MATTHEW6:19-21 GENEROSITY FROM ABOVE

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#### Treasures in Heaven

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.



**Matthew 6:19-21** 

# Sacrifice not the things of greater value.

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- Be wise not to entrust your life on things but on God who provide all good things.
  (This is solid ground).
- Be wise not to be persuaded by temporary glitters; they do not have longevity nor eternity. (These are shaky foundation).
- Be wise to invest on treasures that can never be taken away from you. (Thieves can break in and steal everything you work hard for in a snap).



- Devote your heart to God.
  - Matthew 6:24 "You cannot serve both God and money." -Jesus
- Anchor yourself on God's view of you.
  - Matthew 6:25-27 "You are worth far more than anything in this world." -Jesus



- Worry not.
  - Matthew 6:28-34 "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." -Jesus



- Give and give generously.
  - Proverbs 11:24-25 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.



- Give generously and selectively.
  - Matthew 7:6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces." -Jesus



- Enter the narrow gate.
  - Matthew 7:14 "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." -Jesus

## Principles To Live By

 Let nothing but Christ possess your heart.

1 John 3:17 - If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?



## Principles To Live By

 Your possessions do not have to possess you.

Luke 12:33 - Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.



#### Principles To Live By

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 Practice generosity from above and put your treasures in God's safe.

2 Cor. 9:11 - You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but also in many expressions of thanks to God.

## Conclusion

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Be wise at all times.

Be generous in every way. With that, you are building for yourself treasures in heaven that is safe and secure in the Father's love. No one can snatch these things from you.



#### Pray with us

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ROMANS 10:13

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