

# Treasures in Heaven

## True Riches

The Lord Jesus tells us to proactively store up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21) – treasures that neither moth, nor rust, nor identity theft, nor crashing stock markets, nor collapsing financial systems can corrupt.

How can we do that? By loving God and loving people with all we are and all we have, and helping our mentees do the same (Matthew 22:27-30; 28:18-20).

It's amazing to think that we could go through our lives being busy and even productive, yet miss what's really important.

So, what are your treasures? How enduring are they? How valuable are they really?

There are earthly treasures that you could seek for your whole life. You could find them, gather them, store them, accumulate them more and more, and still it will be for nought. It will have been a waste of your valuable time, energy and giftedness. They will disappear like old paper that crumbles to dust after time.

But there *are* treasures that will last forever. And whatever time you spend seeking them and acquiring them, will be well spent, with a good return on your investment.

### What Does The Bible Say About True Treasures?

**Malachi 3:16-18** – We will become God's treasure when we fear Him, honour Him, speak about Him and serve Him.

**Matthew 6:19-24; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15** – We lay up treasures in heaven when we serve God and make disciples, teaching them God's truth.

**Matthew 25:21** – The Lord is pleased and will reward us when we invest what He's given us and multiply it.

**Matthew 25:31-40** – We will inherit the kingdom prepared for us when we care for the poor and hurting.

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15** – We build with gold when we build on the solid foundation of the truth of Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1:3; Colossians 2:2,3** – In Jesus we have all the treasures of wisdom, knowledge and every spiritual blessing.

**Colossians 3:23,24** – When we serve the Lord with our whole hearts, in everything we do, we will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

**1 Timothy 6:18,19; Luke 12:33,34** - Being rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share will lay up treasures for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age so we may take hold of the life that is truly life. Where our treasures are, there our heart will be also.

**1 Peter 1:6,7; Revelation 3:18** – We build with gold when we are faithful in trials; we exchange our self-deceiving self-sufficiency for His riches.

**Revelation 22:12** – Jesus says He is coming again and will reward everyone according to what they have done. How we live does matter!

**Revelation 21:7** – Jesus Himself will be our reward – He will be our God and we will be His children.

**1 Thessalonians 2:19,20; 2 Corinthians 1:14; Philippians 4:1** – Our hope, our joy, the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus will be our mentees in whom we have invested!

As we help our mentees to learn and love God's ways, we help them to store up treasures in heaven. In turn, our wisdom will increase as we actively share our faith (Philemon 6) and we will be laying up treasures in heaven as well! This is definitely a win-win proposition!