## Treasure in Heaven Resources that Matter

- A. Intro: What is a resource you have wasted?
- B. Big Idea: Use your Resources for the Glory of God
- C. Key Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21 NLT <sup>19</sup> "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
- D. What are some of the resources that God has given you?
  - a. Time
    - i. Psalm  $90:12 \text{ NIV} {}^{12}\text{ Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.}$
    - ii. James 4:13-14 NLT <sup>13</sup> Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." <sup>14</sup> How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.
    - iii. Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 NLT <sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. <sup>2</sup> A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. <sup>3</sup> A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. <sup>4</sup> A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.
    - iv. Ecclesiastes 5:18b NLT It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life.
  - b. Unique Personality & Skills
    - i. Exodus 36:1 NLT "The Lord has gifted Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled craftsmen with wisdom and ability to perform any task involved in building the sanctuary. Let them construct and furnish the Tabernacle, just as the Lord has commanded."
    - ii. Acts 1:8 NIV <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
    - iii. Psalm 139:13-14 NLT <sup>13</sup> You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

## c. Money & Possessions

- i. Exodus 4:1-5 NLT But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The Lord never appeared to you'?" <sup>2</sup> Then the Lord asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied. <sup>3</sup> "Throw it down on the ground," the Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand. <sup>5</sup> "Perform this sign," the Lord told him. "Then they will believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—really has appeared to you."
- E. Close: What are the resources you have that you can use for God?
  - a. Proverbs 11:25 NLT  $^{25}$  The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.
  - b. "Generosity is not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa
  - c. Next Steps
    - i. Memorize: Psalm 90:12 NIV <sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
    - ii. Think: What has God put in my hands?
    - iii. Action: Give away something that can be a blessing to someone else this week.