



***Sermon on the Mount***  
***Sermon 8***  
***Matthew 7:1-6***

**Sermon Study Guide**  
**March 1, 2020**

## Review

Last week we looked at Jesus' teaching on our relationship to money. We learned that what our eyes gaze at is an indicator of what we treasure and what we treasure reveals the focus of our hearts.

Jesus then stated that we cannot serve God and mammon – an either/or statement. God or mammon, God or possessions, God or money.

**When we rightly choose to make God our treasure rather than mammon/anything else, we will not be anxious or worried about the necessities of life - since God has promised to take care of them.**

if we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, all of our needs will be provided, as well as most certainly some of our wants and desires

**This morning, we will move into Chapter 7 as we look at what I think is one of the most often quoted and most often misunderstood verses in all of the scripture.**

**Read Matthew 7:1-6**  
**“Judging Others”**

- What does Jesus teach His followers to do with their treasures? (vs.19)

- What can happen when you store your treasures on earth?
- Why does Jesus tell us to lay up our treasures in Heaven? (vs.20)
- How are you able to store up treasures in Heaven?
- How can you know what treasures you are storing? What are your treasures? (vs.21)
- Why is the location of our treasure so important?

- What does “the eye is the lamp of our body” mean?  
(vs.22-23)

Spiritual vision is our capacity to see clearly what God wants us to do and to see the world from his point of view. But this spiritual insight can be easily clouded.

- What self-serving desires, interests, and goals block your vision and keep you from serving God?

- If our eyes are bad-that is, if we focus on things that do not have eternal value-what are the consequences?  
(vs.23)

- Is it possible for followers of Jesus to have their eyes focused on things that do not bring light? (vs.24) Give examples.

Money can keep you from God and bring darkness into your life, leaving you disappointed and empty and causing you to lose rewards.

- Since money is so very necessary in our world, how do we respond to Jesus' warning?
  
- What is the focus of your life? What are your eyes focused on? Where do you put your treasure?

## **Read Matthew 6:25-35**

### **Do Not Be Anxious**

- Because of the ill effects of worry, Jesus tells us not to worry about those needs that God promises to supply.

Make a list of the side effects worry may cause. (vs. 25-30)

- What are the blessings that we receive when we give our worries and burdens to God?
- In what way did Jesus use the example of the birds and flowers to teach us about worrying and being anxious? (vs.26-30)
- How does anxiety show a lack of faith in God to provide for us?

- In verse 31, Jesus uses the word, “Therefore”. What is Jesus communicating to the crowd?
- Jesus is concluding this teaching with some wise and directive words for us all. How does He summarize his teaching about worrying and being anxious?
- Why is Jesus challenging the crowd to seek first the Kingdom of God? (vs.33)

How does the Apostle Paul call us to be Christ-centered in all areas of our lives? (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- How many ill-effects of worry are you experiencing?

Here is the difference between worry and genuine concern—worry immobilizes, but concern moves you to action.

## **Grow MORE Together Reading Plan**

Videos are optional and they are found at:

<https://bibleproject.com/all-videos/read-scripture-new-testament/>

### **Week 3: Video – Overview of Mathew 14-28**

#### **Reading:**

- Matthew 13-14                      Psalm 87
- Matthew 15-16                     Psalm 88
- Matthew 17-18                    Psalm 89



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