

INTRODUCTION

1. Goals

- a) We want to have a stronger faith
- b) We want to have a faith that is relevant

2. Important Features to bear in mind

- a) Faith
 - i) Genuine
 - ii) Growing
- b) Practices
 - i) Correction of wrong practices
 - ii) Consistent practice of good ones

PART II

1. The Treasures of our life Matthew 6:19

- a) Treasures of earth
 - i) Wealth
 - ii) Fame
 - iii) Truth: Heart and Treasure
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also Matthew 6:21
- b) Treasures in Heaven
 - i) Things above Colossians 3:1-4
 - ii) Christ the Lord
 - iii) Truth: Heart and Treasure
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2. The Lamp of the body Matthew 6:22

a) The lamp is used figuratively as “the eye”

b) If the eye is good

Your whole body will be full of light Matthew 6:22

c) If the eye is bad

Your whole body will be full of darkness Matthew 6:23

d) Truth:

Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path Psalm 119:105

3. The Master you serve

a) No one can serve two masters Matthew 6:24

i) He will love one

He will hate the other

ii) He will be loyal to one

And despise the other

b) God or Mammon

i) We cannot serve both

ii) We must choose one or the other

- God

- Mammon (Hebrew/Syriac word) that represents money/wealth

iii) Choose wisely!

c) The love of money 1 Timothy 6:9-10

i) Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation 1 Timothy 6:9

ii) It becomes a snare

iii) One will fall into foolish and harmful lusts

iv) One could drown in destruction and perdition 1 Timothy 6:9

- v) The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil 1 Timothy 6:10
- vi) Some have strayed from their faith in their greediness
- vii) Pierced themselves through with many sorrows 1 Timothy 6:10

4. Worries

a) The Problem of Worrying

- i) All of us worry
- ii) The question is the extent of worrying

b) Things we worry about:

- i) Life (in general)
- ii) What to eat or drink Matthew 6:25, 31
- iii) The clothing we will wear Matthew 6:25, 28, 31

5. Important Challenges

a) Do not worry Matthew 6:25, 31, 34

- i) Learn to trust God as our Heavenly Father
Learn to look up to God as our Father in heaven
Who feeds the birds Matthew 6:26

- ii) Remember: We are of more value than birds Matthew 6:26

b) Stop Worrying

It does no good at all Matthew 6:27

c) The problem of “little faith”

- i) Worrying expresses a lack of knowledge and faith in God
- ii) Worrying stunts the growth of our faith
- iii) “Little faith” can become a feature of our life

d) Seeking the Kingdom of God Matthew 6:33

- i) Seek the kingdom of God

Seek knowledge of God
Seek understanding of the kingdom of God

ii) Seek righteousness
Real faith in God expresses itself in practical righteousness

iii) God will be there with us in life

e) Practical Wisdom

i) Don't worry about tomorrow Matthew 6:34a

ii) Today's trouble is enough to cope with Matthew 6:34b