

Heavenly Treasures

Matthew 6:19-21; Colossians 3:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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ADULT

Unit 4 Lesson 7

Supplemental Texts

Matthew 19:16-24; Luke 12:13-34

Focus Verse

“Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.” – Matthew 19:21

Introduction

No other person could tell us about laying up treasures in heaven than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through Him we know and understand that treasures are laid up in heaven while we are still living. To lay up treasures in heaven, we must be saved, follow the instructions of the Lord, and make every effort to bless the members of the body of Christ according to the abilities God has endowed each one of us. Will you start laying up treasures in heaven today?

Deeper Look

Lay Up Treasures In Heaven – Matt 6:19-21

Jesus admonishes us not to hoard treasures for worldly purposes because they will perish one day. Hoarding or amassing worldly treasures has the propensity to cause our heart to be fixed on those treasures, which will perish, instead of God. Jesus said heaven is the only place to amass our treasures because they are safe there, free from ruin and theft. If we use our wealth to do good, they transform into treasures in heaven, upon which our hearts can be.

Seek Those Things Which Are Above – Col 3:1-2

Paul said if we are risen with Christ, we should seek those things which are above. To rise with Christ is to have been buried with Him in His death. We are buried with Him in baptism, and we are raised from the burial with Him by faith (Col 2:12). Our heart must therefore be on the things above (in heaven) because that is where Jesus Christ is, on the right hand of God.

Be Rich In Good Works – 1 Tim 6:17-19

In his letter to Timothy, Paul told him to educate the rich that they should not be arrogant or put their trust in their riches because earthly riches are not failsafe. Rather, their faith must be in God, the Giver of all things. Paul prescribed to Timothy how his audience could properly use their riches—intentional generosity—for the glory of God. Treasures in heaven are failsafe; we lay them up when we “scatter or distribute” our earthly treasures (Prov 11:24; 13:7; Luke 16:9).

Questions

1. List some of your earthly treasures. Place a monetary value on them. Is this amount equivalent to the value of a single treasure in heaven? Explain.
2. What is the issue with amassing earthly treasures for oneself? See Luke 12:17-19. How can we best take advantage of and transform eternally our earthly treasures? Explain.
3. Do people separate with their earthly treasures at some point? What factors known to you could lead to such a separation? Are the factors a reason why Jesus advised storing up our treasures in heaven? Explain.
4. What was the main reason the man recorded in Matt 19:16-24 could not become a follower of Jesus? Is the reason he could not follow Jesus the same for many today?
5. What event in your life gave you the privilege to store up treasures in heaven? Is it possible to store up treasures in heaven without this event? Explain.
6. Why is it crucial to “set your affection on the things above, not on the things on the earth”? How would we know if our affection is not on the things above? Explain.
7. Read 1 Tim 6:17-19. List the outstanding pieces of advice Paul instructed Timothy to give. What is the concept of this passage?

Personal Meditation

A treasure is defined as wealth or riches stored or accumulated, valuable things, anything greatly valued or highly prized, to list a few. Whether treasures are guaranteed or not hinges on where they are stored, and where they are stored renders them eternal or temporary. How do you lay up treasures with eternal value? What must you be doing to amass heavenly treasures? Every good deed, in any form, you do, especially for the people of God, results in treasures in heaven. Our good works will never be forgotten as read in Matt 25:31-40.

How much of this world's wealth do you accumulate? How much time do you expend laying them up? How connected is your heart to this wealth? Do you trust in them or God? Do you honor God with your wealth? Do you put your wealth to use in and for the kingdom of God? Does your wealth control you? Your sincere answers to these questions will help you discern what you must do to have treasures in heaven. Treasures stored up in heaven are eternal. It would be wise to start laying them up now and have our heart focused on heaven (Matt 6:21; Col 3:1-2).

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Matt 6:19-21
Tuesday	Luke 12:16-18
Wednesday	Luke 12:19-21
Thursday	Luke 12:33-34
Friday	Col 3:1-2
Saturday	1 Tim 6:17-19



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