

**INTRODUCTION** - this is a lesson on priority, prioritize.

**"Prioritize"** - to arrange items in order of importance; put first things first; to give some items precedence over others; to rank items as to their value or significance.

Jesus is not eliminating necessities of life: (v32-33) "... for you heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and ...** "

The text lists 6 reasons for putting "treasures in heaven" first.

1. (v19-20) "... where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in ... "

The earthly necessities of life are subject to the nature of the earth.: moth, rust, thieves, and we may add: go out of style, wear out, lost, still in storage, forgotten, broken.

The heavenly treasures stored up would mean: (1 Timothy 6:17-19) "... nor to trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God ... do good ... good works ... ready to give ... willing to share, **storing up for themselves a good foundation ... lay hold on eternal life**"

(2 Timothy 4:6-8) "... fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith. Finally, **there is laid up for me ...** and not to me only, but also to all who have ... "

2. (v21) **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"**

Your heart will follow your treasure; so, be sure you are laying treasure up in heaven as a priority. Again, **"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."**

It is a matter of the heart: (Proverbs 23:7) **"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."**

3. (v23-24) **"The lamp of the body is the eye.**

**If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light"**

It means priority of purpose, focus on the right thing, look where you are going.

(Colossians 3:1-2) **"... seek those things which are above ... set your mind on things above..."**  
You will walk in the direction in which you are looking.

4. (v24) **"No one can serve two masters ... You cannot serve God and mammon"**

It is a truism: only one can be given priority and the other will be diminished.  
You cannot disagree with Jesus on this and be right.

5. (v25) **"... Therefore I say to you ... Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"** The answer is **"Yes."** (Luke 12:15, v21)

6. (v33) **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"** - **"seek first"** and **"be added to you"**