

## ***Am I Seeking First The Kingdom of God?***

Matt. 6:25-33

### ***I. Am I Laying Up Treasures In Heaven? (Matt. 6:19-21)***

- That does not mean...
  - Don't work to have material things. (Eph. 4:18; I Tim. 5:8)
  - That it is wrong to have a savings account. (Prov. 6:6)
  - The lesson here is one of emphasis – priority
- If I am laying up treasures in heaven...
  - I will prioritize my time, energy, resources to spiritual pursuits.
  - To things that will last for eternity. (Gal. 6:8)
- Study, prayer, teaching, attendance, good works, etc

### ***II. I Will Seek To Serve Only One Master (Matt. 6:24)***

- A single focus is essential to seeing clearly.
  - Physical focus to see clearly
  - Spiritual focus to see clearly. (II Cor. 4:18; 5:7)
- Can't serve God and money. (Josh. 24:15; Dt. 30:19; Col. 3:5; Lk. 12:15)

### ***III. I Will Be Concerned With The Spiritual Over The Physical (Matt. 6:25)***

- I won't be filled with anxiety over material, earthly things.
  - Life more than meat; body more than raiment. (25); God provides for the birds and grass. (26, 28); Worry is futile. (27); Manifests a lack of faith. (30); Typical of the gentiles. (32); Each day has enough concerns of its own. (34); Focus on the spiritual and God will take care of you. (33)
- II Cor. 11:28 → Paul's care over spiritual matters.

### ***IV. I Will Be Loyal To The King (Matt. 6:33)***

- We must first be loyal to the King.
  - Monarch, not a democracy. (Matt. 28:18; Jn. 12:48)
  - If others become unfaithful, we must stand with the king. (Eph. 5:11; II Jn. 9-11)
  - Our allegiance to the King must come before any other. (Rom. 13:1; I Pet. 3:1; Eph. 6:1-2; Col. 3:22; Acts 5:29)
- We must fulfill our obligations to the King before any other.
  - Each one has responsibilities in different areas: family, job, community, etc.
- What do we do when there is a conflict? Answer is determined by the order of our priorities.
- What do we teach our children, by word or by example?
- We must have greater affection for the King than any other one or thing. (Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 10:37; 22:37)

### ***V. I Will Strive To Overcome Obstacles In The Way... (Heb. 12:1)***

- Short-sightedness.
  - Some have child-like short-sightedness.
  - II Pet. 1:9
- Walking by sight. (II Cor. 4:17-18; 5:7)
  - Examples of those who walked by faith. (Heb. 11:1, 7, 10, 13-16).
- The pressure to conform.
  - In a world that measures success by money, job, and material possessions. (Rom. 12:2; I Pet. 4:1-5)
- Hardship, tribulation. (Rev. 2:10; Mk. 10:30)