

'Five Hundred Million Pounds'

By Steve Turner

The Earl of Grosvenor
has five hundred million pounds.
He is honeymooning in Hawaii.

He has five hundred million
pounds
and he still has to honeymoon
in the world.

He has married Natalia.

She is not my sort of girl.

Five hundred million pounds
and he marries someone
who is not my sort of girl.

The Earl of Grosvenor
carries a black case
in his right hand.

Five hundred million pounds
and he still has to carry
a black case in his right hand.
It is probably heavy.
He will probably sweat.

Damp patches will form
beneath his arms
as if he were a construction
worker
or an unemployed gentleman
carrying a black case.

I expect his shoes hurt
sometimes.

I expect he forgets his
handkerchief.

I expect he wonders whether
Natalia really loves him.

I expect he wonders what it
would be like
to have only four hundred and
fifty
million pounds.

The Earl of Grosvenor takes off.

He wonders whether the engine will catch fire.

He knows you can't pay engines off.

He knows that the ocean is indifferent to millionaires.

Five hours in the air and he is restless.

Five hundred million pounds and he is restless.

**‘Money is better than
poverty, if only for
financial reasons.’**

Woody Allen



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"Let me tell you about the very rich. They are different from you and me. They possess and enjoy early, and it does something to them, makes them soft, where we are hard, cynical where we are trustful, in a way that, unless you were born rich, it is very difficult to understand."

F Scott Fitzgerald, *The Rich Boy*





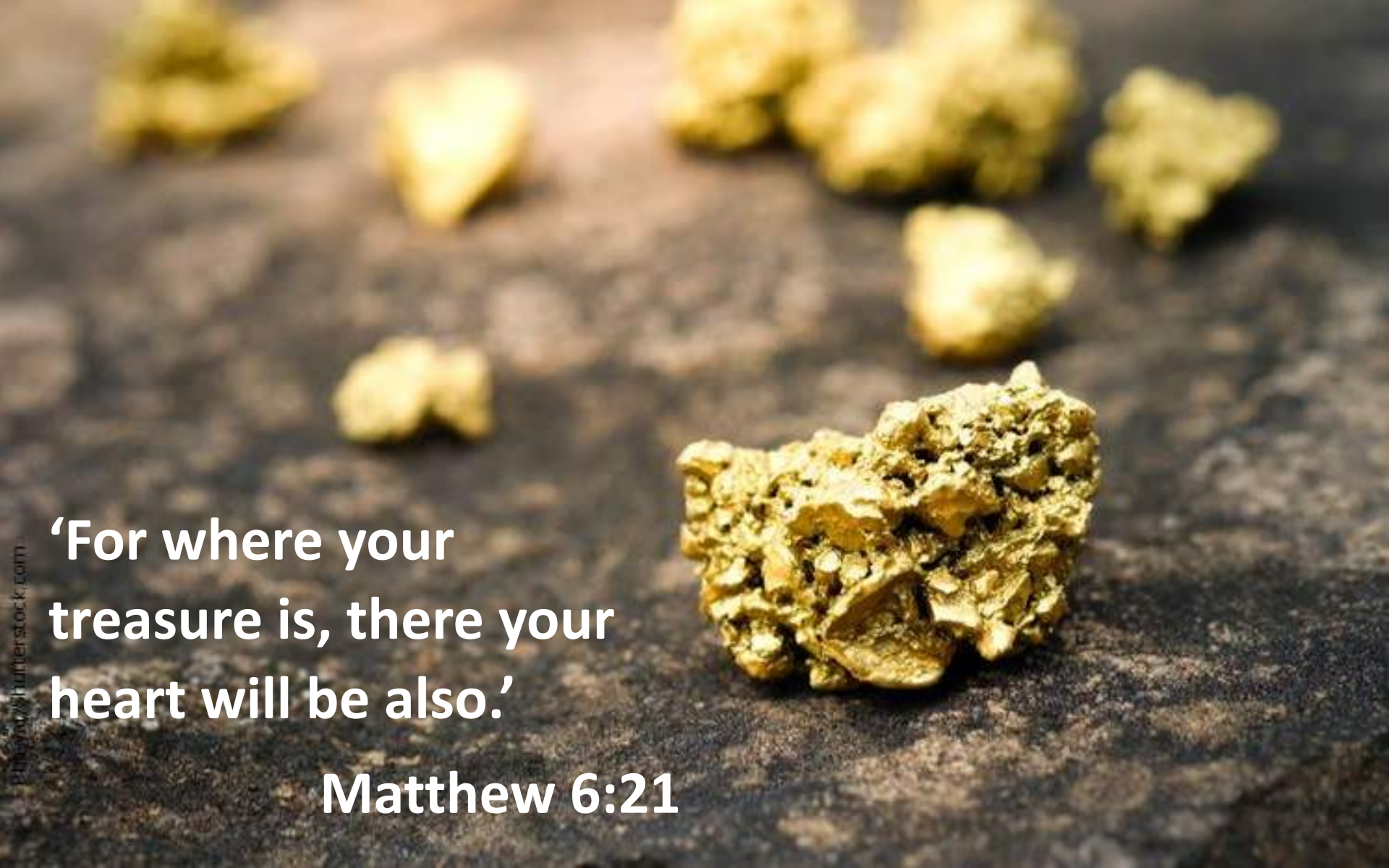
‘No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.’

Matthew 6:24



‘For Christ money is an idolatry we must be converted *from* in order to be converted *to* him... And in point of fact, money has many of the characteristics of deity. It gives us security, can induce guilt, gives us freedom, gives us power and seems to be omnipresent.’

Richard Foster, *Money, Sex and Power*



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

Matthew 6:21



‘Without question, money has taken on a sacred character in our world, and it would do us good to find ways to defame it, defile it, and trample it under our feet. So step on it. Yell at it. Laugh at it. List it way down on the scale of values – certainly far below friendship and cheerful surroundings. And engage in the most profane act of all – give it away.’

Richard Foster, *Money, Sex and Power*

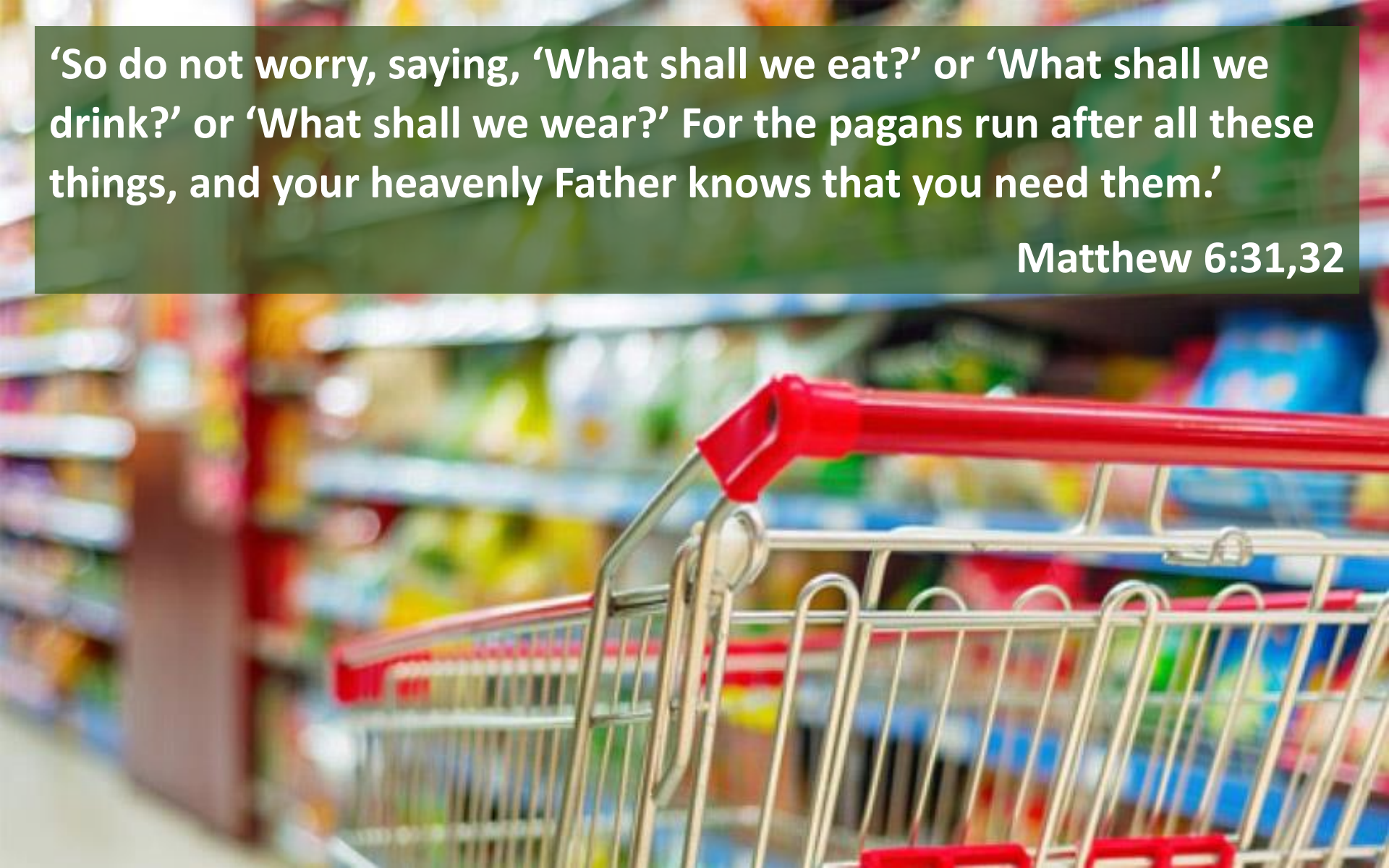
**'Can any one of
you by worrying
add a single hour
to your life?'**


Matthew 6:27



‘So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.’

Matthew 6:31,32



A hand is shown holding a camera lens, with the lens's aperture open. The lens acts as a frame, showing a clear view of a blue lake and green mountains under a bright blue sky with some clouds. The background of the entire image is a blurred version of this same scene, creating a sense of depth and focus on the lens.

**‘But seek first his
kingdom and his
righteousness,
and all these
things will be
given to you as
well.’**

Matthew 6:33