

Recap

Acts of righteousness

- Giving, prayer, fasting
- Don't do hypocritically – to be seen by others; if so that is only reward
- Do genuinely – to be seen God; become tools in God's hand to make us more like Jesus (spiritual disciplines)

Matthew Recap



Where is Our Treasure?

Don't store up treasure on earth

- It isn't secure – moth, mice and thieves
- **Creates potential competition for our loyalty** – where our treasure is our hearts will be

But store up treasure in heaven

- It is secure - no moths, mice or thieves
- **Stinginess corrupts our hearts**
- **Can't serve two masters**

**Matthew
6:19-34**



Worry

Don't worry about your life

- **Worry** - to be apprehensive, be anxious, be overly concerned; a worry is that which monopolizes the heart
- **Worry is not necessary** – God takes care of birds/flowers and knows what we need
- **Worry is not helpful** – it doesn't add an hour to our lives
- **Worry pulls our focus from Jesus**

**Matthew
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Worry

Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness

- **Seek** – maintain a constant preoccupation with Jesus' rule and the way Jesus lived life
- **All that we need will be given to us** – still pray for 'daily bread'

**Matthew
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Living Devotedly

- **Money** – competes with Jesus for our loyalty; claims to provide what only He can: security
- **Cure** – give to things God cares about
 - Lk 12.31: don't 'store up treasures for ourselves' but be 'rich towards God'

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Living Devotedly

- **Worry** – competes with Jesus for our attention; we can only have one preoccupation
- **Cure** – seek the Kingdom
 - **Acknowledge the worry** – try to identify the fear that is driving you
 - **Confess the areas where you are struggling to trust God** – greater our trust in God in a particular area, the less we will worry about that area
 - **Pray in faith** – envision what it would look like for God to rule and reign in that area of your life and pray for those outcomes

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