

The Principles of the Kingdom - 3Leader's Notes

Give the worksheet out at the beginning of the study. Go through the sheet together until you reach the discussion questions at the end. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to give examples or emphasize truths He wants you to.

TREASURE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 6:19-34**A. Your attitude to money shows where your heart is 6:19-24****i. Two kinds of treasure v19-21**

Encourage the group to look at the verses to find the answers that go in the boxes below.

v19	<i>Earth</i>	v20	<i>Heaven</i>
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These things are:
Material and perishable.

These things are:
Spiritual and eternal (imperishable)



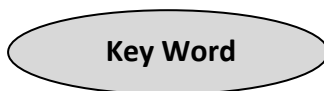
store

Where are you storing your treasure?
(Ask each person to answer this question in his or her own heart.)

ii. Two kinds of eyes v22-23

v23	<i>Bad</i>	v22	<i>Good</i>
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If we only see the things of this life we will spend our time storing up treasure on earth. We need to have good eyes that can see what God has for us, so we will store our treasure in the right place.



see

What are you seeing?
(Again, this question is for each one to consider in his or her own heart.)

iii. Two kinds of Masters v24

v24	<i>Money/mammon</i>	v24	<i>God</i>
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Key Word

Serve

Which master are you serving?

B. You can trust God to provide your material needs 6:25-34

Discuss

Why are we told not to worry?

V26 **Worry is unnecessary**

- Our Father will take care of us just as He takes care of the flowers and the birds.

V27 **Worry cannot change things**

- This verse can mean two things:
 - i. We cannot grow any taller by worrying.
 - ii. We cannot add any days to our lives by worrying.
- In fact worry may shorten our lives!

V32 **Worry is unchristian**

- A Christian is one who has faith in God
- If we worry we are just like the non-believer who has no Heavenly Father. We have a Heavenly Father we can trust.

V33 **Worry shows wrong priorities**

- We are to be concerned for the Kingdom of God and not just our own needs. If we seek His Kingdom first He will take care of us.

Discuss

How can we overcome worry in our lives?

We are to bring our needs to God in prayer, then trust Him to work on our behalf. When worry tries to come in again, we must choose to trust God. If we keep the priorities right in our lives (v33), then we can be sure He will meet our needs.

Key Word

seek

What are you seeking first in your life?

As members of the Kingdom of Heaven we have the assurance that God will provide all our needs if we seek His Kingdom first. Not only will He provide our needs here on earth, but we will have treasure in Heaven.

Discuss

From what you have learnt in our study, what attitude should you have as a Christian towards money and the things of the world?

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| We are not to store it up | - It won't last and we can't take it with us. V19 |
| We are not to live for it | - v24 |
| We are not to run after it | - v32 |

As Christians money should not have a hold on our lives. We do need it, but we are to use it wisely and in a way that honors God. We do not need to worry about material things, as we can commit our needs to our Heavenly Father and He will provide for us.