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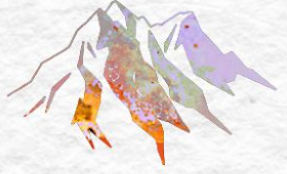




“Our culture often sells us faulty, fantastical maps of “the good life” that paint alluring pictures that draw us toward them. All too often we stake the expedition of our lives on them, setting sail toward them with every sheet hoisted. And we do so without thinking about it because these maps work on our imagination, not our intellect. It’s not until we’re shipwrecked that we realize we trusted faulty maps.”

- James K.A. Smith








James 5:2-3


Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.”





I am persuaded that much of the money insanity that lives in us and around us is the direct and practical result of culturally endemic eternity amnesia...What has gripped most of us and the culture around us is what I call practical me-istic present-ism. It's practical because it really does shape our daily living.

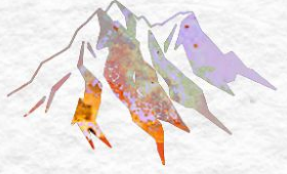




It's me-istic because it puts us and our personal wants, needs, feelings, hopes, and dreams in the centre of our field of concern. It's a fundamentally me-centred way of thinking about life. And it's present-ism because it's all about this moment. In other words, it's fuelled by a short-term view of life rather than the long-view perspective that dyes all that the Bible teaches.

- Paul David Tripp

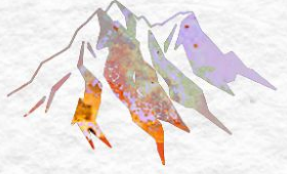




Psalm 119:36-37

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.






Ecclesiastes 5:19

Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

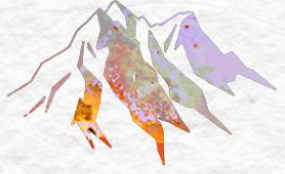




Worldliness is one of the greatest dangers that beset man's soul. It is no wonder that we find our Lord speaking strongly about it: it is an insidious, specious, plausible enemy; it seems so innocent to pay close attention to our business! It seems so harmless to seek our happiness in this world, so long as we keep clear of open sins! – Yet here is a rock on which many make shipwreck to all eternity. They “lay up treasure on earth,” and forget to “lay up treasure in heaven.”.....Open transgression of God's law slays its thousands, but worldliness its tens of thousands.

- J.C. Ryle

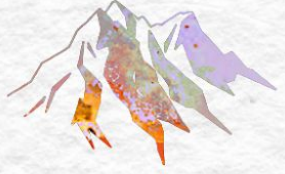




Luke 12:15-21

And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “the land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’”






Luke 12:15-21

And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”






“The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.”

Proverbs 11:26

“the bellies of the poor were much safer storerooms than his barns.”

- St. Augustine

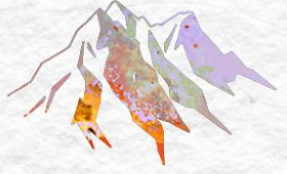




“We think about our treasures, we are drawn toward our treasures, we fret about our treasures, we measure other things (and other people) by our treasures. This is so painfully true that a person who honestly examines himself can pretty well discover what his real treasures are, simply by studying his deepest desires.”

- D.A. Carson

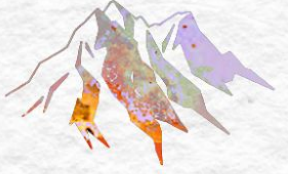




Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

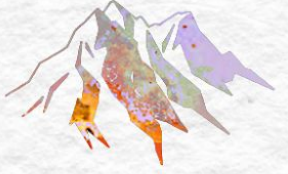




Matthew 13:22

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

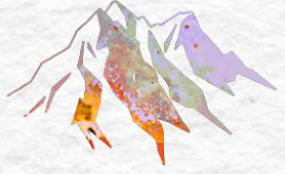




2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.





1 Timothy 6:17-19

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

