

## What You Are After Here Determines The Hereafter

**Mat 6:19** *Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:*

**Mat 6:20** *But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:*

**Mat 6:21** *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

- We are in a world that tells every one you must have it before you die
- The Rich young man in the book of Mathew went away sorrowful. Because he could not let go of his earthly treasure for the heavenly..

**Mat 19:16** *And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?*

- **Everybody wants to live forever. Ask most people and they will tell you they want to look young and beautiful. They don't want to grow old and die.**
- **Lets look at the Lord's answer to him.**

**Mat 19:17** *And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

**Mat 19:18** *He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,*

**Mat 19:19** *Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*

- The young ruler answered back in all truth however the next question was a very difficult one.

Mat 19:20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

***Mat 19:21\_ Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.***

Mat 19:22 *But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.*

- **He could not release his treasure here on earth to receive heavenly reward!!**
- Peter had a question for the Lord when he said it would be hard for the rich man to enter heaven..

**Mat 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?**

- **Sometimes as we set back and wonder what is the use. The evil ones get richer and we get poorer. It seems the harder we try to gain a little ground we seem to fall back...**
- Not necessarily in the area of finance, but we could be the ones who can't give up the things that keep us from doing his will. Jesus wanted the Young man to follow him, but he could not let go of his earthly treasures. We have a greater reward than any one on earth can receive waiting for us in heaven .....

- The disciples new that the Lord had something special for them but what about us

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

- We should never worry about the things in world GOD takes care of his own.

Mat 19:30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

- We need to learn to depend on him first and foremost and he will take care of us. Worrying does not add to the situation but detracts from it.
- Worry is nothing more than faith on vacation

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

- We have a greater reward awaiting us today and everyday...
- Do we seek to receive the rewards of men or of GOD we need to be aware that God is a:

**Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**You must believe he can!!!**

Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Col 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

1 Cor 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

1 Cor 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

- Do we seek to find his reward or our own? I have never seen a Hurst followed by a u-haul truck. So I don't suppose we need to worry about too much here on earth.. Seek God not the prestige and honor of men nor the glamour of being a famous person.

**Luke 6:23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.**

**Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

- It is time for the church to realize God's work is just as important, actually more important than that new car, boat, or whatever it is you are working two Jobs and missing church for. You must seek the Kingdom of GOD first and let GOD who is well able to provide your needs do just that. I am not saying quit your job and lay around and wait for GOD to drop the house note to you from above. What I am saying is invest in the kingdom of GOD and his Church with your time and finances. Then will you be laying up your treasures in heaven. God is coming again let us be caught doing his will.

Mat 5:12 **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

Mat 5:13 **Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**

Mat 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

Mat 5:15 **Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.**

Mat 5:16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

- **GOD IS COMING WITH OUR REWARD SO BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING!!!**
- **Keep trying, never quit, the only failure in life is quitting.....**

**Rev 22:12 *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.***

**Rev 22:13 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.***

**Rev 22:14 *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.***

**Rev 22:15** *For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

**Rev 22:16** *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

**Rev 22:17** *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

**Closing:**

**Remember When it is all said and done only that which was done for Christ really matters anyway.**