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Treasure that Lasts

A. Intro: Have you ever lost a treasure?

B. Big Idea: True treasure is found in living for God not in accumulating stuff and possessions.

C. Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24 NLT – [19] "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. [20] Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. [21] Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. [22] "Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. [23] But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! [24] "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

D. How do we maintain a healthy mindset with money and possessions?
    a. Remember that Stuff on earth doesn't Last
        i. Matthew 6:19 NLT – [19] "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

    b. Focus on storing Treasure in Heaven where it Lasts
        i. Matthew 6:20 NLT – [20] Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.
        ii. Luke 12:33 NLT – [33] "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it.
        iii. John 15:16 NLT – [16] You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.
        iv. Matthew 13:22 NLT – [22] The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.

    c. Live aware that our Heart follows what we Focus On
        i. Matthew 6:21 NLT – [21] Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

ii. Ephesians 5:5 NLT – [5] You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

d. Choose to live in the Tension of serving God and managing Money
   i. Matthew 6:24 NLT – [24] "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.
   ii. Psalm 23:1 NLT – The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
   iii. Matthew 6:33-34 NLT – [33] Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. [34] "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

E. Close: Are you storing up treasure that lasts?
   a. Next Steps
      i. Memorize: Matthew 6:20 NLT – [20] Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.
      ii. Think: Am I trusting in God or trusting in Money?
      iii. Action: Manage God's resources well and Trust Him to take care of you.