



# Kingdom People

## DEVOTED TO TREASURE

I had a good friend in High School who had been blind since birth. Because of that disability, life was certainly a challenge to him. Yet I never thought of Dave as limited or deprived. Certainly he spoke about how he would have loved to see colors and a beautiful sunset, but he also described colors by the warmth he felt; and his descriptions made me see colors in a way that was deeper and somehow truer. He played the piano better by ear than I could with pages of music. He navigated with a cane and read street signs by climbing the pole and feeling the raised letters. He loved God's Word, and though he had to carry huge, heavy books of Braille, he knew what God said better than most people. Dave even taught me how to navigate around objects in the dark by clicking my fingers and listening to the change in echoes.

But what intrigued me the most was to see Dave show up to compete on the track team. He would lightly touch the elbow of another runner all the way through the race, and in that way was guided around the track. He was a good runner so he was always "attached" to one of the fastest guys on the team. Of course, the best he ever did was second place, but that didn't matter. Dave was enjoying life to the full—even though he was blind.

The reason Dave was able to run alongside someone else was because he trusted that runner not to steer him wrong. He had confidence in his buddy. I remember a time when Dave lost that touch on the elbow. The other runner stumbled, or something happened leaving Dave "unattached." Suddenly he stopped. Instantly he looked confused, panicked, a bit lost.

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## Discussion

Worry usually has that sense of panic. How does losing that "contact" with God relate to worry?

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**Encounter** - Read God's Word so that He can speak to you—**Matthew 6:19-34**

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**Explore** - God's Word by asking questions of what you saw.

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3) In Jesus' metaphor of verses 22-23, what are the "eyes"? How does this further explain the idea of "treasure"?

- Thinking something is light when it is really darkness is a profound deception. Again, how does this relate to the "treasures"? How are we deceived?

4) Why does Jesus switch to the thought of "masters" after talking about treasures and eyes? How does "master" help us to understand the contrasts?

5) Verses 25-34 tell you how to know if you are storing up the wrong treasures. What is that proof?

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“Life is more than the things that sustain it” (verse 25). What does this mean?

- How should that affect the way we think of things and how we think of our Father (verses 26-27)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- So, you are more valuable than birds to your Father. But **how valuable** are you to Him?

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Normally, we only commit to do the things that benefit us. Does worry benefit you? How?

- Does it harm you? How?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- If the harm is greater than the benefit, why are you committed to worry?

8)

What does your Father give you? What does He do for you?

9)

How do you seek first the Father's Kingdom? What does this mean?

- How do you seek first His righteousness?
- How are these both made a priority ("first") in your life? Are they?
- Will seeking them ever leave you insecure, uncertain, disappointed? Explain.

10)

Notice again, "your heavenly Father knows that you need them" (v. 32)—like "your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (v. 8). You already have His full attention. Does He have your full attention? Or do you worry about needs?

- What is your Treasure?

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**MEMORIZE** –Matthew 6:33

**PRAY** with thanksgiving and trust that your Father already knows what you need.

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