

Ancient Wisdom for Modern-Day Times

Who is in Control (Part 2)?

Week 10: May 12, 2024

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Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6:25-27)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

1. Everything we have is from God.

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:8)

2. Everything we have is to be stewarded for God.

3. Everything we have is to honor God.

How do we give control to God?

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

(James 5:1-6)

1. Your wealth and treasures on Earth do not compare to treasures in Heaven.
 - a. Jesus richly gives us peace (Philippians 4:6-8)
 - b. Jesus richly gives us wisdom (James 1:5)
 - c. Jesus richly gives us relationship (John 3:16-17)
2. Your wealth and treasures on Earth is to bring Heaven to Earth.
3. Your wealth and treasures on Earth reveal where your heart is.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a story of someone being generous to you. How did their generosity shape you as a person?
2. How has the generosity of Jesus helped you become more generous with your time, talents, and treasures for His Kingdom?
3. How can you become more generous?

News and Notes:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

75th Anniversary Banquet tickets are available TODAY. Register at back table.

Mentoring Moments is POSTPONED this week as Pastor Andy is away at PAOC General Conference (May 13-16).

Preteens + Jr. High event is on Friday, May 24. Talk to Pastor Vincent for details.

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