

**“Treasures in Heaven!”  
(Matthew 6:19-24)**

In Christ’s foundational sermon He provides some key principles for a proper view of money, possessions and giving. Today as we allow the Lord to challenge us in the area of our missions giving, we must also let Him remind us in His word that . . .

**I. Giving Involves STORING (19-21)**

**A. Exhortation for Storing (19-20)**

1. **Where NOT** to Store Treasures (19)

2. **Where To** Store Treasures (20)

**B. Evidence of Storing (21)**

**II. Giving Involves SEEING (22-23)**

**A. Single-Minded Vision/Focus (22)**

**B. Double-Minded Vision/Focus (23)**

**III. Giving Involves SERVING (24)**

**A. A General Principle (24a)**

**B. A Specific Truth (24b)**

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**Icebreaker:** What was something that was a “treasure” to you as a child, maybe a special toy or some other item? How about now, other than house or car, any “toys” you enjoy? 😊

1. Read and discuss Mat 6:19-21. What is the difference between being a person who wisely plans & saves, & the kind of person who lays up treasures for himself on earth? How does the parable in Lk 12:16-21 help us understand this?
2. What are some practical ways to make sure we are laying up treasures in Heaven? (Be sure to consider Phil 4:14-17)
3. How would you put Mat 6:22-23 in your own words? How do these verses add to our understanding of a proper view of money and giving?
4. Why do you think Jesus makes such a strong “either-or” statement about serving God or money in Mat 6:24? What might be some evidences that a person is serving money rather than God?
5. Why do you think God has blessed our “Faith Promise” approach to missionary giving at Cornerstone over the years? In what ways does He bless us when we give faithfully and generously? (Answer in general or share a specific testimony)

**Group Prayer Time**

Be sure to include some of the current prayer requests of our missionaries listed on the October missionary prayer sheet.

**Digging Deeper**

1. How do each of the following passages about crowns tell us things we can do To lay up treasures (rewards) in Heaven – 1Cor 9:24-27; 1 Thes 2:19-20; Jas 1:12; 2 Tim 4:6-8; and 1 Pet 5:4? What additional insights do these verses offer – Mat 5:11-12; 10:42; 1 Cor 3:14; 2 Cor 4:17 and Jas 5:2-3?
2. Jot down biblical principles about managing finances that you find in each of these verses - Prov 3:9-10; 6:6-8; 28:19; Lk 6:38; 2 Cor 9:6-7; 2 Thes 3:10; and 1 Tim 5:8