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The Good Life: The Lie We Believe March 30, 2025

Summary

In this message, Kyle teaches that the true Good Life isn't about accumulating money and possessions but about focusing on God's kingdom and storing up treasures in heaven. He used Matthew 6:19-34 to show that earthly wealth fades while heavenly treasures last, and he tells the story of John—a successful businessman who chose to invest in his pastor friend's ministry rather than hoard his wealth. His generosity helped fund the ministry that produced "Amazing Grace" and sparked revival in England, reminding us not to let money control our lives.

Scripture

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:19-33 (NIV)

Let's Start

Imagine you have a treasure chest that only holds "heavenly treasures"—what would you fill it with and why?

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Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let's Talk

1. What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven?
2. How can you tell if money is becoming your master?
3. Kyle made two clarifications about money in the message:
 - Money and possessions aren't bad.
 - Hard work and planning aren't wrong.What, then, should our focus be?
4. What practical ways can you be more generous in your daily life?
5. Kyle shared that 20% of what is given to Wooddale each year goes to ministries outside of Wooddale. Have you been involved in any of Wooddale's ministries outside the church? If so, what impact did you see?
6. What steps can we take to ensure our financial decisions align with a Kingdom vision?

Let's Act

Consider committing to one specific act of generosity during the coming week—whether that's donating to a ministry, helping a neighbor or simply offering your time to someone in need.

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