

LIFE WISDOM FROM THE  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

# RAISING THE BAR

Money & Worry  
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Jesus raises the bar by calling us to store up our treasures in heaven—not on earth. He knows that someday when we pass away, we will take nothing with us. Yet, so many of us are consumed with wanting more and accumulating material possessions here on earth—which in turn causes more stress and worry in our lives.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 6:19-21 and 6:33. What's first in your life these days? Are you seeking God with all your heart and making him first?
2. Author John Maxwell says, "You have to give up to go up. Then you have to give up even more, to stay up." What do you need to give up in your life right now to go up?
3. Jesus says no one can serve two masters. What percent of your time is spent storing and managing temporary, earthly treasures, such as money and possessions, versus investing in eternal treasures—your relationship with God and others?
4. When the day comes for you to pass away, will you have any regrets about your money and possessions? Will you wish you had spent more of it on things God cares about? What changes can you make today to avoid regrets?

## CHALLENGE

This week, make a list of everything you're thankful for in your life. Spend time in prayer asking God to give you a spirit of contentment with what He's already given you.

## COMMIT TO MEMORY

"So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." **Matthew 6:34**