

THE BEST INVESTMENT OF YOUR LIFE

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Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:19-21

WHAT DOES JESUS TEACH US ABOUT TREASURE?

1. _____ has treasures

2. When I _____ someone, I honor their treasures

3. Whatever I treasure, _____ me

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak, eyes but do not see, ears but do not hear, hands but do not feel, feet but do not walk... Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in (treasure) them. Psalm 115:4-8(NRSV)

4. Storing up treasures _____ is foolish

5. I store up treasure when I _____

Then he (Jesus) turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."
Luke 14:12-14(NLT)

Groups That God Commands Us to Care For:

a. The hungry and the homeless

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them,
Isaiah 58:7(NLT)

b. Orphans and widows

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress.
James 1:27(NLT)

c. Prisoners

Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.
Hebrews 13:3(NLT)

d. Immigrants

You must show love to foreigners.
Deuteronomy 10:19(NLT)

e. Sick and afflicted

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Luke 14:13-14(NLT)

f. The oppressed, suffering injustice

God will rescue the poor when they cry to him; he will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them. He feels pity for the weak and the needy, and he will rescue them. He will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious to him.
Ps 72:12-14(NLT)

Let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.
1 John 3:18-19(NLT)

Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?"
James 2:15-16(NLT)

6. _____ teaches me to treasure the right things

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
Matthew 6:21(NLT)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Matthew 22:37

* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted