



Daily Reflections

June 21, 2019

Scripture

Matthew 6: 19-23

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal.

But store up treasures in heaven,

where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"The lamp of the body is the eye.

If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light;

but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness.

And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be."

Our Scripture Reflection

What is the danger of materialism which Jesus denounces many times?

First, Those who live materialistically are never satisfied. There is no such thing as "enough". While looking for the next "fix", the materialist misses some of the most important and beautiful things in life.

Second, Materialists fail to recognize, appreciate and acknowledge the Giver behind the gift. They fall in love with the creature rather than the Creator.

Third, Because of their disordered loyalty, when things rust, die, are destroyed or stolen, materialists risk lapsing into despair, a gloomy and sinful state. Life lived apart from God is a very lonely existence.

Food for your Journey

The spirit of penitence and the practice of it stimulates us to detach ourselves sincerely from everything superfluous that we have.

—Pope John Paul II, *Fear Not: Thoughts on Living in Today's World* (Mexico: Barnes & Noble, Inc., 2000), 19.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I thank, You and praise You for the many blessings You shower upon each day. May I always see what I have as a gift. May I use the gifts I have received for Your greater glory. Amen