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**Eternal Reward**  
**Matthew 6:19-34**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Have you started planning for retirement? Many people have. It is even common to hire people to help us save and invest for our retirement. This week Jesus tells us about the retirement that matters. Storing treasure in Heaven is not only much safer but much more beneficial for us. Jesus gives us the reassurance that God will meet our needs while we are here on earth. This does not mean that we don't have to work or that we should not be good stewards of what He has given us. But it does mean that we should make His Kingdom the priority. God has not left us here to see how much we can put in the bank. He has left us here for a purpose to do His work and pursue His Kingdom. We don't need to worry about the bank account. When we focus on His work, He will take care of the rest. Join us this week as we talk about how to make deposits that will last for eternity, far beyond a lifetime.



## Lasting Treasure

<sup>19</sup> “Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. If then your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is diseased, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> “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.

## Do Not Worry

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t there more to life than food

and more to the body than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds in the sky: They do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you more valuable than they are? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add even one hour to his life? <sup>28</sup> Why do you worry about clothing? Think about how the flowers of the field grow; they do not work or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these! <sup>30</sup> And if this is how God clothes the wild grass, which is here today and tomorrow is tossed into the fire to heat the oven, won’t he clothe you even more, you people of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So then, don’t worry saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the unconverted pursue these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But above all pursue his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> So then, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. What reasons does Jesus give for storing treasure in heaven versus treasure on earth?

9. How do we store treasure in heaven?

10. How does what we see with our eye impact us? How can we have healthy eyes that give light to the body?

11. Does this passage mean we don't have to work for a living? Explain?

12. How does a life that serves money look different than a life that serves God?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Can storing treasure in Heaven benefit us now?

14. Is it ok for us to save for retirement?

15. What must we do to pursue the Kingdom of God?

16. How do we differentiate between planning for tomorrow and worrying about tomorrow?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

SERMON NOTES