

"STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES"

One Month To Live, Part 3

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"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath."

Psalm 39:4-5 NLT

Where Is Your Treasure?

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures 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.

...do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear...

Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:19-21,25,32-33

Seek First What Lasts Forever

1. Guard Against _____.

Watch out, be on your guard, against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Luke 12:15

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 'This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:20-21

2. Be _____ In Every Area Of Life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...
John 3:16

...it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them...

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matt 25:14-15,19 TNIV

3. Focus On What _____.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

Philippians 3:7-8

skubalon (skoo'-bal-on); refuse, dung.

Questions For Discussion

- 1) If you realize your treasure is on earth, what do you need to do to shift your treasure toward heaven?
- 2) What kind of greed or materialism do you need to guard against?
- 3) Where does God want you to become more generous?
- 4) What are you focusing on that doesn't really matter? What are you neglecting that does matter? What are you going to do to let God change you?

* All scriptures from New International Version unless otherwise noted