

Game Over! What Do You Treasure - Notes

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ “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.**

How is treasure defined?

1. Accumulated or stored wealth in the form of money, jewels, or other valuables.
2. Valuable or precious possessions of any kind.
3. One considered especially precious or valuable.
4. A thing or person that is highly prized or valued

What do you treasure most in life?

The proper view of treasure:

- **God owns it all! Game Over!**
- We are suppose to be trusted managers of what God has given us. **Luke 16:10-12** ¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

Biblical ways of acquiring treasure:

- Working (acquires earthly/worldly treasures)

- Investments **Matthew 25:27**²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

Additional Biblical ways of acquiring treasure:

- Receiving gifts **Luke 6:38**³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
- Saving **1 Corinthians 16:2** On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of **money** in keeping with your income, **saving** it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

The correct Biblical ways to use our treasure:

- Meet our own needs and the needs of others **Ephesians 4:28**²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.
- **The correct Biblical ways to use our treasure:** Promote the work of God **Malachi 3:8-11**⁸ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹ **You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.**

¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty.

- **The correct Biblical ways to use our treasure:** Reach our God-given goals **2 Corinthians 8:5** And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.
- **The correct Biblical ways to use our treasure:** Desires of our heart **Psalm 37:4-6** ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Wrong attitudes about our treasure

My treasure is mine.

- (Selfishness) **Philippians 2:3** Do nothing out of **selfish** ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- **James 3:16** For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.
- **Psalm 119:36** Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

Deny God His tithe **Malachi 3:8-11** **8** “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings.

Disregard scriptural financial principles **1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Locations of our treasure

- Earth
- Heaven **Matthew 6:19-20** 19 “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.

How to transfer treasure to heaven

Matthew 19:21 21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

Matthew 13 ⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Our treasure or what we treasure is a personal disclosure of who we are.

Proverbs 4:23 23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

KEY: Where is your heart? **Matthew 6:21** 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. There is a direct correlation between what we treasure and the state of our hearts.

Jesus said in **Luke 6:45**, “The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.”