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Matthew 6:19-34

5 Takeaways

1. _____ what God has given to you now to impact people for eternity
→ The secret to happiness is not more, it's contentment (1 Timothy 6:6)
2. _____ God as generous and be generous too
→ Focus on the light, Jesus, rather than the darkness, the world (1 John 1:7)
3. _____ God as the only true Master
→ Either God is Lord of everything or Lord of nothing
4. _____ God's kingdom and His righteousness first and He will take care of you
→ Replace worry with a concern for the kingdom of God
5. Remember the past, plan for the future, but _____ in the present
→ Do not become too focused on the past or the future that you ignore the present

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Albert Schweitzer once said, "If you own something you cannot give away, then you don't own it, it owns you."
 - How would you respond to this quote?
 - Is it true of you?
3. What are some specific treasures that people store up? What are specific to you?
4. How can you tell where your treasure is? How can you tell where your heart is?
5. Jesus said that it is impossible to serve two masters. What did He mean? Why is it impossible?
6. Why did Jesus say that we should not worry? What are the side effects of worrying? What are specific things you worry about?
7. What does it mean to seek first His kingdom? How can we do this?
 - Take a couple minutes and write some specific examples of how to seek first His kingdom.
8. Read Matthew 6:34 again. What principle can we learn? What is the difference between planning and worrying about tomorrow?
9. Read Philippians 4:6-7 and 1 Timothy 6:6. What do these verses say about contentment, being anxious, and finding peace with God?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 6:19-34) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?