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Treasure in Heaven The Right Stuff

- A. Intro: What do you treasure the most in your family?
- B. Big Idea: Invest in God's Treasures that last Forever
- C. Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21 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. ²⁰Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
- D. What is the problem with storing treasures here on earth?
 - a. Treasures on Earth don'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. Treasures on Earth can't be taken with Us
 - i. Ecclesiastes 5:15 NLT – ¹⁵We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us.
 - c. Treasures on Earth can rob us of Focus
 - i. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 NLT – ¹⁰Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors. ¹¹But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.
 - ii. Matthew 6:21 NLT – Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
- E. What are God's treasures that last forever? (What are treasures that moths and rust cannot destroy)
 - a. People that we Point to Jesus
 - i. Luke 19:5 NLT – ⁵When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”
 - ii. Luke 18:16 NLT – ¹⁶Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, “Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.
 - b. Acts of Kindness

- i. Luke 12:33-34 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.
³⁴ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
 - ii. Luke 18:21-23 NLT – ²¹ The man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.” ²² When Jesus heard his answer, he said, “There is still one thing you haven’t done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²³ But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.
 - iii. Matthew 10:42 NLT – ⁴² And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”
- c. Living according to God’s Word and Following the direction of the Holy Spirit
- i. The 10 commandments (Exodus 20 & Deut 5)
 - a. Honor the Lord your God
 - b. No other gods – no idols
 - c. Do not take the Lord’s name in vain
 - d. Honor the Sabbath and keep it holy
 - e. Honor your Father and Mother
 - f. Do not murder
 - g. Do not commit adultery
 - h. Do not steal
 - i. Do not lie
 - j. Do not covet

F. Close: Am I focusing on Earthly Treasure or Heavenly Treasure?

- i. Hebrews 13:5 NLT – ⁵ Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”
- b. Next Steps
- i. Memorize: Matthew 6:21 NLT – Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
 - ii. Think: Is my focus on treasure here on earth or treasure in Heaven?
 - iii. Action: Remove some of the stuff keeping you from focusing on Heavenly Treasure.