

The Sermon on the Mount  
Store Up Treasures in Heaven;  
Matthew 6:19-20

Two Main Commands about Money in Matthew 6:19-34

- \* Store Up Treasures in Heaven
- \* Do Not Be Anxious

Store Up in heaven and not on earth, because earthly wealth is fleeting, heavenly rewards are permanent

Do not be anxious, instead trust God, pray, and seek first the Kingdom of God

The Fleeting Nature of Earthly Treasures

New home smells

New Car Smells slowly diminishes, dings in the doors, etc.

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Insight from the wealthiest man in the world

The fleeting security of earthly positions

We trust in earthly possessions but one day we will die and leave our resources to those who didn't work for it and will likely squander it

Ecclesiastes 2:18-23 Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 2:20-21 Therefore I completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun. When there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge and skill, then he gives his legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil.

We trust in earthly possession, but even while we are still living, there is a lack of physical and mental rest

Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 For what does a man get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun? Because all his days his task is painful and grievous; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is vanity.

We trust in earthly possession to give us physical and mental rest yet sometimes our own circumstances will reflect the foolishness of that trust

Luke 12:13-14 Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

Luke 12:15 Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

Luke 12:16-17 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'"

Luke 12:18-19 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."'

Luke 12:20-21 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

There is an eternal reward if we invest our life and possessions in eternal things

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The certainty and permanence of heavenly rewards

I Corinthians 3:12-14 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

Light and momentary versus: eternal and weighty

The permanent and weighty nature of the heavenly rewards

II Corinthians 4:17-18 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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