

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Bible Study Notes**  
**Cedarville United Presbyterian Church Facebook Live**  
**Matthew 6:19-34**

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**Where Are We In Scripture?**

- Middle of Sermon on the Mount (suggested reading: Matthew 5-7)
- Jesus taught on several subjects – salt and light, law, anger, lust, divorce, vows, revenge, loving enemies, giving to the needy, prayer, fasting...and then comes this passage
- Sums up Sermon on the Mount by encouraging us to stand on the rock vs. sand – theme for this year

**Which Comes First: Treasure Or Heart? (vv 19-21)**

- Does have to do with money – are we investing in God’s kingdom or purely satisfying our own desires with our money
- Where our treasure is, there our heart will be – look beyond money.
- *Questions to Ponder:*
  - *What do you “treasure” in life? What “luxuries” would be hard for you to give up? When you go buy food, what do you absolutely “have to have” no matter what? (Some, who shall remain nameless, like to have a stash of chocolate available.) When you decorate your house, what is a non-negotiable? Are these needs or wants?*
  - *Do they reveal any idols in your life? Are there any luxuries you’d have a hard time giving up if God asked you to?*

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**What Are We Watching? (vv 22-24)**

- What we watch affects our entire outlook on life
- 2 Chronicles 16:9, “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”
- *Question to Ponder: What are you fixated on besides God?*

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**Are We Worried? (vv 25-34)**

- We are told not to worry about various things – doesn't mean stand around and wait for them to magically show up (food, clothing), but not obsess over them
- Material wealth gives a dangerous, false sense of security – we can obsessively hold onto what we have but it can disappear in an instant
- God cares for everything on the earth – creatures don't worry
- Worry pulls us apart – doesn't add anything to our lives
- Different from concern – we may be concerned when we try to call someone a few times and they don't answer they phone, but do we begin to imagine all the terrible scenarios of what could have happened to them (and it turns out the ringer was off or the battery was dead)?
- Seek first the kingdom of God – stay focused on God ("sound mind" from yesterday's passage – 2 Timothy 1:1-10)

**Resources I Used:**

- The Reformation Study Bible
- The NIV Life Application Study Bible
- The Wiersbe Bible Commentary
- The Bible Knowledge Commentary