

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Keith & Mariella Mills | Scotland



PRAISE

- Praise God for opportunities to build relationships with people in the local community through park visits and shared fellowship.
- Praise God for Angie's clear testimony of salvation and love for the church that see found through conversations in the park.
- Praise God for Ongoing opportunities to witness while serving at the meal ministries.

PRAY

- Pray for Angie's husband, Glynne to be saved.
- Pray for Angie to remain encouraged and faithful in her walk with the Lord
- Pray for wisdom and discernment in reaching those in sheltered housing since the in-pers services have been cancelled since COVID.
- Pray for continued strength, guidance, wisdom, and fruitfulness in the ministry.

THE DASH

Handout: 01/18/26
Study Date: 01/25/26

Remember No U-Haul Behind A Hearse

Matthew 6:20 provides a profound reminder about where we should focus our values and affections. In it, Jesus teaches us not to treasure material possessions that can be destroyed or stolen but to lay up treasures in heaven that are eternal. This passage resonates with believers as it emphasizes the distinction between temporary earthly possessions and everlasting treasures offered by God.

When we think about the treasures on earth, we often consider money, houses, cars, and various material possessions. Who among us hasn't desired these items? However, Jesus warns us that these earthly treasures can be easily lost — they can be destroyed or taken from us. Think about it: a favorite item can be damaged or a car can break down. On the other hand, treasures in heaven, which are our good deeds, faith, love, and spiritual achievements, cannot be taken away. They last forever and provide deeper joy and satisfaction.

This verse challenges us to reflect not just on what we possess but on what we pursue. Are we investing our time in things that will wither away, or are we focusing on nurturing our spiritual lives, relationships, and serving others? Jesus calls us to a higher purpose — to align our lives with His mission and values. In doing so, we can build a foundation that leads to treasures in heaven. Let us remind ourselves daily that we cannot bring any material possessions with us to the afterlife, but the love we show to others and our faith in God are treasures that withstand the test of time.

Resource: Christianitypath.com

KEY VERSE

Matthew 6:20 (NKJV)

“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Read Matthew 6:19-21 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 6:20

Introduction

1. What *obedience* is Matthew 6:20 calling us to in regard to what we do with our “*treasure*?”
2. What important questions are we being asked in paragraph 3 on pg. 1? As believers where should our “focus” be according to this text?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:19; 1 Tim. 5:8; Ecc. 2:24; Luke 12:16-21

Make An Eternal Investment: Avoid Laying Up Treasures On Earth

3. Many of us can relate to the desire to “*lay up treasure*” here on earth. However, what warning does Matthew 6:19 offer us in regard to doing this?
4. What valuable lesson does Luke 12:16-21 teach us in regard to “storing” our treasure up for ourselves? What do verses 20-21 reveal to us?

Wednesday: Matthew 6:20; Hebrews 7:8; Philippians 4:16-17

Make An Eternal Investment: Lay Up Treasure In Heaven

5. What does Matthew 6:20 reveal to us in regard to our treasures that are laid up in heaven? Will they ever rust, be stolen or perish?
6. Hebrews 7:8 is a clear calling to lay our treasures up in heaven by giving. What does Philippians 4:17 say these treasures will be *added to* in heaven?

Thursday: Matthew 6:21; Lamentations 3:40

Do A Heart Assessment

7. What undeniable truth is being conveyed to us through Matthew 6:21 within the statement; “*where your treasure is, there your heart will be also?*”
8. What *action* is Lamentations 3:40 calling us to as followers of Christ? How “specifically” are we being called to “*examine our ways?*”
9. How often do you stop to examine your spending? How often do you go over your credit card statements? Where are YOU laying up your treasure?

Friday: Ps. 24:1; Hg. 2:8; 1 Cor. 4:2; Rom. 14:10; Prov. 3:9-10a

Follow Biblical Requirements

10. What do the Scriptures of Psalm 24:1 and Haggai 2:8 teach us about our *ownership* of possessions? *Who* truly *owns* them?
11. Each of us will receive some things from God to *manage* in our life. When we do, how will we be judged on our stewardship? (I Corinthians 4:2)
12. How does Proverbs 3:9 instruct us to “*honor the Lord with our possessions?*” *Who* do our “*first fruits*” go to?