

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES PART 2

c. “NOR TO PUT THEIR HOPE IN WEALTH, WHICH IS SO UNCERTAIN”

PROVERBS 23:4-5 LB

4-5 Don't weary yourself trying to get rich. Why waste your time? For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!

PROVERBS 11:28 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

He who leans on and trusts in and is confident in his riches will fall,
But the righteous [who trust in God's provision] will flourish like a *green* leaf.

d. “BUT TO PUT THEIR HOPE IN GOD, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES US WITH EVERYTHING FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.”

HEBREWS 13:5 NIV

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.**’”

PHIL 4:6-7 NCV

6 Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you NEED, always giving thanks. 7 And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

III. PRACTICE GENEROSITY AND GIVING

1 TIM 6:18-19 NIV

18 Command them to **DO GOOD**, to **BE RICH** in **GOOD DEEDS**, and to **BE GENEROUS** and **WILLING TO SHARE**.

19 In 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.

EPH 4:28 GW

They should do something good with their hands so that **they'll have something to share with those in need**.

2 COR 9:6-8 NCV

Remember this: The person who plants a little will have a small harvest, but the person who plants a lot will have a big harvest. 7 Each of you should give as you have decided in your heart to give. You should not be sad when you give, and you should not give because you feel forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily. 8 And God can give you more blessings than you need. Then you will always have plenty of everything—enough to give to every good work.



1 TIM 6:19 LIVING BIBLE:

19 By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

John Stott:

“lay-up treasure in heaven’ is to do anything on earth whose effects last for eternity.”

MATT 6:19-21 LB

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. 20 Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves. 21 If your profits are in heaven, your heart will be there too.

LUKE 16:9 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

9 And I tell you [learn from this], make friends for yourselves [for eternity] by means of the wealth of unrighteousness [that is, **use material resources as a way to further the work of God**], so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can you begin to trust God now when in need?
2. Why do you think laying up treasures in Heaven is more important than laying up treasures on Earth?