



Taking Care of your Treasure - Part II
Matthew 6:19-21, 24

Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (NIV)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Five Truths about our Treasure:

I. God is the owner, and we are His managers.

Psalm 24:1 (HCSB)

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

1 Corinthians 4:7 (HCSB)

"What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn't received it?"

II. Your Heart will always follow Your Treasure

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

God isn't looking just for "donors" for His kingdom. He's looking for disciples immersed in the causes they give to. He wants people so filled with a vision for eternity that they wouldn't dream of not investing their money, time, and prayers where they will matter most. - Randy Alcorn

III. Heaven is our True Home and Eternity our true Goal

Philippians 3:18-20 (NIV)

“Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ....Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

IV. The Only Cure for Materialism Is Generosity.

I Timothy 6:17-19 (HCSB)

“Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the age to come, so that they may take hold of life that is real.”

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. - Martin Luther

V. Material blessing is designed to raise our “standard of giving.”

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

