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## Storing Up Treasure

How do I do that? What does that mean? **What are you asking me?** How do I store up treasure in my heart? **Oh, I am quite certain that you can answer that question.** Are you sure? **Quite sure. I will help you out. I will ask you questions that will point you in the right direction. I will ask you questions that will help you to formulate your answer. What do you treasure? What treasure could possibly be stored in your heart? What treasure in your heart will change the way that you think and speak and act? What treasure will mold and shape your life? What treasure will make you able to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name? What treasure will guard and guide the course of your life? What treasure will last for all eternity?** Now, I am understanding. Now, I have some clarity. I treasure your word. I treasure your promises. If I take your word deeply into my heart and mind and life I will be changed. Your word, doing its work in me, will mold and shape my life. Your word, dwelling in me richly, will change my heart and transform mind. Your word will change the way I think and speak and act. Your word will mold and shape me into the person you want me to become. Your word will help me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Your word will guard and guide the course of my life. All that I now see, all that I can now touch, will one day pass away. Your word will never pass away. Your word will last for all eternity. There is only one thing worthy of being stored in my heart. Your word is like hidden treasure, more valuable than silver or gold, and is worthy to be stored in my heart. That I will do. **That will be very good. Then the goodness of my word, stored in your heart, will come out in your life. What is hidden in your heart cannot stay there. The goodness of my word will overflow and spill out of your life. Then you will be powerfully used by me. Then you will be a bright witness for me in the world. Then the thoughts of your mind, words of your mouth and deeds of your life will be fully pleasing to me.** This is my desire and hope and prayer. I will store up your word within me. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I will store up good things in my heart. I will store the promises of your word in my heart. Help my life to bear good fruit for you. Help my life to bring out the good that has been stored in it. Use my life to bear fruit for you. Amen*

**The Virtuous Life***Stored Up In His Heart*

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

NIV

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Good Treasure Of His Heart*

"For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

ESV

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Treasury Of A Good Heart*

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs never grow on thornbushes, nor grapes on bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

NLT

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Treasure Of His Heart*

"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

NKJV

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Good Treasure Of The Heart*

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

NRSV

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Life-Giving Lives*

"You don't get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree. You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It's who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds.

MSG

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Good Treasure In His Heart*

For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit. For each tree is known and identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramblebush. The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.

AMP

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***From A Good Heart*

"A tree from good stock doesn't produce scrub fruit nor do trees from poor stock produce choice fruit. A tree is identified by the kind of fruit it produces. Figs never grow on thorns, or grapes on bramble bushes. A good man produces good deeds from a good heart. And an evil man produces evil deeds from his hidden wickedness. Whatever is in the heart overflows into speech.

TLB

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Good Treasure Of His Heart*

"For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. "For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

NASB

Luke 6:43-45

**The Virtuous Life***Good Stored In Their Hearts*

"A good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit. People don't gather figs from thornbushes, and they don't get grapes from bushes. Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts.

NCV

Luke 6:43-45

# Stored Up In His Heart

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Virtuous Life** – Luke 6:43-45

**In Context:** Read Luke 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?)***

Lord, I will store up good things in my heart. I will store the promises of your word in my heart. Help my life to bear good fruit for you. Help my life to bring out the good that has been stored in it. Use my life to bear fruit for you. Amen

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

**How are you storing good things in your heart?**

How are you guarding against evil being stored in your heart?

How are you storing the promises of God in your heart?

**How is storing the promises of God in your heart transforming your heart and mind and life?**

Why will what is in your heart always be brought out and demonstrated by your life?

Why will your words always reveal what is in your heart?

**How is your life bearing good fruit for the kingdom of God?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Store up good things in your heart so that they will be able to be brought of your life.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will be able to bring forth the good things that have been stored in your heart.

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**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 good things in your heart.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you bring out good things that have been stored in your heart.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, help me to bring out good things that have been stored in my heart.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I bring out good things that have been stored in my heart?*

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