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Matthew 6:19-24

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

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

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²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

Two Paths Store up wealth on Earth Store up wealth in Heaven

John 10:10

"I have come that they might have life, and have it in ABUNDANCE."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Store up wealth on earth Store up wealth Heaven

Luke 12:16-21

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he - thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 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.

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¹⁹ "And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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Motivations to store up wealth on earth: • fear selfishness covetousness appearances



"...do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on." – Matthew 6:25

FEAR

SELFISHNESS

His own Relaxation
His own Eating,
His own Drinking,
His own Being merry

SELFISHNESS

COVETOUSNESS

"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

– Luke 12:15

COVETOUSNESS

APPEARANCES

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others." – Matthew 6:2

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A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall **in his imagination**. – Proverbs 18:11

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But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. - 1 Timothy 6:9-10

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What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. – James 4:1-3

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"Being rich toward God is the opposite of acting as if life consists in the abundance of possessions not in the abundance of knowing God. Being rich toward God, therefore, is the heart being drawn toward God as our riches. "Rich toward God" means moving toward God as our riches. "Rich toward God" means counting God greater riches than anything on the earth. "Rich toward God" means using earthly riches to show how much you value God." – John Piper

We seek the Kingdom of God with our money, first when we treasure the King of the Kingdom as the most supremely worthy.

1) Trusting Him

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:19

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And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. -2 Corinthians 9:8-9

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...counting everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him. – Philippians 3:8

1) Trusting Him 2) Knowing Him

This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

– John 17:3

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change, every good and perfect gift is from God. – James 1:17

And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God. – Ecclesiastes 3:13

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

- 1 Timothy 4:4

1) We seek the Kingdom of God with our money when we treasure the King of the Kingdom as the most supremely worthy. 2) We seek the Kingdom of God, building up treasure in heaven, when we live out the will and the ways of God's Kingdom here on earth.

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

- Genesis 2:15

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But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

- 1 Timothy 5:8

He must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. – Ephesians 4:28

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. -1 Timothy 1:18

"If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." — Matthew 19:21

3) We seek the Kingdom of God, building up treasure in heaven, when we love people with eternity in mind.

We love people with eternity in mind when:

1) We live our lives to make God known.

"A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." - Luke 14:16-17

We love people with eternity in mind when:

 We live our lives to make God known.
 We understand and embrace our eternal family. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

– John 13:34-35

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Acts 2:42-47

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- My generosity: In what specific ways can I increase my generosity towards the marginalized and poor, seeking to reflect God's heart for them in my financial stewardship?