

## **Store Up Treasure In Heaven Matthew 6:19-24**

### **What does it mean to lay up treasure on earth?**

V.21 shows that treasure has to do with our hearts.

So laying up treasure on earth means using money to satisfy our hearts with earthly things.

### **Why not lay up treasure on earth?**

All earthly joys will fade over time and disappear in time.

### **What should I do with my money?**

I should use my money to gain treasure in heaven.

### **What is this treasure in heaven?**

Rev 21:1-4 shows that the treasure in heaven is God.

Seeing Him, beholding Him, worshiping Him is infinitely more satisfying than anything else.

### **How do we lay up treasure in heaven?**

Luke 12:33 shows that we lay up treasure in heaven by giving money to the needy.

That's the main way we lay up treasure in heaven.

But we can also lay up treasure in heaven by using money in ways that help us fulfill His calling on our lives, help us glorify Him, help us advance the Gospel.

This raises lots of questions about how we should spend our money — but Jesus doesn't give any formulas — He focuses on our hearts and asks — what are you seeking as your Treasure?

### **Why is this question so important?**

Seeking treasure in heaven will fill you with light, but seeking treasure on earth will fill you with darkness.

You can't serve God and money.

### **How can we grow in this?**

The most crucial step is — nurture the pleasure you feel in knowing God. As that increases, you will not seek pleasure in earthly things, and you will want to gain more pleasure in God by giving.



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What are some ways you are tempted to lay up treasures on earth?

Do you agree that all earthly joys will fade over time and disappear in time? Why or why not?

Does it make sense to stop laying up treasure on earth — and start laying up treasure in heaven? Why or why not?

How much do you feel that God is your all-satisfying Treasure? Really? How about compared to money or cars or clothes or things?

Do you agree that giving money to the needy will increase your joy in God forever? Why or why not?

Have you ever thought that we were to tithe 10% and the rest was ours to spend as we wanted? Do you agree that this is not what Jesus taught? Why or why not?

How are you doing in nurturing pleasure in God as your Treasure? Why is that so crucial? What steps could you take to grow in that?

What did the Holy Spirit do in your heart through this passage?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.



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