

Living Generously

What Jesus Says About “Treasure”

I. Introduction

- A. Acts 20:35c (NAS) *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*
- B. Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (NAS) *19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 24No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”*

II. What Jesus Says About “Treasure”

- A. Everybody has treasures.
- B. When you love someone, you honor their treasures.
- C. Be very careful about what you treasure - - because what you treasure ends up shaping you.
 - 1. Psalm 115:4-8 (NAS) *4Their idols are silver and gold, the work of man's hands. 5They have mouths, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see; 6they have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell; 7they have hands, but they cannot feel; they have feet, but they cannot walk; they cannot make a sound with their throat. 8Those who make them will become like them, everyone who trusts in them.*
 - a. You become like what you treasure.
- D. Storing up treasures on earth is not a good strategy.
 - 1. “Am I making a difference with my stuff? Am I just living for the dot, or am I living for the line?”
 - 2. The primary way you “store up treasure in heaven” is by giving to God!
- E. Giving teaches me to treasure the right things.
 - 1. Matthew 6:21 (NAS) *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*
 - 2. “Use your treasure to shape your heart!”
 - 3. “Put your treasure where you want your heart to be!”
 - 4. Matthew 6:33 (NAS) *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

III. Conclusion

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