

Temptations of Responsibilities – TREASURE – Matthew 6:19-24

Information:

Money is neutral. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (I Timothy 6:10)

Jesus spends an inordinate amount of time teaching us the danger of our possessions becoming idols.

Verses 22-23 speak to the darkness of not seeing the obvious.

Money's seduction is in the fact that it invests a person with a false sense of security.

Thought starters:

Are treasures wrong?

What are my most prized treasures?

What used to be in practice where my treasure is?

What used to be luxuries that now are needs?

Does this show anything about my own sense of priorities in spending money?

Are the decisions between self-indulgence and serving God with the money entrusted to me?

Within my circle of Christian friends, who is model in the use of money?

Where have I found my love of money moving me to despise, look down at or dislike God's claim?

How does verse 24 apply to my job responsibilities?

Where do I find myself trying to love/serve both God and money?

What components of the personality of the Beatitudes will help me maintain the proper perspective on money?

What other New Testament Scriptures speak to money?

Temptations of Responsibilities – ANXIETY – Matthew 6:23-34

Information:

The more feelings of responsibility, the more the door opens to anxiety.

Anxiety is the undue concern over what one cannot control or change.

Verse 33 – “continually seek”

Serenity Prayer:

*“Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the
difference.”*

Thought starters:

What about my life is worth more than food, clothes and shelter?

What possible benefits come from observing the birds and the flowers?

If the problem to be corrected is one of self-worth, how can that be done?

What does anxiety show about my treasure?

Is anxiety a legitimate option for the Christian?

What hints in these texts show me how to handle anxiety? 25, 26, 27, 30,
32, 33

Where has the assurance that *my Heavenly Father knows* relieved my anxiety?

What are my priorities?

What components of the personality of the Beatitudes will help my anxiety?

What New Testament Scriptures speak to anxiety?