

The Sermon on the Mount

Two Don'ts, Two Dos, and One Can't

Point to Consider

1. The Two Don'ts
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The Two Don'ts

Matt 6:19 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.*

1. Don't number one is lay up treasures on _____.
One reason we aren't supposed to lay up treasures on earth is that they are _____.

Matt 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

A second reason we are not to lay up treasures on earth is because we put our _____ where are treasure is.

Luke 12:18-21 *So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."*

Jesus gave us an example of one who laid up treasures on earth _____ of in heaven.
The rich young ruler and Simon the sorcerer are both examples of this.

Matt 6:25-33 *Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

2. Do not _____ about earthly things.

We are not to worry about earthly things because _____ things are more important.
We are not to worry about earthly things because God will supply our physical _____.

We are not to worry about earthly things because they are going to be _____.

We are not to worry about earthly things because everything will work out.

We are not to worry about _____ because there is enough to worry about today.

2 Peter 3:10-11 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?*

When we realize that the physical is temporary, it _____ the way we think and act.

Phil 4:6-7 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

We combat worry with _____.

The Two Dos

Matt 6:20 *... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

1. We are to lay up for ourselves treasures in _____.

1 Peter 1:3-5 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

The heavenly treasures are reserved and kept by the power of God. They are _____ by God.

Col 3:1-2 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Paul states that our mind is to be _____ in heaven.

Heb 11:24-26 *By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*

Moses chose _____ riches over temporary riches.

2 Cor 11:23-29 *Are they ministers of Christ? — I speak as a fool — I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils*

in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness — 28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

Paul was willing to _____ in order for his spiritual bank account to be full. (2 Peter 3)

Matt 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

2. Seek _____ the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Est 4:15-16 *Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"*

Esther put God's kingdom above her own life.

The One Can't

Matt 6:24 *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

The _____ for the two dos and the two don'ts is the one can't.
You _____ serve two masters.

Luke 9:57-62 *Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go. 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head. 59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me. But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father. Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house. 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*

Proper priorities are _____ in this world. It is very easy to replace the most important things with the most urgent things.

Rom 6:16-19 *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

We are either slaves of sin or of obedience.
Sin leads to death.
Obedience leads to life.