



It Pays To Serve Jesus

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Matthew 6:19-24

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19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.



²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (NIV)



A still life photograph featuring a large, shallow, reddish-brown terracotta bowl filled with a dark liquid, possibly water. The bowl is set on a dark, textured surface. Several white, crumpled cloths or pieces of fabric are scattered around the bowl, some draped over its rim and others lying flat on the surface. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the side, creating strong highlights on the rim of the bowl and the folds of the white fabric, while the rest of the scene is in deep shadow.

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1. It Pays NOW to Serve God.

Matthew 6:30-33 ³⁰ 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, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (NIV)

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2. It Pays Later to Serve God.

Matthew 6:19-20 ¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (NIV)

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1. People Work Because It Pays Good.

1 Corinthians 2:9 ⁹ However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"(NIV)

2. People Work Because It Fits My Personality.

Acts 20:9 ⁹ Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. (NIV)

3. People Work Because It Brings Joy.

**Psalm 126:3 ³ The LORD has
done great things for us, and
we are filled with joy. (NIV)**

4. People Work Because It Produces Excitement.

**John 2:17 ¹⁷ His disciples
remembered that it is written:
“Zeal for your house will
consume me.”(NIV)**

5. People Work Because It Has Good Benefits.

Revelation 21:4-5 ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” (NIV)

6. People Work Because It Shapes The Future.

**Psalm 102:18 ¹⁸ Let this be
written for a future generation,
that a people not yet created
may praise the LORD: (NIV)**

7. People Work Because It Helps People

Philippians 2:20 ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. (NIV)

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8. People Work Because It Gives Me Something to Do.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, (NIV)

9. People Work Because It Meets A Need.

2 Corinthians 9:12 ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. (NIV)

10. People Work Because It Brings Fulfillment.

Psalm 103:2 ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits . . . ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (NIV)

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1. Bargaining Can Rob You.

Matthew 20:2 ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. (NIV)

Matthew 20:4 ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' (NIV)

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2. Books (keeping) Can Rob You.

Matthew 20:10 ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. (NIV)





3. Bitterness Can Rob You.

Matthew 20:13-15 ¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’
(NIV)

A still life photograph featuring a white, textured cloth draped over the rim of a dark wooden bowl. The bowl is filled with a dark, reflective liquid. To the right of the bowl is a ceramic jug with a light tan upper half and a darker, reddish-brown lower half. The entire scene is set against a deep red, draped fabric background. The text "It Pays To Serve Jesus" is overlaid in the center in a bold, yellow font with a black outline.

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