

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

Matt 6:19-24

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys 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. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full

of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

Also Read:
Luke 18:22-30

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Summary

This passage is a straightforward one and very challenging. Jesus gives a command to lay up treasures, not on earth, but in heaven. This is not an issue that we should pray about – it is a clear command!

Do not succumb to temptations to raise your material standing. This world is passing away: desire instead to invest in God's Kingdom, not just in terms of money, but in every aspect of your life.

Ask God to open your eyes to this great truth, as He is the great healer and leads us to the truth.

Don't waste your life. Devote it to God, serving and trusting Him. This liberates us from the unfulfilling returns and hopelessness that come from this earth. We are empowered to risk well and do more than we could have done because we realise that even if this life is hard or we get things wrong, we have the perfect eternity awaiting us.

Key points

God commands us to invest everything we can in heaven, not on earth.

We must know God and follow His lead. We must risk everything to do everything He asks us to do.

Explanation

>>What is the worldly reasoning for investing in satisfaction for this life?

>>How long is our life on earth?

>>Why does Jesus place such emphasis on the false god of materialism?

Application

>>Every time you spend time and money, think about how that spending makes you feel and how you can invest it in heaven instead.

>>Stretch your faith and ask God what He wants you to risk for Him.

Final thoughts

We must learn to realize when we are thinking and acting like materialists and then choose to make investments in heaven instead. Rejecting materialism allows us to live big for God.