

Deciding Where to Store Your Treasure

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:19-21 (New International Version)

This passage answers **three questions about money and possessions**.

● **WHY IS STORING OUR TREASURE ON EARTH SO STUPID?** (Verse 19)

... put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
1 Timothy 6:17b (NIV)

Definition: Storing our treasure on earth happens when a believer uses his or her wealth without considering eternity.

... “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15 (NIV)

“... ‘This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ Luke 12:20 (NIV)

Reasons Why Storing Treasure on Earth is so Stupid

- Because earthly treasure will always be lost.

Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. Proverbs 23:5 (NIV)

“Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house is increased; ¹⁷for when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not descend after him.” Psalm 49:16-17 (New American Standard Bible)

- Because earthly treasure is ultimately worthless.

● **WHY IS STORING UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN SO SMART?** (Verse 20)

Definition: Storing treasures in heaven happens when a believer uses his or her wealth to invest in eternity.

Reasons Why Storing Treasure in Heaven is Smart

- Because God commands it.
- Because heavenly treasure is going to last for all eternity.

Believers are “... *created in Christ Jesus to do good works* ...”
(See Ephesians 2:10)

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:12-13 (NIV)

If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss ...
1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (English Standard Version)

The Treasure Principle

“You can’t take it with you—but you can send it on ahead.”
(Randy Alcorn)

● **WHAT IMPACT DOES STORING TREASURE IN HEAVEN HAVE ON BELIEVERS HERE ON EARTH?** (Verse 21)

Our hearts follow our treasure.

“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:21 (NIV)

- **APPLICATION:** What is God saying to me today? _____
