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Jesus' Teaching: Store Up Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-21 [Jesus said,] "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. NIV

Invest our hearts and energy into things that matter.

Protect our love of God.

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. NIV

How can we store up treasure in heaven?

Understand that loving God is tied to loving people.

Mark 12:29-30 "The most important [commandment]," answered Jesus, "is...love the Lord your God...³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." NIV

John 14:21 [Jesus said,] "Whoever <u>has my commands and keeps them</u> is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." NIV

John 14:23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." NIV

John 15:12 [Jesus said,] "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." NIV

John 15:17 [Jesus said,] "This is my command: Love each other." NIV

Mark 10:21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have <u>treasure in heaven</u>. Then come, follow me." NIV

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 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 <u>lay up treasure for themselves</u> as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. NIV