

## Message Outline

*Baseball and the Bible:  
Keep Your Eye on the Ball*



### Matthew 6:33

**Intro:** Swinging at sermons all summer long...

- Last week's Bible/baseball lessons came "in the big-inning" (cf. Gen.1:1)...
  - God's eternal, God's the main character, God as creator...
- Today, most crucial lesson in baseball: "keep your eye on the ball"...
- Living with your eyes on God (cf. Mt.6:33, 7:7, Jer.29:13, Is.55:6-7, Heb.12:2, Ps.63:1, 34:4, 10, Jms.4:8, 1Chron.16:11, Prov.8:17, Dt.4:29, 6:4, Lam.3:25, Amos 5:4, Zeph.2:3, Acts 17:26-27, Col.3:1, etc.)...

**Read:** Matthew 6:19-34

**v.1-18**—Training for seeking God...

**v.19-21**—Jesus' economic lesson...earthly vs. eternal...

- Our heart follows our treasure...

**v.22-23**—Training the eyes...

- Our gaze sets our goings...

**v.24-34**—"Keep your eye on the ball" kind of teachings from Jesus...

### Putting the Ball in Play the Matthew 6 Way

1) \_\_\_\_\_ v.25, 32

- God made us with these basic needs and so He knows our needs...
- He also knows what needs are bigger than even the basics!
- Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing and not getting lost in other things...

2) \_\_\_\_\_ cf. Lk.19:10

- We seek because He first sought...
- Story of Christianity is that God sought you out!

3) \_\_\_\_\_ v.33

- seek/search/pursue...effort is involved!
- Spiritual disciplines of giving, praying, fasting (v.1-18) factor into seeking (v.33).