

Life's Treasures

Matthew 6:19- Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: (KJV)

Believers make conscious and binding decisions about the treasures to pursue in life. Life's chosen treasures reflect the believer's values held in the heart, mind and soul. The Holy Scriptures serve as the guide for believers to make decisions about treasures. The Lord Jesus Christ offers teachings through the Scriptures about durable treasures. Serious believers take great care and exercise discernment in choosing life's treasures.

Matthew 6:20- But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: (KJV)

Not all treasures chosen by individuals have sound durability and protection from loss. Treasures often embraced by individuals offer benefits which quickly are diminished. Not all treasures appearing as attractive have the durability associated with the Lord. Believers laying up treasures in heaven benefit from the Lord's protective oversight. Treasures in heaven under the Lord's guardianship are secure against outside perils.

Matthew 6:21- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (KJV)

The heart, mind and soul guide and determine the treasures pursued by the believer. Treasures are layed-up in heaven when God fills the believer's heart, mind and soul. God offers the security for the believer's peace of mind when treasures are in heaven. Believers laying up treasures in heaven rest assured that the investments are protected. Treasures layed-up in heaven are sound and secure investments in God's Kingdom.

Matthew 12:35- A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (KJV)

The heart defines and reveals the person's deepest interests and life's treasures. The person's love of God is reflected and demonstrated in life's chosen treasures. Believers do well to constantly evaluate life's treasures to ensure they please God. Repentance and recommitment to the way of Christ encourage treasures in heaven. Joy accompanies good things emanating from the treasures of the believer's heart.

Matthew 12:44- Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. (KJV)

The hunger in the soul guides the believer to the treasure of God's Heavenly Kingdom. The narrow way set forth by the Lord is the treasured path to the Heavenly Kingdom. Applied discernment is always required to seek the treasure of the Heavenly Kingdom. The Lord is ever-present to guide believers in seeking the treasure of the Kingdom. Serious believers seek the Kingdom of God as life's primary goal and treasure. (Mt.6:33)

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