

# Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

## Sermon Scriptures

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**Matt. 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 neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

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**Luke 12:34** “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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**Mark 10:17-23** **17** ¶ As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “**Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**” **18** And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** “You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’” **20** And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.” **21** Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, **and you will have treasure in heaven**; and come, follow Me.” **22** But at these words **he was saddened, and he went away grieving**, for he was one who owned much property. **23** ¶ And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for **those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!**”

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**2 Cor. 8:1-5** **1** ¶ Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in **the churches of Macedonia**, **2** that in a **great ordeal of affliction** their abundance of joy and **their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality**. **3** For I testify that according to their ability, and **beyond their ability**, **they gave** of their own accord, **4 begging us** with much urging for the favor of **participation in the support of the saints**, **5** and *this*, not as we had expected, but **they first gave themselves to the Lord** and to us by the will of God.

**2 Cor. 9:6** ¶ Now this *I say*, **he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly**, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

**Luke 16:10** ¶ “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

**1 Tim. 6:17** ¶ **Instruct those who are rich** in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope **on the uncertainty of riches, but on God**, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

**1 Tim. 6:18** *Instruct them to do good*, to be rich in good works, to **be generous and ready to share**, **19 storing up for themselves the treasure** of a good foundation for the future, so that **they may take hold of that which is life indeed**.

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**Heb. 12:1, 2** **1** ¶ Therefore, since we have **so great a cloud of witnesses** surrounding us, let us also **lay aside every encumbrance and the sin** which so easily entangles us, and let **us run with endurance** the race that is **set before us**, **2 fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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**1 Cor. 9:24-27** **24** ¶ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may win**. **25** Everyone who competes in the games **exercises self-control** in all things. They then *do it* to receive a **perishable wreath, but we an imperishable**. **26** Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; **27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave**, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

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**Phil. 1:20, 21** **20** according to **my earnest expectation and hope**, that I **will not be put to shame in anything**, but *that* with all boldness, **Christ will** even now, as always, **be exalted in my body**, whether by life or by death. **21 For to me**, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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**Phil. 3:14** I press on toward the goal **for the prize of the upward call** of God in Christ Jesus.

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**2 Tim. 2:5** Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize **unless he competes according to the rules**.

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**Col. 3:23, 24** **23** Whatever you do, **do your work heartily, as for the Lord** rather than for men, **24** knowing that **from the Lord** you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

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**Dan. 12:3** “Those **who have insight will shine brightly** like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those **who lead the many to righteousness**, like the stars forever and ever.

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**Matt. 5:11, 12** **11** ¶ “Blessed are you when *people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me*. **12** “Rejoice and be glad, for **your reward in heaven is great**; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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**Luke 6:35** ¶ “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

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**Matt. 6:1, 2, 5** ¶ **1** ¶ “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

**Matt. 6:2** ¶ “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

**Matt. 6:5** ¶ “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

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**Col. 2:18** Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on *visions* he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,

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**2 John 1:8** Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

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**Rom. 14:10** ¶ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

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**2 Cor. 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**1 Cor. 3:10-15** ¶ **10** ¶ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. **But each man must be careful how he builds on it.** **11** For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **13** each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. **14** If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. **15** If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.