BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM

Matthew 6:19–34

Key Verse: 6:33

1. What did Jesus repeatedly teach to help us avoid becoming hypocrites? (6:1,3,4,6,17, 18) Why is this so important? How did Jesus contrast treasures on earth versus treasures in heaven? (19,20) How can we “store up” treasures in heaven, and why did Jesus mention our heart? (21; 1Ti6:18,19)
2. How did Jesus contrast healthy or unhealthy eyes? (22,23) [In Greek, “unhealthy” can also be translated as “stingy.’] What does it mean spiritually to have “unhealthy” eyes? What did Jesus say about trying to serve both God and money, and why? (24)
3. What seems to happen to those who make a firm decision to serve God, not money? (25) How many times did Jesus mention the word “worry”? (25–34) What are the typical things people worry about? What is the fundamental cause of worries? (30b)
4. What did Jesus teach us about God to help us overcome our worries? (26,27,30,32) Instead of worrying, what positive direction did Jesus give us? (33a) What does it mean, practically, to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness”? What promise of God comes true for those who do this? (33b)
5. What final teaching did Jesus give about worrying? (34) How does this wisdom help us to live in the real world?