

My Life's Portfolio

Kingdom Manifesto: Living Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Part 18)

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¹⁹ *"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."*

Matthew 6:19-21

Six Truths About My Treasures:

1. Everybody's Got Treasure

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures but lay up for yourselves treasures..." vs. 19-20

Q1: What are some possible treasures that I may have?

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2. Jesus isn't against Treasures

"...but lay up for yourselves treasures..." vs. 20

Q2: Is it unspiritual to save for a rainy day?

"Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man." Proverbs 6:6-11

'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

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Q3: What do I deeply value that has no eternal significance?

Calibrate: How much of the orientation of my life is 'me-centric'?

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Q4: What could I invest in that is guaranteed not to devalue?

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ 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 6:17-19

Calibrate: What percentage of my life is 'God/Others-centric'?

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5. Our Treasures Govern our Lives

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If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3

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6. So, Choose your Treasure Wisely

“...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” vs. 20

“Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Josh 24:15

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:31-33