



#1 Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 6:19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE”

**“Show me, LORD, my life’s end and the number of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.**

**You have made my days a mere handbreadth;
the span of my years is as nothing before you.**

Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure.

**Surely everyone goes around like a mere phantom;
in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth without knowing
whose it will finally be.**

But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.”

–Psalm 39:4-7

LAYING UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN

1. Everything Belongs to God
2. We Are God’s Stewards, Asset Managers
3. Invest in Eternity!

Old perspective – accumulating things here on earth, focusing on day-to-day living

New perspective – minimize the old perspective and focus on eternity--
“What difference are we making for eternity?”

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 *And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us... ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

2 Corinthians 8:12 *For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.*

1. A Habit of Giving or a Heart for Giving?
2. Giving Time, Talent, and Treasure

1 Timothy 6:17-19 *...Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

Hindrances:

- Performance giving
- Worldly needs take priority
- Deferred gratification vs. instant gratification
- Can’t afford to give

*“God blesses us to increase our Standard of Giving,
not our Standard of Living”*

How then shall we live?

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Psalms 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Psalms 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Psalms 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Psalms 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Psalms 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Psalms 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Psalms 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Psalms 12 |

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