



DOVER DAILY DEVOTIONS

Daily Devotionals:

On Sunday morning, we focused on Jesus' teaching about true treasure and the danger of misplaced priorities. We examined how the world measures success through wealth, possessions, and status, yet Jesus warns that these things are temporary and ultimately unfulfilling. Instead, He calls us to store up treasures in heaven by investing in love, faithfulness, and service to others. We also explored the danger of divided loyalties, as Jesus made it clear that we cannot serve both God and money. When financial security or personal ambition becomes our primary focus, our devotion to Christ inevitably suffers. Finally, we looked at Jesus' command to trust in God's provision rather than being consumed by worry. He reminded us that God cares for the birds and the flowers, how much more will He provide for us? Our task is to seek first the kingdom of God, knowing that He will supply everything we truly need. I closed with a challenge: Are we living for temporary gain, or are we investing in eternity? Only what is done for Christ will last.

Monday: True Value in the Light of Eternity

Scripture Reading:

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." - Matthew 6:19-20 (ESV)

Devotional:

Have you ever placed value on something, only to later realize it wasn't worth as much as you thought? Whether it's an antique that turns out to be a replica or an investment that doesn't pay off, we've all experienced the disappointment of misplaced priorities. Jesus warns us about the danger of investing in earthly treasures that will eventually fade away. Money, possessions, and status will not last forever. If we spend our lives chasing them, we may find ourselves spiritually bankrupt in the end.

Instead, Jesus calls us to invest in heavenly treasures, things that have eternal significance. Loving others, serving God, sharing the gospel, and living with integrity. These are the things that will last. Unlike

money or possessions, they cannot be stolen, devalued, or lost. When we prioritize God's kingdom, we store up treasures that will never fade.

Take a moment today to evaluate your pursuits. Are you chasing after things that will ultimately pass away, or are you investing in what truly matters? Ask God to realign your heart toward eternal treasures.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some earthly "treasures" you've pursued that have not brought lasting fulfillment?
2. How can you store up treasures in heaven in your daily life?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to focus on eternal priorities?

Prayer:

Father, help me to see the true value of what I pursue. Turn my heart away from temporary things and help me to invest in what lasts forever. Teach me to store up treasures in heaven by loving, serving, and living for You. Amen.

Tuesday: Two Measuring Rods for Life

Scripture Reading:

"And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'" - Luke 12:15 (ESV)

Devotional:

Success in the world is often measured by how much we own, the status we achieve, and the wealth we accumulate. But Jesus reminds us that life is about far more than possessions. Our worth is not found in what we have but in who we are in Christ.

The world constantly tells us to chase more: more money, more power, more recognition. But Jesus asks us a sobering question: "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36). The pursuit of wealth is not inherently wrong, but when it becomes our ultimate goal, we lose sight of what truly matters. Instead of seeking material success, Jesus calls us to seek first the kingdom of God.

Today, reflect on what you measure your life by. Are you more focused on financial security and status, or are you pursuing God's purpose for your life? Seek His kingdom above all else, trusting that He will provide for your needs.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the world define success, and how does Jesus define it?
2. In what ways have you placed too much value on material things?
3. How can you shift your focus toward pursuing God's kingdom first?

Prayer:

Lord, I confess that I often measure my life by the wrong standards. Help me to seek You above all else and to find my worth in You, not in my possessions. Teach me to trust in Your provision and to live for eternal treasures. Amen.

Wednesday: The Danger of Divided Loyalties

Scripture Reading:

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." - Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

Devotional:

Jesus leaves no room for compromise when he taught that we cannot serve both God and money. Many attempt to strike a balance (pursuing financial success while also trying to follow Christ) but ultimately, one will take priority. If our hearts are set on wealth, our devotion to God will inevitably wane. No matter how much we try to serve both, what we choose to prioritize will always reveal where our true allegiance lies.

Money itself is not inherently sinful, but the love of money creates a dangerous divide in our hearts. When financial security becomes our greatest pursuit, faith takes a backseat. Instead of seeking God's will, we begin making decisions based on profit, convenience, and self-interest. Yet true security is never found in wealth, which can vanish in an instant. It is found in God alone, who provides for all our needs.

Take a moment to examine your heart. Are there areas of your life where money, possessions, or financial concerns have taken a higher place than your faith? Ask God to realign your priorities, to help you trust in His provision, and to serve Him with an undivided heart.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some ways that money or materialism can compete with our devotion to God?
2. How does trusting in God's provision free us from the stress of financial worries?
3. What steps can you take to ensure that God, not money, is the priority in your life?

Prayer:

Father, I want to serve You wholeheartedly. Help me to recognize any divided loyalties in my heart and to place my trust fully in You. Teach me to be content and to seek Your kingdom above all else. Amen.

Thursday: Worrying About Tomorrow

Scripture Reading:

"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" - Matthew 6:27 (ESV)

Devotional:

Worry is a constant struggle for many. We stress over finances, careers, family matters, and the uncertainties of the future. Yet Jesus reminds us that worry adds nothing to our lives—it does not solve our problems or change our circumstances. Instead, it drains our joy, steals our peace, and distracts us from trusting in God's faithful care.

Look at the world around you. God provides for the birds of the air and clothes the flowers of the field with beauty. If He cares so deeply for His creation, how much more will He care for you, His beloved child? Jesus calls us to let go of fear and seek first His kingdom, trusting that He will supply everything we truly need. Worry accomplishes nothing, but faith in God opens the door to His perfect provision.

What burdens are weighing on your heart today? Lay them before the Lord in prayer. Trust that He sees you, knows your needs, and will provide in His perfect way and timing. Instead of carrying the weight of worry, choose to rest in the assurance of His love and care.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some common worries that distract you from trusting God?
2. How has God provided for you in the past?
3. What steps can you take to replace worry with faith?

Prayer:

Lord, I give You my worries and fears. Help me to trust that You will provide for my needs. Teach me to seek Your kingdom first and to rest in Your promises. Amen.

Friday: Seek First the Kingdom

Scripture Reading:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

Devotional:

Jesus' solution for fear and anxiety is a shift in focus. Rather than being consumed by worry, He commands us to seek His kingdom first. This means aligning our daily decisions, relationships, and resources with God's will, making His priorities our priorities. When we seek Him above all else, everything else falls into place.

Seeking God's kingdom does not mean neglecting our responsibilities; it means trusting that as we put Him first, He will provide for our needs. Jesus does not promise material wealth or a life free from hardship, but He does guarantee His faithful provision. When we trust Him completely, we can release the grip of anxiety and rest in His care.

Take a moment to reflect: Are you truly seeking first the kingdom of God? Where are your time, energy, and resources being invested? Choose today to put God at the center of your life, trusting that He will supply everything you need in His perfect way.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God?
2. How can you make God's priorities your priorities?
3. What are some practical ways to live with an eternal perspective?

Prayer:

Father, help me to seek Your kingdom above all else. Teach me to trust that You will provide for me as I follow You. Let my life reflect Your priorities. Amen.

Saturday: Living with Eternal Purpose

Scripture Reading:

"Set your hope not on riches, but on God... be rich in good works, be generous and ready to share, storing up treasure for the future, so that you may take hold of that which is truly life." - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV)

Devotional:

Generosity is the evidence of a heart that trusts in God's provision. When we live with open hands instead of clenched fists, we experience the joy of giving rather than the fear of losing. Storing up treasures in heaven means using our resources, time, and energy to advance God's kingdom, knowing that these investments have eternal significance.

How can you live today with eternity in mind? Instead of chasing temporary success, choose faith over fear, love over self-interest, and generosity over greed. Fix your eyes on what lasts forever, and trust that God will provide for all you need.

Reflection Questions:

1. How can you be "rich in good works" this week?
2. What are some practical ways to live with an eternal focus?
3. How does generosity reflect trust in God?

Prayer:

Lord, teach me to live for what truly lasts. Let my life be rich in good works and full of generosity. Help me to trust in You, knowing that true life is found in You alone. Amen.