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MONEY MATTERS

Stewardship Principles for Christ-Followers

Lesson Two • Matthew 6:19-21

The Treasure Principle

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Go ahead and store up treasures for yourself; just make sure you store it up in the RIGHT PLACE.

The Treasure Principle Explained

1. Do Not Store Up Treasures on EARTH!

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.” ~Jesus, Matthew 6:19 NIV

The Reason

Treasures stored up on earth will be LOST.
Prov. 23:4-5, 2Peter 3:10

Be Careful Where Your Treasures Reside

- Treasures on earth are PERISHABLE.

- Treasures on earth are VULNERABLE.

Jesus' Warning Clarified

Jesus does not FORBID financial planning or joyful living on earth, but He does warn against greed, love of money, and selfish accumulation of stuff.
Prov. 6:6-10; Luke 12:15; 2Cor. 12:14; 1Tim. 6:9-10, 17-19;

2. Do Store Up Treasures in HEAVEN!

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” ~Jesus, Matthew 6:20 NIV

The Reason

Treasures stored up in heaven will LAST.

Be Committed to Treasures That Remain

- Jesus tells us to STORE UP treasures in heaven.

- Jesus tells us to store up for YOURSELF treasures in heaven.

- Jesus tells us to store up for yourself treasures in heaven because it's SMART. *Mt. 19:29, Lk. 6:38*

The Heart Connection

My heart always FOLLOWS my treasure.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” ~Jesus, Matthew 6:21 NIV

The Secret of the Treasure Principle

You can't TAKE it with you, but you can SEND it on ahead.
How? By investing in that which lasts forever: God's purposes and people.

What are you living for: the DOT or the LINE?

