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2. STORE UP TREASURES

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¹⁹ ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² ‘The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ ‘No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

MATTHEW 6

#1.

CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE

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MATTHEW 6

¹⁵ Everyone comes naked from their mother’s womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.

They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶ This too is a grievous evil:

as everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?

ECCLESIASTES 5

#2.

CLARIFY YOUR VISION

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² 'The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

MATTHEW 6

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 TIMOTHY 6

⁸ I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well – the delights of a man's heart. ⁹ I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

¹⁰ I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labour,
and this was the reward for all my toil.

¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;
nothing was gained under the sun.

ECCLESIASTES 2

#3. CHOOSE YOUR MASTER

²⁴ 'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

MATTHEW 6

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is it ultimately foolish and futile to store up treasures on earth? What does the Bible and your own experience reveal about the temporal nature of earthly gains?**
- 2. Jesus says, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” What does your use of time, money, and energy reveal about what you truly value?**
- 3. What does it look like to store up treasures in heaven in your current season of life? Are there any changes God might be prompting you to make?**