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Treasure In Heaven

I have definitely done that. **You have definitely done what?** I have tried to store up treasure on earth. I have attempted to pursue all that the world had to offer. I have sought comfort and pleasure. I have been caught in the grip of greed. I have allowed my mind to be manipulated by materialism. I have been allured by the continual desire for more. I have wanted the next latest and greatest thing that I have been told I needed to have and would be empty without. What a foolish waste of my time, talent and resources. The world and all that is in it offers a bunch of empty promises. I came into this world with nothing, I will leave this world with nothing. **That is mostly, but not entirely true.** What is true and what is not entirely true? **You will take no material possessions and earthly treasures out of this world with you. That is true.** I get that. That thought is now firmly fixed in my heart and mind. **That is good, but that is not enough.** What more do I need to know and do? **You need to know what is not entirely true and then you need to act on it.** What was not entirely true? **You can store up treasure in heaven now, in this life.** I need to know more about that. **Yes, you do.**

How can I store up treasure in heaven? **Do you think it could be possible that I want to use you as a bold and bright witness in the world for me?** Yes, I do. **Might others be drawn to me because they have seen my love being demonstrated in and through your life?** Yes, they might. **Do you think it could be possible that there will be people in heaven because you have allowed me to work in and through your life?** Yes, I do. **I have given you gifts and talents, abilities and resources with which you can serve me. As you serve me, you will be storing up treasure in heaven. As you go where I guide you and do what I ask of you, you will be storing up in treasure in heaven. As you allow me to work in and through you, you will be storing up treasure in heaven. Do you hear what I am saying to you? Do you believe what I am saying to you?** Yes Lord, I hear and believe what you are saying to me. **Will you do the work I give you to do? Will you begin to store up treasure in heaven with me?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I have wasted my time, talents and resources trying to store up treasure on earth. What a foolish mistake. No more! Give me a ministry to others that will make me able to store up treasure in heaven with you. Help me to bear much fruit for your kingdom. Amen

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ESV Matthew 6:19-21

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NRSV Matthew 6:19-21

Becoming Like Christ *Treasures In Heaven*

Do not gather *and* heap up *and* store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust *and* worm consume *and* destroy, and where thieves break through and steal. But gather *and* heap up *and* store for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust *nor* worm consume *and* destroy, and where thieves do not break through and steal; For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

AMP Matthew 6:19-21

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NKJV Matthew 6:19-21

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"Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

MSG Matthew 6:19-21

Becoming Like Christ *Them In Heaven*

"Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven, your heart will be there too.

TLB Matthew 6:19-21

Becoming Like Christ *Treasures In Heaven*

"Don't store treasures for yourselves here on earth where moths and rust will destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is.

NCV Matthew 6:19-21

Treasures In Heaven

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Matthew 6:19-21

In Context: *Read Matthew 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why would it be a waste of your time, talent and resources to store up treasure on earth?

What will one day happen to all treasures that are stored up on earth?

When have you caught yourself trying to store up treasures on earth?

How are you making sure that your heart is fixed on heaven rather than on earth?

What kinds of treasures can be stored up in heaven with the Lord?

How are you using your time, talent and resources to store up treasure in heaven?

What treasure will be in heaven because the Lord has used you in ministry to others?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow the Lord to use you in ministry to others so you can store up treasure in heaven.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you a ministry that will help you to store up treasure in heaven.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are storing up treasure in heaven.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you store up treasure in heaven rather than on earth.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will store up treasure in heaven with you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I store up treasure in heaven with you?
