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"History's Greatest Sermon," Part 2, Lesson 8 Storing Up Treasures in Heaven

Main Passage: Matthew 6:19-24

The Trouble with Treasures:

- 1. Financial success never _____.**
Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

"After becoming famous and signing multimillion dollar deals, athletes discover those things are great but empty." ~ Gino Reda
- 2. Earthly treasures are _____.**
Matthew 6:19-20

"Sometimes being a player in the playoffs you think you're superhuman, but this makes you realize you're not." ~ Dan Boyle

"There won't be a U-Haul following your hearse."
~ Billy Graham
- 3. Greed _____ the entire person.**
Matthew 6:21-23; 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Luke 12:15

"The only two things you can truly depend upon are gravity and greed." ~ Jack Palance
- 4. A lust for more leads you _____ from God.**
Matthew 6:24

"You can't simply take Christ as a fire escape from Hell and still worship at the altar of self." ~ Denn Guptill

"Either we keep our conscience and reduce our affluence by giving generously and helping those in need, or we keep our affluence and smother our conscience. We have to choose between God and money." ~ John Stott

Keeping Possessions in Perspective:

- A. Be _____ for what you have.**
Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:7-8



"There are two ways to get enough: One is to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less." ~ G.K. Chesterton

- B. Honour God with your _____.**
1 Corinthians 16:2; Malachi 3:10
- C. Be a _____ giver.**
Psalm 37:21

"Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can."
~ John Wesley

"Money is like manure. You have to spread it around or it smells." ~ J. Paul Getty
- D. Remember, only _____ investments truly matter.**
Matthew 6:19-20; Colossians 3:2
- E. Trust God to provide for your _____.**
Matthew 6:25, 32-33

On Your Own...

Four Tests for Determining What You Treasure: (from *Mastering Your Money* by Brian Bill)

The Durability Test.

How long will my things last? Are they temporary or will they last forever in Heaven?

The Heart Test.

Where am I investing my time and money? What excites me the most: Earth or Heaven? Which place makes my heart beat faster?

The Mind Test.

Where do I focus my goals? Am I committed to materialism or spirituality? Do I operate according to God's priorities, or my own?

The Master Test.

Is Jesus my master or is something, or someone, else? Will I serve money on Earth and allow it to be my god, or will I serve God in Heaven with my treasures, which are really His in the first place?

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