

ETERNAL TREASURES vs WORLDLY TREASURES

***“A good man out of the good
treasure of his heart brings forth
good things, and an evil man
out of the evil treasure brings
forth evil things.”***

Matthew 12:35

The way we live and act does clearly demonstrate where our treasure lies. In essence, everything about us has its origin in the heart, and as Jesus said:

Luke 12:34, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Why then must we focus on following Christ as Lord?

2 Corinthians 4:18, “For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.”

Deuteronomy 7:6, “For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.”

1 Peter 2:9, “You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

As such:

Proverbs 13:7, “There is one who makes himself rich, yet *has* nothing; and one who makes himself poor, yet *has* great riches.”

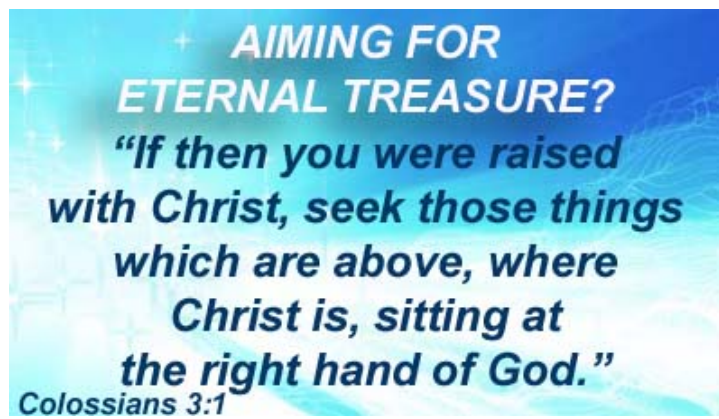
Proverbs 15:16: “Better *is* a little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure with trouble.”

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 13:5, “Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”

Is my treasure with God in Christ, or is it with the world?

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As believers in Christ who have been indwelt with His Spirit, how should we heed the commands of Jesus?

Matthew 6:19-20, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Why?

Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

As such:

Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

What should our life focus then be?

Philippians 3:14, “Press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus?”

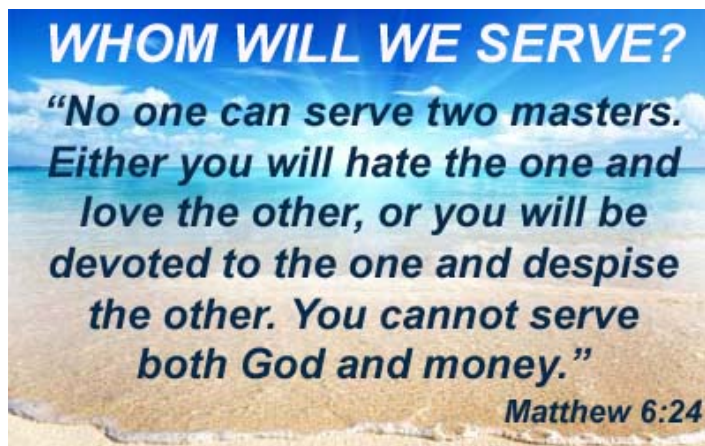
Colossians 3:2: “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

In light of this:

Are the world’s treasures the focus of my life, or is my heart set on seeking God above all?

Have I considered the short span of this life, in light of eternity to come?

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How has Jesus warned us about avoiding the futile pursuits of coveting worldly treasures?

Luke 12:15, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Why?

Matthew 16:26, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

1 Timothy 6:10, “For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

What’s more?

Proverbs 28:22, “A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him.”

Ecclesiastes 5:10, “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.”

Therefore:

Hebrews 13:5, “Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

1 John 2:15, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

Is my heart focused on following Christ to eternal life?

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How must we persevere and endure so as to steadfastly follow Christ as Lord?

James 5:7-8, "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

What's more?

Romans 5:3-5, "We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Therefore:

Hebrews 12:1-2, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Psalms 31:24, "Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD."

Do I trust God and focus my heart on His promises, so as to persevere even through life's trials and challenges?

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REAPING ETERNAL REWARDS

*"I rejoice at Your word
As one who
finds great treasure."*

Psalm 119:162

How does the Word of God define the rewards that await us for steadfastly following Christ as Lord?

James 1:12, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

Why?

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

Matthew 16:27, "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."

Hebrews 11:6, "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

What's more?

1 Peter 5:4, "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away."

In Jesus' own words:

Revelation 22:12, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

Therefore:

Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

Will I choose the fleeting pleasures of the world, or the eternal rewards in following Christ as Lord?

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