

Treasures and Worries

When the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and...the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing...She said to the king, "...I didn't believe the words until I came...the half was not told me! – 1 Kings 10:4-7

[Matthew 6:19-34] "Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and Mammon. Therefore, I tell you, don't be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food, and the body more than clothing? See the birds of the sky, that they don't sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into

barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you of much more value than they?

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"Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan? Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies

of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin, yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith?

"Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day's own evil is sufficient.

1. Where are you storing up treasure? Do you see how your heart is there, too?

2. What makes you anxious? Do you believe that God richly provides, like for Solomon?

3. God, I'm sorry for repeatedly breaking Jesus' command "don't be anxious"; today I'll...