

## WHAT TO DO WITH WEALTH AND WORRY

Matthew 6:19–34

The Bible claims (and we believe!) that “*all* Scripture is inspired by God and *useful*” (2 Timothy 3:16). However, the usefulness of all Scripture is not uniformly self-evident with some passages seem more obviously applicable and more immediately practical than others! Arriving at the second half of Matthew 6, we find a text that requires very little explanation as to its modern-day relevance as, in it, Jesus addresses two temptations that each and every Christian *has, is, or will* battle in their lifetime. These are temptations that threaten to distract us and steal the joy and peace to which we have access in Christ. What are they? They are *wealth* and *worry*. All who have a relationship with money—whether you *have* it, *want* it, *lost* it, or *need* it—and all who experience worry, stress, or anxiety need to hear Jesus’ very useful words.

### Two Perennial Temptations

The temptation of wealth vv. 19–24

The temptation of worry vv. 25–32

The Primary Treatment vv. 33–34

Our Prescribed Task: *Let go and look up!*