

Make Sure You Get the Real Thing

By Adrian Rogers

Date Preached: February 21, 1993

Main Scripture Text: Matthew 6:19–24

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”

MATTHEW 6:19–20

Outline

Introduction

- I. We Must Possess Real Wealth
- II. We Must Perceive Real Wisdom
- III. We Must Practice True Worship

Conclusion

Introduction

Be turning, please, to Matthew chapter 6. We’ve been making our way through this wonderful Sermon on the Mount under the general title “Building on the Rock.” And today, we come to Matthew chapter 6, and I begin reading in verse 19. Before I read, may I say that this is a plastic and a phony world in which we live. Many of us have been lied to, conned, abused, gypped, manipulated, deceived, until we have a sales resistance built up. And yet, in spite of it all, many times we sell out too cheaply, and we end up having the wrong thing.

Today I want to talk to you on this subject: “Make Sure You Get the Real Thing.” Verse 19: *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and*

despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:19–24) There are three basic truths in these passages that I have read to you—many things, but three basic truths.

I. We Must Possess Real Wealth

Truth number one: We must possess real wealth if we would be successful in life. Look again in verse 19: *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:19) Now, there are many people who think that they are wealthy who are not. It’s a strange thing. We see on television the lifestyles of the rich and famous, and really, many times it’s the lifestyle of the rich and foolish.

When is a rich man poor? Well, a rich man is poor when he tries to find satisfaction in his money, because he will never find it. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said, *“He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver.”* (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

¶ A man of modest income said to a man who was very rich, “I have more than you have.” The rich man said, “How is that so?” He said, “Because I have all I want, and you don’t.” Think about it: “I have all I want, and you don’t.” ¶

Did you know that not to want something is better than owning it? You don’t have to maintain it. Listen—listen. A rich man is a poor man when he tries to find satisfaction in what he has. A rich man is a poor man when his wealth increases his worry. Let me give you some verses. Proverbs 15, verse 6: *“In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.”* (Proverbs 15:6) Think about it: *“in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.”* (Proverbs 15:6) You see, many times a man, when he increases his riches, increases his worries.

Thirdly, a rich man is a poor man when he becomes a slave to his money. Put this verse down—Proverbs 23 and verse 4: *“Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.”* (Proverbs 23:4) If you set your goal to be wealthy, I can tell you you’re going to have difficulty, because when you set your goal to be wealthy, then money becomes your master rather than your servant. It’s incredibly bad advice to tell a young person, “Make all the money you can, just so long as you make it honestly,” because if you tell a person to do that, he’ll be making money when ought to be doing something else. He’ll be making money when he ought to be spending time with the children. He’ll be making money when he ought to be serving the Lord, when he ought to be praying, when he ought to be doing other things. A rich man is poor when he becomes a slave to his money.

A rich man is a poor man when he has no treasure in heaven. Put this verse down—Proverbs chapter 23 and verse 5: *“Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings: they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.”*

(Proverbs 23:5) Money talks all right; it says, “Goodbye.” I mean, you cannot keep it—you cannot keep it. And, if you don’t have any treasure in heaven, really, how rich are you? Everything that you have that you think is yours, in a material sense, sooner or later, you’re going to leave. That’s what the Bible says: “*riches...make themselves wings.*” (Proverbs 23:5)

‡ Some time ago, when the bottom fell out of the oil market, I heard of a woman walking down the streets of Dallas, Texas. She heard a noise on the ground, a little voice. She looked around. She couldn’t imagine who it was that was speaking, but some little voice down there, low behind. And, she looks down, and she picks up a frog off the ground. And, it’s a frog that’s talking, and the frog says, “Kiss me.” She said, “Why should I kiss you?” “Well,” he said, “I am a Texas oilman. I’ve been turned to a frog. But, if you’ll kiss me, I’ll turn back to a Texas oilman.” She took him and put him in her purse. And, her friend said, “Why didn’t you kiss him?” She said, “I’d rather have a talking frog than a Texas oilman.”‡

Friend, money can only last so long, and then it goes. I’ll tell you, a rich man is poor if he dies a Christless death. Listen to this one—Proverbs 11 and verse 4: “*Riches profit not in the day of wrath.*” (Proverbs 11:4) Oh boy, what does that mean? It means, friend, you may pay off a traffic policeman, but you’ll not bribe heaven’s Judge. It doesn’t matter how wealthy you are, your riches are not going to help you at the Judgment if you don’t know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 16—a tragic story. The Bible says, “*The rich man...died...and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments.*” (Luke 16:22–23) Our Lord says, “[Don’t] lay...up for yourselves treasures upon [this] earth.” (Matthew 6:19)

‡ Years ago, I read a story about a man named Charlie Dobson, who lived in Ontario, Canada. They didn’t have regular garbage pickup there; and so, Charlie Dobson had a little fun game, the way he would get rid of his garbage. He took his coffee grounds, and his grapefruit rinds, and his eggshells, and the paper, and the trash, and so forth, and would put it in a little box and then wrap that box up in wrapping paper and put a bow around it and then take it out in front of his house and put it down by the curb. Invariably, someone driving along would see that beautifully wrapped box, would stop, pick it up, put it in their car, and off they would go. And, Charlie was looking behind the curtains all the time, watching those people drive off with their giftwrapped garbage. So often—so often—that’s what the devil does: he just takes the things of this world and wraps them up beautifully. But, all we have is not treasure; what we have is trash.‡

Now, the Bible does not say that it is wrong to have material things. Don’t ever get that idea. Let me give you this verse—1 Timothy chapter 6, verse 17: “*Charge them that*

are rich in this world”—are you rich? Listen, God doesn’t condemn you for being rich, but God says this—“*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded*”—that is, “don’t be proud”—“*nor trust in uncertain riches*”—“don’t put your trust in your possessions”—“*but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.*” (1 Timothy 6:17) God does not mind you enjoying your wealth. Just don’t let it make you proud, and don’t put your trust there. Remember it is a gift of God, and “*God [gives] us richly all things to enjoy.*” (1 Timothy 6:17)

Certainly, when the Bible says, “*Lay not up for yourselves treasure [on] earth,*” (Matthew 6:19) it does not mean you’re not to work, because the Bible says in Proverbs chapter 6, verses 6 and following: “*Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in harvest.*” (Proverbs 6:6–8) God says you’d better learn how to work like an ant works. Nothing wrong with work. Nothing wrong with having material goods.

What does this mean then—when the Lord Jesus Christ says, “*Lay not up for yourselves [treasure] upon earth*”? (Matthew 6:19) Actually, you don’t see it in the English, but He uses the word *treasure* twice in that sentence. What it literally says is, “Stop treasuring treasure”—“Stop treasuring treasure.” That is, when your money possesses you rather than you possessing it, when you see wealth as an end in itself rather than a means to an end, you have begun to treasure treasure. And, when you treasure treasure, you really don’t have any treasure because it can be lost. As a matter of fact, our Lord is not saying, “Don’t have a treasure.” Our Lord is saying, “Do have a treasure; just make certain it’s a real treasure you have.” You see, He’s saying, “Get the real thing”—“Get the real thing.” Don’t be cheated. Don’t let the devil make a fool of you. Quit treasuring treasure. “*Lay up for yourselves [treasure] in heaven.*” (Matthew 6:20) Make sure it’s real treasure. *You want to know how wealthy you are, mister? You add up everything you have that money cannot buy and death can’t take away; then you’ll know how wealthy you are.* Quit treasuring treasure.

Now, listen to this. Put this verse down—1 Peter chapter 1 and verse 4. Peter is talking about what we have in heaven, and he says we have “*an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.*” (1 Peter 1:4) “Incorruptible”—“incorruptible.” You see, our Lord spoke of that—where the moths can eat it, the rust can corrode, the thieves can get it. Our Lord is saying, “You’d better have a safety deposit box in heaven, where the foul breath of decay and the gnawing tooth of time and some thief cannot get what belongs to you—incorruptible, undefiled.” That means that it’s not tainted money. It’s not tainted wealth. It doesn’t have a curse upon it—unfading. That means no fees, no court costs, no taxes, no inflation can take it away—reserved in heaven for you. That’s pretty good treasure.

Jim Elliot, that missionary who gave his life to take the gospel to the Auca Indians and was slain there by the Amazons with a spear, a fine young missionary, died in the prime of his life, but he wrote these immortal words in the flyleaf of his Bible: “No man is a fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” That’s a pretty good philosophy. You see, He’s talking about treasure in heaven. That’s what our Lord is talking about.

Now, how can you have treasure in heaven? How can you have treasure in heaven? Paul told Timothy that you’re to lay up for yourself a “*foundation against the time to come.*” (1 Timothy 6:19) How can you do this? You know, people say, “Well, you can’t take your money to heaven with you.” Well, that’s right, but you can send it on ahead. You say, “How can you send it ahead?” Well, the only way that you can get your money to heaven—the only way you can take your treasure and put it in heaven, lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven—is to invest in something going to heaven; that’s all. Now, what’s going to heaven? Praise goes to heaven so you ought to praise the Lord. Souls are going to heaven so you ought to win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. Invest your money in missions. Invest your money in soul winning. Invest your life in prayer and praise and those things that are going to heaven. And, when you invest your wealth in that which is going to heaven, you don’t take it with you; you send it on ahead.

† Some time ago I heard a story that touched me. I have a pastor friend up in Virginia, and his name is Vander Warner. He just recently resigned from the wonderful Grove Avenue Baptist Church there in Virginia—Richmond. But, Vander told a story something like this: He had in his congregation a beautiful young woman. She was working hard. She was saving her money. She fell in love with a young man. They were going to get married. They were just getting ready for the wedding. This young girl in her automobile was driving along, and one of those tragic accidents happened. She had a collision, and she was killed.

When the police came to the scene of the accident, they were trying to find out who this girl was, trying to find out how they were going to notify the next of kin. And so, they had to open her purse. They began to go through her personal things trying to find some address, to find some identification. Do you know what they found? They found her bank statement and where her checks had been written, and from that they got her name. And, somehow they got her fianc, and he ended up there at the scene of the accident. And, the policeman said, “I had to look at this bank statement, and,” he said, “whether it was right or wrong,” he said, “I couldn’t help it,” he said, “but my eyes just went down to her deposits and withdrawals, and so forth, and the checks that she’d written. And,” he said, “I kept seeing a check written to a certain church, a check on a regular basis, a good-sized check written to this church, to this church, to this church.” He said, “What kind of a girl was this?” The young man told what kind of a girl she was,

who loved the Lord Jesus in such a way that you could tell by looking at her bank account, and led that policeman to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.†

I wonder, would somebody come to know Jesus Christ by looking at your bank statement? Would somebody have some idea as to where really your treasure is, what really matters to you? Jesus said, “Don’t lay up for yourself treasure on earth. Lay up treasure in heaven,” (Matthew 6:19–20) because friend, all of these things that you think are treasures, one of these days you’re going to leave. You say, “But now, wait a minute, pastor. I’ve got to save something for me.” And, the Bible does teach that you need to take care of yourself, and plan for your children, and leave an inheritance.

† There’s a wealthy businessman over in Nashville. If I were to give his name, many of you would know his name because it’s a well-known name. That man invested so very much in the cause of Christ. He was a man that God blessed with the ability to make money, but also God touched his heart with the ability to give money; and he gave and gave and gave and gave. And then, he had a financial reverse. Things went wrong for him, and he lost. And, his fortune was gone after he’d given all of that money.

You say, “Pastor, was that right for that to happen to him after he gave all of that money?” God is sovereign. He can do as He wishes. He did with Job, didn’t He? This man lost all that money.

One day a friend came to him, and the friend said, “You know, you don’t have anything now, do you?” He said, “No, I really don’t—not in this world.” He said, “Well, do you ever think about all that money that you gave away? Do you ever think about that?” “Oh,” he said, “I think about it a lot of times.” He said, “That’s all I have left.” Don’t you love that? “That’s what I have left.” That’s the part that nobody can get. It is in heaven, reserved; nobody can take it away. That’s what the Lord Jesus Christ is talking about when He says, “*Lay up for yourselves [treasure] in heaven.*” (Matthew 6:20) †

II. We Must Perceive Real Wisdom

What I’m trying to say to you as your pastor and as your friend—we must possess real wealth. Second thing: Not only must we possess real wealth, but we must perceive real wisdom. Look, if you will, in verses 22 and 23: “*The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*” (Matthew 6:22–23)

There are many people who think they have wisdom, but they don’t. They don’t have real wisdom. The light that is in them is darkness. How great is that darkness! I can hardly overstate the need for wisdom in this world. Proverbs chapter 4, verses 4 through 7: “*He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my*

commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee”—talking about wisdom—“love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principle thing”—young man, listen to me this morning—“Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:4–7) We’re not talking here about learning; we’re talking about wisdom. We’re not talking about intelligence; we’re talking about wisdom. Make sure you get the real thing. “If...the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” (Matthew 6:23) Suppose you go off to the university, and you get a graduate degree. You have a 4.0 average, and you don’t know Jesus Christ. You’ve made straight A’s and flunked in life. You’ve missed it. You have missed it.

Now, when our Lord is talking about the eye, He’s not talking about the eye of the body; He’s talking about the eye of the soul. And, He’s comparing the eye of the soul to the eye of the body. Our Lord here is talking about sight physically, and insight spiritually, and He uses your physical eye as an illustration because it’s your physical eye that lets in the light. It’s the light that enables you to see. And so, what our Lord here talks about is the single eye and the sinful eye. “If [your] eye be single, [your] body [is] full of light...if [your] eye be evil”—and the word for “evil” there is the word that means “sinful”—“[then your] body [is] full of darkness.” (Matthew 6:22–23)

So, you have the single eye, and you have the sinful eye. Now, a single eye is an eye that is healthy, an eye that is focused. And, what is it focused on? Of course, it’s focused on the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, “I determined...to know [nothing] among you, [except] Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2) The Apostle Paul was a one-note man. You say, “Well, now wait a minute. Paul preached about many things other than Jesus Christ.” Now, if you analyze it, no matter what else he was talking about, it was just more about Jesus. Everything centers in Jesus. You see, you may learn more about Jesus; you may go deeper into Jesus. “But really,” Paul said, “I haven’t known anything else but Jesus.” You say, “Isn’t that fanatical?” Call it what you wish, but you need a single eye. The Apostle Paul said, “This one thing I do.” (Philippians 3:13)

🔦 Remember that old story about the man who had the cello and was playing it just like this? Somebody said, “You don’t move your fingers up and down like other people; you just hold your finger in one spot.” He said, “They’re looking for it. I’ve found it.”🔦

Friend, that is it! That is it: Jesus Christ! Other people can go up and down as they wish—“if [your] eye be single.” (Matthew 6:22) Oh, to know the Lord Jesus! To have all your wellsprings in the Lord Jesus! You can go deeper into Christ. You’ll never go beyond Christ. When you come to that spot, your body will be full of light. (Matthew 6:22) There are times when I get busy and get on the fast track, and I pray and so forth.

But, sometimes I have an idea that I'm just really not centered in Christ like I need to be—just not what I ought to be—and I have to have a session. I'll get in my study and lock the door, and I say, "Lord, I've been double-minded; I need to be single-minded." And, I take everything that means anything, and I bring it under the dominion of Jesus Christ. And, I take things that are precious to me—I take my family (very precious to me), give it to Jesus Christ; I take any so-called "possessions" that I think I hold title to and make Him Lord of those things; I take any so-called "ability" as a speaker, as a preacher; I take this church; I take my health, my body, my right to myself and give it Jesus Christ.

Now, sometimes I say that I am more than I am, and I know that I haven't arrived yet, so I have to stay there and I have to wrestle. Maybe you never do, but I have to go through this from time to time. You know how I can tell when I get there? My body is full of light. You say, "Well, what does that mean?" I don't know that I can explain it to you, but there's something about being clear. There's something about saying that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. And, when your eye is single, your body is full of light. (Matthew 6:22; Luke 11:34) That's the way God wants us to live, my dear friend—with real wisdom; the single eye, as over against the sinful eye.

What is the sinful eye? Well, if the single eye is an eye that is focused, the sinful eye is an eye with double vision. James says that, "*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*" (James 1:8) But, the sad thing about the man with double vision is that he thinks that he sees. You see, Jesus said, "*If...the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*" (Matthew 6:23) It's bad when a man is in darkness and knows he's in darkness, but isn't it tragic when a man is in darkness and thinks he's in the light?

Do you know in the book of Judges what it says about a time of moral declination? It says in the book of Judges that "*every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*" (Judges 17:6; 21:25) He didn't do what was wrong in his own eyes; he "*did that which was right.*" (Judges 17:6; 21:25) And, the nation was going deeper and deeper and deeper into moral declination. That's exactly where America is today. These people that are trying to lead this nation, they're not doing what they think is wrong; the tragedy is that they're doing what they think is right, and they're so wrong. When the blind lead the blind, they both fall in the ditch. "*Every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*" (Judges 17:6; 21:25) It is morality by majority rather than the Word of God. And, "*if the light that is in [you] be darkness, how great is that darkness!*" (Matthew 6:23) "*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.*" (Romans 1:22) And, it becomes midnight at high noon. I mean, they're saying, "Oh, we're walking in the light," and they're stumbling in the darkness. Wisdom is the principle thing. Knowledge is proud that it knows so much. Wisdom is humble that it knows so little. You need knowledge to

pass the test in school. You need wisdom to pass the test of life. Knowledge is learned. Wisdom is given. Knowledge comes by looking around. Wisdom comes by looking up.

“If [your] eye be single, [your] body [is] full of light.” (Matthew 6:22) What is our Lord saying in the passage before us? He’s saying, “Make certain you have real wealth. Make certain that you have real wisdom. Don’t let the light that’s in you be darkness.” What a tragedy! What a travesty!

III. We Must Practice True Worship

The third thing our Lord is saying: not only make sure that you have real wealth, not only make certain that you have real wisdom, but make certain that you have real worship. Possess true wealth. Perceive true wisdom. Practice true worship. Look at it—verse 24: *“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”* (Matthew 6:24) Now, what is *mammon*? Just an Aramaic word for “possessions.” It came to be the god of wealth, the god of personal possessions. You can’t serve both. Now, Jesus, here, did not say, “You ought not to try to have two masters.” Jesus didn’t say, “It’s better not to have two masters.” What Jesus Christ here is talking about is an impossibility: you *can’t* serve two masters. It’s absolutely impossible.

You say, “Now, wait a minute. I’ve got a job. I work for this company so many hours. And then, after I work for this company so many hours, I quit. I get something to eat. I’ve got a second job. I have two masters. I have a job here, and I moonlight over here. I have two masters.” No, you don’t; you have two employers—and that’s fine. If you can carry it, if you can handle it, fine; that’s all right. That’s not what our Lord is talking about here at all. The word that he uses for “master” is the word *kurios*: “lord, a slave owner.” Now, if you are my slave, you can’t be anybody else’s slave. We’re not talking about somebody that you serve, in the sense of your willingness. Willingness doesn’t have anything to do with this. We’re talking about a master and his slave. And, Jesus said, “You can’t be a slave to two any more than you can walk in different directions at the same time.” *“No man can serve two masters.”* (Matthew 6:24) It is absolutely, totally impossible. And, there is one absolute Lord, and His name is Jesus. And, Jesus does not want a place in your life—He really doesn’t. *Jesus does not want prominence in your life. Jesus demands*—listen, demands—*preeminence in your life*. He is *Kurios*. He is Lord. That means no rival, no refusal, and no rebuttal.

Now, if you’ve got two slave owners, which one owns you? Neither one. You are His slave. You say, “Well, I don’t want to be a slave.” Then you’ll never know what Christianity is, and you will never know the freedom that comes through absolute slavery. When you bow the knee to Jesus Christ and say, “I’ll say ‘yes,’ Lord—yes, you

are Lord of all,” then Jesus said, *“If the Son shall make you free, [you’ll] be free indeed.”* (John 8:36)

You say, “Well, I don’t want to be anybody’s slave.” You already are. “He that serves sin is the slave of sin.” (Romans 6:16) You say, “Well, I’ll do as I want.” Yes, you’ll do as you want, but you’ll never do as you are. You’re free to do as you want, but you’re not free to do as you ought, until you become a slave of Jesus Christ. You’re the slave, the servant, of Satan. Make sure, friend, that it is real worship that you get.

So many people think that coming to church on Sunday is worship—coming, sitting, listening to Adrian preach is worship; listening to the choir is worship. And then, you go back out to that other world, and you’re trying to serve God and mammon. You can’t do it. You deceive yourself. *Our God is not a moonlighting God. He doesn’t have a duplex for a throne.* There’s one God. *“Thou shalt [serve] the Lord thy God, and him only.”* (Matthew 4:10; Luke 4:8) And, if He is not Lord in the true sense of the word, you haven’t got the real thing.

Jesus is saying that you must possess real wealth. Jesus is saying you must perceive real wisdom. Jesus is saying you must practice true worship. Make certain it’s the real thing that you get.

† This past week I was in California, the National Religious Broadcasters, and we heard Paul Yonggi Cho speak. You know who Paul Cho is? He’s the pastor of the largest church in the world. You say, “Well, I think this a big church you pastor here, Pastor Rogers. How big is that one?” Well, buckle your pew belt. Let me tell you: 700,000 members. I didn’t mistake that: 700,000 members. We’d better get busy, folks—700,000 members in Seoul, Korea.

I’ve met Paul Cho—had dinner with him in Korea, preached in his church. Brother Bob, we were there together. Paul Cho, among other things, is a man of prayer. He told of an experience. He said, “I knew I have to have that special time with God in prayer so I told my secretary, “I’m going to pray. I do not want to be disturbed by anyone unless it is Jesus Christ Himself. Don’t disturb me.” He went to pray. And, the president of Korea came. The president of Korea said, “I want to see the pastor.” The secretary said, “I’m sorry. He can’t be disturbed.” He said, “You don’t understand. I, the president of Korea, want to see the pastor. I want to talk with him.” She said, “I can’t disturb him. He’s talking with God,” and wouldn’t let the president of Korea in to see the pastor. Later on, the president’s wife was talking to Paul Cho, and she said, “You ought to fire that secretary that you have. She wouldn’t let my husband in to see you.” He said, “I told her to do that.” “Well,” the wife of the president said to the pastor, “he is the president of Korea.” He said, “I was talking to the President of the universe.” One Master, one Master, one Master—not two; one. That challenged me because I think if the president of the United States wanted to see me, I’d say, “Excuse me, Lord. I’ve got somebody

more important.” That was a challenge to me.†

I also had some time some special time with one of my dear friends, Bill Bright. You know, Bill Bright is the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ. Do you know what happened to Bill and Vonette Bright? Bill Bright, in 1951, was a young businessman, and Bill Bright began to study the Bible. Christ got a hold of his life; and so, Bill and Vonette, just young people, many years ago, 1951, decided that what Jesus Christ said in this passage of Scripture, that *“no man can serve two masters”* (Matthew 6:24) ... Do you know what they did? I’ll tell you what they did: they wrote out a contract and signed it—Bill and Vonette together; they signed it—and this contract said, “Lord, we will be your slaves.” And, they signed it—not just said it, but actually wrote it out and signed it, a contract. That was 1951. Today, they head up that organization called Campus Crusade for Christ that has forty thousand fulltime workers, counselors, and volunteer workers around the world in 152 countries—because they said, “Lord, we are your slaves.”

You say, “Well, Lord, you can have a little bit of my time.” He doesn’t want it. Just keep it. You say, “Lord, you have a little bit of my life.” Just save yourself the time. *“No man can serve two masters.”* (Matthew 6:24) You just can’t do it.

Conclusion

Why don’t you make certain it’s the real thing you get? Real treasure—you’ll never lose it. Real wisdom—*“[your] body [will] be full of light.”* (Matthew 6:22) Real worship—*“Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* (Philippians 2:11) †