



The Principles of the Kingdom - 3

We have been studying the principles or laws of the Kingdom of God that Jesus taught. In this study we are going to see what Jesus says about our attitude towards money and the things of this world.

TREASURE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 6:19-34

A. Your attitude to money shows where your heart is 6:19-24

In these verses Jesus compares two opposite things to show the importance of having a right attitude to money and material things.

i. Two kinds of treasure v19-21

V19

Money, gold, precious stones & metals, cars, houses, land, clothes, food and other material possessions.

These things are: _____ and _____.

V20

Christ-like character, giving to the needy, leading others to Christ, praying for others, giving and faithfully serving God.

These things are: _____ and _____.

Key Word

Where are you storing your treasure?
That is where your heart is!

ii. Two kinds of eyes v22-23

V23

Means sick or diseased

- Sees only the things of this life
- Sees others faults
- Sees only difficulties
- Sees unclean things

V22

Means sound or looking only in one direction

- Sees the things that are eternal
- Sees others as God sees them
- Sees what God can do
- Sees what is pure and lovely

Key Word

What are you seeing?

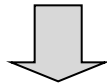
iii. Two kinds of Masters v24

V24

V24

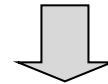
Notice that money is called a 'Master'. If we love money our real master is Satan.

When money is our master



Greed, selfishness, cheating, lying, pride
'Money is the root of all evil'.

When God is our master



Unselfishness, a giving attitude, honesty,
humility, kindness.

Love, devoted to ← We must choose → Hate, despise

Key Word

Which master are you serving?

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

When we choose to make God our Master and King, and store our treasure in His Kingdom then He will take care of our material needs. Jesus tells us not to worship money, or to worry about money.

Discuss

Why are we told not to worry?

V26
V27
V32
V33

Discuss

How can we overcome worry in our lives?

V30
V33
Philippians 4:6-7
Proverbs 3:5-6

Key Word

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?