

Notes for Matthew 6:22-24

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Jeremiah 17:9 – *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can understand it?*

In the ancient world, the eye was often connected to moral perception and the condition of the heart. A “good eye” would be associated with generosity, sincerity and openness. A “bad eye” was often associated with greed, envy, stinginess or moral corruption.

Haplous, (*hop-LOOSE*) Greek word, translated “healthy” literally means “single,” “sound” “whole” or “undivided”. It is the exact opposite of...

Diplous (*dip-LOOSE*) Greek word which means “double” or “duplicitous”, as in having a hidden or secret agenda.

Proverbs 22:7 – *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.*

Psalms 119:37 – *Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.*

Luke 11:34 – *Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.*

Hebrews 11:24-26 – *By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.*

Luke 10:38-42 – *Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”*

Proverbs 28:22 – *A stingy man (A man whose eye is evil - Hebrew) hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him*

2 Corinthians 4:4 – *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

In 2 Kings 5:20-27 Greed drove Elisha's servant Gehazi to chase down Naaman's caravan and lie, falsely claiming his master needed silver and clothes for visitors. Gehazi returned the stolen treasures to his home, but his attempt to cover his tracks with another lie failed. As punishment for his deceit and greed, the prophet cursed him and his descendants with Naaman's leprosy. Poor Gehazi had a bad eye.

John 12:4-6 – *But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.*

We should be suspicious of any thinking – ours or anyone else's – that always protects our comfort and never calls us to sacrifice.

Joshua 24:15 – *And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

Revelation 3:16 – *So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.*

1 Timothy 6:9-10 – *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

Matthew 19:16-22 – *And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” 17 And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” 18 He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

Luke 19:2-10 – *And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

Do you love Christ? Then share Him with someone else! Invite someone to GCC and let the Holy Spirit work on them. You may just gain a brother or sister... And you will be obeying Christ's Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20!

