



Household devotions:

Christ and...

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Memory verse:

Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

Week 1: Christ and cash

Day 1

- Read Matthew 6:19-21
- What warning does Jesus give?
- What encouragement does Jesus give?
- Why?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 6:22-23
- What imagery does Jesus use?
- What do you think it means?
- What warning/encouragement is this?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 6:24
- What two masters do God's mob face?
- Can you serve both?
- Why?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 6:25-30
- What does Jesus say in verse 25—why?
- What two examples does he use?
- What point is he making?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 6:31-34
- What is Jesus' conclusion?
- Why?
- How might this affect your view of money and material possessions?

Week 2: Christ and conscience

Day 1

- Read Colossians 3:1-4
- If we are in God's mob, what do we 'seek'?
- Where are our minds?
- What do you think this means?

Day 2

- Read Colossians 3:5-7
- Having your minds seeking after 'things above' means what?
- Is this practical, or airy-fairy?
- Why the change?

Day 3

- Read Colossians 3:8-10
- What must be 'put away'?
- Why? What has been 'put on'?
- What is happening?

Day 4

- Read Colossians 3:11
- What is the description given of God's mob?
- Why do you think this is?

Day 5

- If 'ethics' is 'knowing and seeking the good', how does this passage help us know and seek 'the good' (what is 'the good?'), in every part of life?