worthless when Christ returns – or when you die, whichever comes first. (And either event could happen at any time). . . . Investment experts known as market timers read signs that the stock market is about to take a downward turn, then recommend switching funds immediately into more dependable vehicles such as money markets, treasury bills, or certificates of deposit. . . Jesus functions here as the foremost market timer. He tells us to once and for all switch investment vehicles. He instructs us to transfer our funds from earth (which is volatile and ready to take a permanent dive) to heaven (which is totally dependable, insured by God Himself, and is coming soon to forever replace earth's economy).”²

- 7) Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 together.
- 8) This passage is often misquoted and misunderstood. Reading it carefully, what is it saying, and what is it not saying?

- 9) It is not sinful to be wealthy. However, with wealth comes additional responsibilities and temptations. What are the unique responsibilities and temptations that accompany wealth?
- 10) There are three different areas where we can invest our lives. We can invest our time, our talents, and our treasures. How are you doing in these three areas? In which of these areas is it easy for you to invest? In which of these areas is it more difficult for you to invest?
- 11) Read Colossians 3:1-3 together.
- 12) What does it mean that we are seated with Christ?
- 13) Paul tells us that because we are seated with Christ, we should “set our minds on the things that are above.” What do you think this means?
- 14) How can we set our minds on the things that are above while also doing our jobs / vocations well? (i.e. - Christians should be the most trustworthy and hardest workers. How can this be true and it also be true that we have our minds set on things that are above.)
- 15) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you’ve discussed and learned during this time of study.

¹ Leon Morris, [*The Gospel according to Matthew*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press, 1992), 152.

² Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*, 13-15.