

## **“HOW TO GET RICH QUICK!”**

### **Introduction: Matthew Chapter 6**

#### **I) REWARD OR NO REWARD (v1-18)**

> The word “reward” is found 6 times in these 18 verses. Let’s list the rewards found in these verses:

(v1-2) NO REWARD! - Charitable deeds done to seen of men.

(v3-4) REWARD! – Deed done in secret.

(v5-6) REWARD! – Pray in secret.

(v7-13) REWARD! – Pray like Jesus.

(v14-15) REWARD! – Through forgiveness.

(v16-18) REWARD! – In fasting.

#### **II) TREASURES, MASTERS & THE KINGDOM OF GOD (v19-34)**

(v19-21) TREASURES! – Are found in a heavenly heart.

(v20) “Do lay up treasures in heaven” – How? Listen to our Lord’s counsel to a rich young ruler in

**Matthew 19:16-30.** 1 Tim 6:6-8 says, *Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content*

(v21) Our TREASURE reveals our HEART: (1) The wrong heart – 1 Tim 6:9 - *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.* (i.e.- Luke 12:13-21 – “Parable of the Rich Fool”); (2) The right heart – Starts with

**PRIORITY, not PROPERTY!** – In Heb 11:24-26 we are told, *By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. Paul writes in Phil 3:7-9 - But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ*

(v22-24) Who’s your MASTER? Serve, love and be loyal to God!

**God or Money** - King Solomon once again brings truth to our money madness - *Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.* (Eccl 5:10) **Paul the apostle writes in 1 Tim 6:10** - *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.* **Jesus said in Matt 13:22** - *Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.*

**MONEY** – *It can buy you a house, but not a home. It can buy you a bed, but not sleep. It can buy you a clock, but not time. It can buy you a book, but not knowledge. It can buy you a position, but not respect. It can buy you sex, but not love. It can buy you medicine, but not health. It can buy you blood, but not life!*

**God’s financial principle for His people is, Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (Prov 3:9-10) Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38) But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Cor 9:6) Our dividends are present and perpetual (eternal).**

(v25-34) **Are you a part of the KINGDOM OF WORRY or the KINGDOM OF GOD? Our cure for worry is in verses 33 and 34. (Worry depletes joy and robs pleasure. WORRY in the Greek is merimnao - to be anxious about, which is characterized by extreme uneasiness of mind or brooding fear. Dr. Charles Mayo, of the famous Mayo clinic wrote, “Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands and the whole nervous system. I have never met a man or known a man to die of overwork, but I have known a lot who died of worry.” Basic worries are FOOD & CLOTHING. Then there’s everything else we worry about like: health, singleness, marriage, children, job, acceptance, status, achievement, taxes, death & hell! No one worries about going to heaven.)**

(v33) “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” **Two keys: (#1) “Seek first the kingdom of God” – How? Acts 2:40-47** - *And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So*

continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (#2) "Seek first His righteousness" – How? **Live the right life!** Gal 2:20-21 - *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."*

**A lesson in Contrast:** Unrighteous or Righteous

Prideful or **Humble** (Micah 6:8)

Master or **Servant** (Matt. 20:28)

Mean or **Loving** (John 13:34)

Liar or **Honest** (Eph. 4:15)

Lazy or **Industrious** (Eph. 4:28)

Worldly or **Godly** (1 John 2:16-17)

Fleshly or **Spiritual** (Gal. 5:19-26)

Fear (worry) or **Faith** (Matt. 6:25-34)

Angry or **Happy** (1Thess. 5:16)

Negative (discourager) or **Positive** (encourager, edify) (1Thess. 5:11)

Selfish or **Giving** (John 3:16)

Ingratitude or **Thankful** (1 Thess. 5:18)

Me or **JESUS! (The whole Bible)**

> **When we seek first HIS KINGDOM and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS we'll experience AWESOME PLEASURES!**

(v34) Two Days We Should Not Worry - *By Author Unknown*

There are two days in every week, about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is **Yesterday** with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. **Yesterday** has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back **Yesterday**. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. **Yesterday** is gone forever.

The other day we should not worry about is **Tomorrow** with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and its poor performance; **Tomorrow** is also beyond our immediate control. **Tomorrow's** sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise.

Until it does, we have no stake in **Tomorrow**, for it is yet to be born.

This leaves only one day, **Today**. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities **Yesterday** and **Tomorrow** that we break down.

It is not the experience of **Today** that drives a person mad, it is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened **Yesterday** and the dread of what **Tomorrow** may bring. Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time.

> **BONUS PASSAGES:**

**- THE PERIL OF RICHES:**

- **Incline to Forgetfulness of God - Deuteronomy 8:13-14**
- **Beget Avarice - Psalm 62:10**
- **Endanger Integrity - Proverbs 28:20**
- **Hinder Entrance into God's Kingdom - Matthew 19:23**
- **Result in Barrenness of Life - Mark 4:19**
- **Subject Men to Powerful Temptations - 1 Timothy 6:9**

**- HOW TO GET RICH QUICK:**

- **Enduring - Proverbs 8:18**
- **God's Blessing the Source of - Proverbs 10:22**
- **A Paradox - Proverbs 13:7**
- **Discovered by Spiritual Vision - Ephesians 1:18**
- **Unsearchable - Ephesians 3:8**
- **More Precious than Earthly - Hebrews 11:26**
- **The Inheritance of God's Elect - James 2:5**