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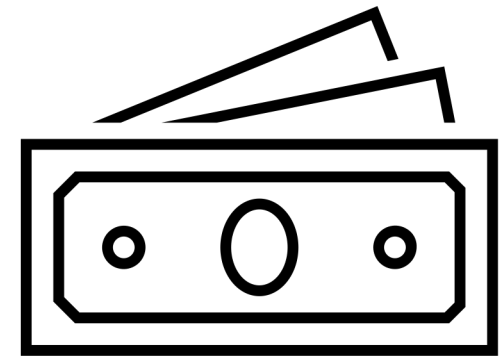
As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

(Romans 14:1–3)





So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

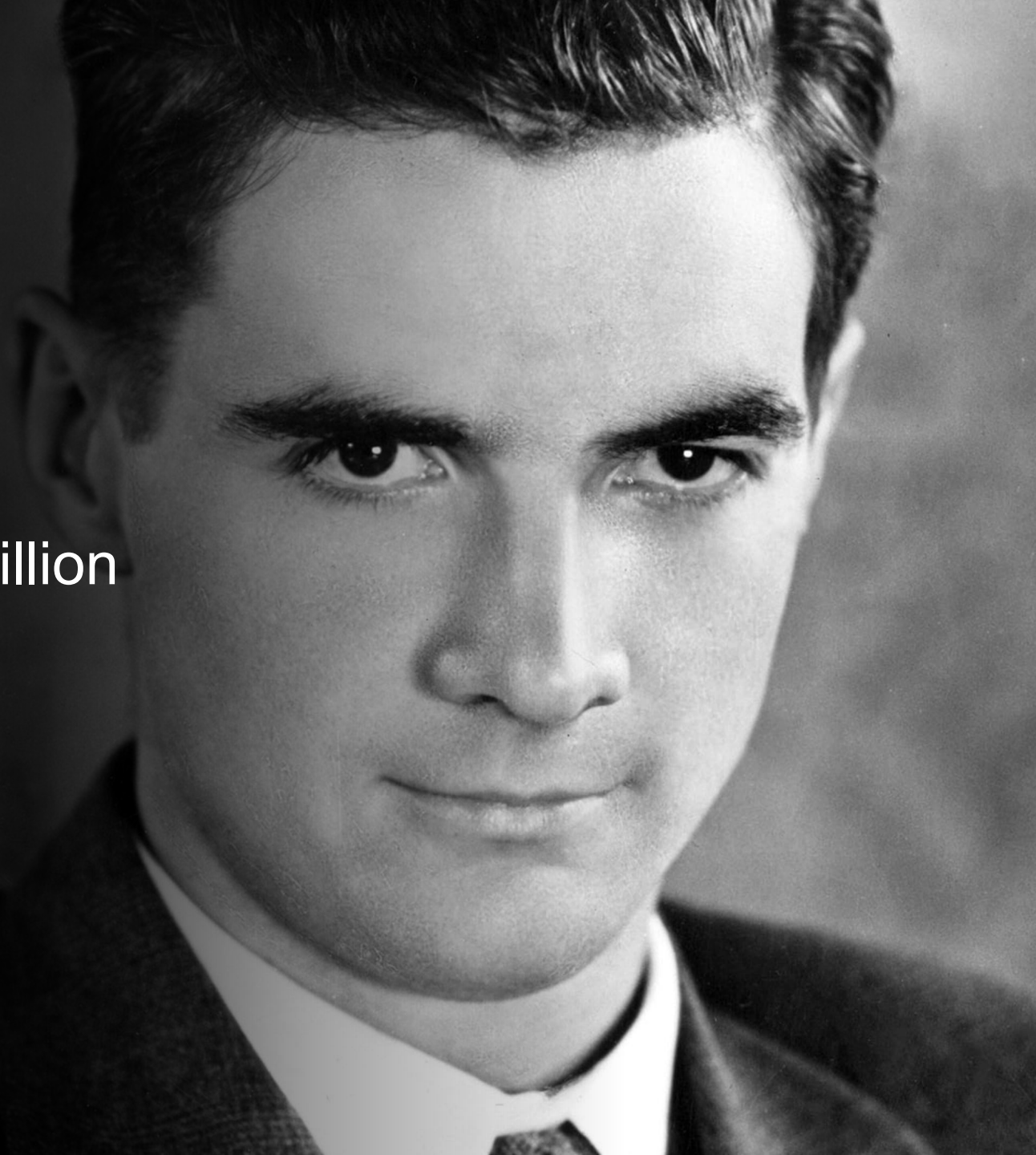




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2023 Average U.S. salary = \$59,000

Time to \$11 billion = 186,439 years



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Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.



Kingdom Values (examples)

- Hungering & thirsting for righteousness (5:6)
- Being salt & light in the world (5:13-16)
- Going the extra mile (5:41), loving our enemies (5:44)
- Giving to those in need (6:3)
- Not being hypocritical in our judgment of others (7:1-6)
- Building our life on the rock of Jesus' words (7:24-27)



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Ecclesiastes 5:13-16

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.



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As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?



“I have held many things in my hands,
and I have lost them all. But whatever I
have placed in God’s hands, that I still
possess.”

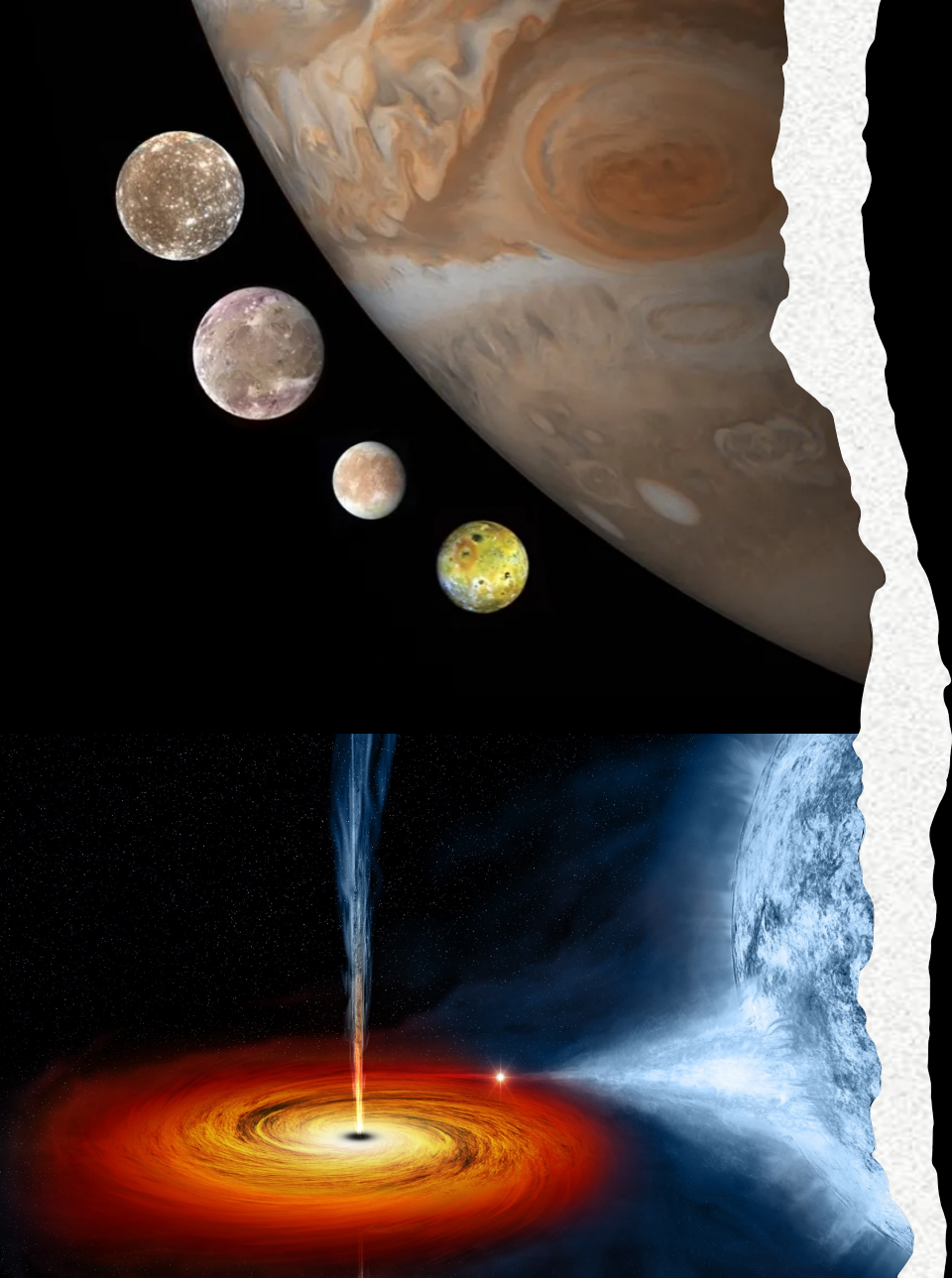
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“The greater the mass, the greater the hold that mass exerts... which explains why the largest planets are capable of holding so many satellites in orbit... like a black hole, a gargantuan cosmic vacuum cleaner, [our treasures] mercilessly suck us into themselves, until we become indistinguishable from our things, surrendering ourselves to the inhuman gods we have idolized.”

(Alcorn, *Money, Possession, and Eternity*, p. 35)



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“Imagine you’re alive at the end of the Civil War. You’re living in the South, but you are a Northerner. You plan to move home as soon as the war’s over. While in the South you’ve accumulated lots of Confederate currency. Now suppose you know for a fact that the North’s going to win the war, and the end is imminent...”

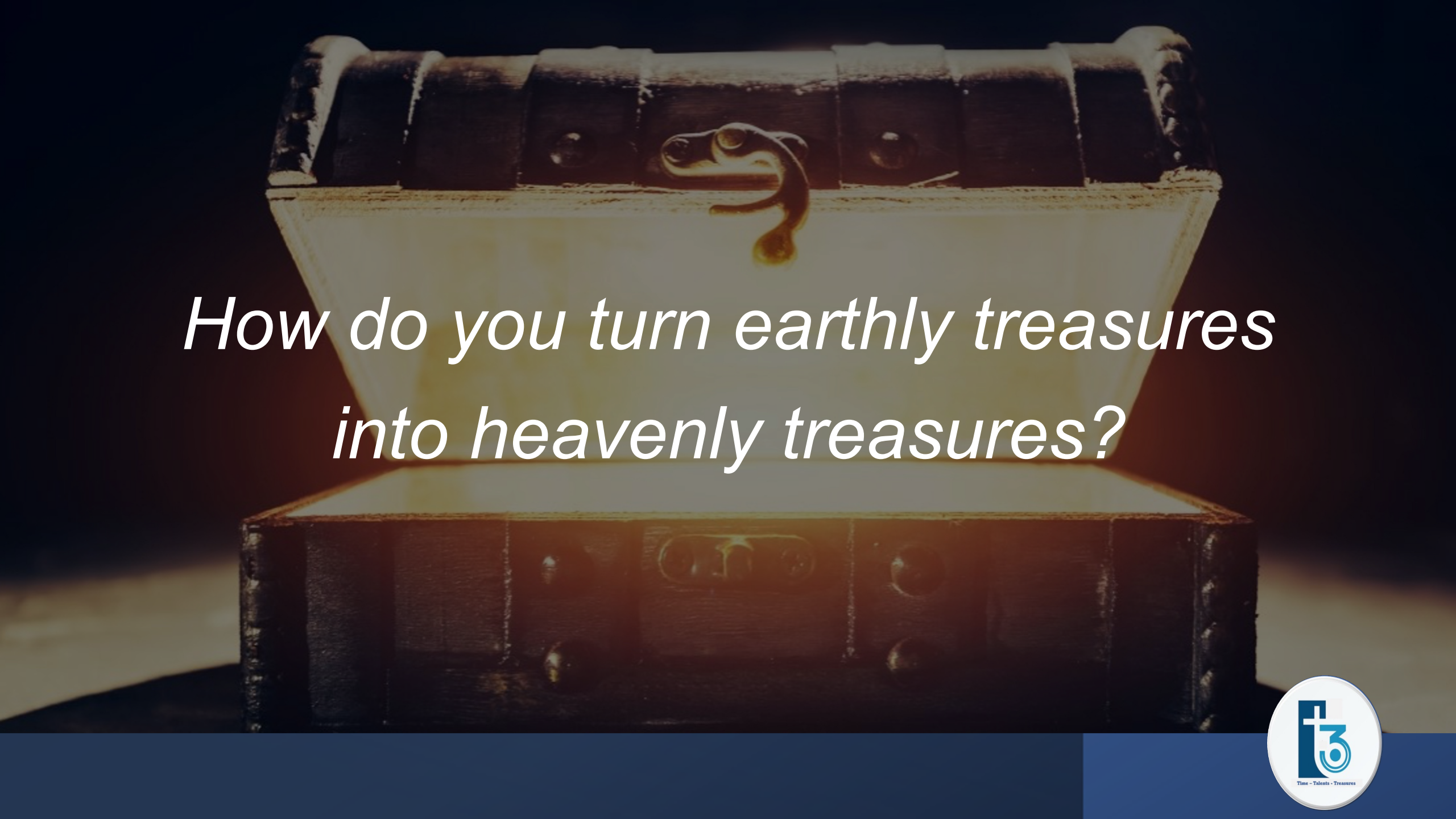
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“What will you do with your Confederate money? If you’re smart, there’s only one answer. You should immediately cash in your Confederate currency for U.S. currency – the only money that will have value once the war’s over. Keep only enough Confederate currency to meet your short-term needs.”

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*How do you turn earthly treasures
into heavenly treasures?*



How To Store Up Heavenly Treasures

Generosity

Acts of
Service

Hospitality

Sharing the
Gospel

Supporting
Missions

Investing in
Discipleship

Seeking
Justice

Integrity in
Business





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