

LAY UP TREASURES

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It is wise to consult an expert when making decisions on a subject. Jesus is the person we should listen to when it comes to the subject of money and material possessions, for he has wisdom that comes from an **eternal perspective**. He had our best interest in mind when he spoke these words to his disciples.

'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' - Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

WARNINGS

- Worldly possessions are temporary and subject to loss. **'Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases, for he will take nothing with him when he dies. His splendor will not descend with him.'** - Psalm 49:16-17 NIV (descent in the afterlife is an ominous prospect)
- **'Whoever trusts in his riches will fall.'** - Proverbs 11:28 NIV
- **'Whoever loves money never has money enough, whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.'** - Ecclesiastes 5:10 NIV (written by Solomon, the world's richest man)
- **'When I fed them, they were satisfied, they became proud, then they forgot me.'** - Hosea 13:6 NIV
- **'Do not love anything in the world/ sinful man boasts of what he has and does -1 John 2:15a, 16b**
- **'Thieves, the greedy and swindlers will not inherit the kingdom of God'** - 1 Corinthians 6:10
- **'What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?'** - Mark 8:36 NKJV
- **'But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud.....'** - 2 Timothy 3:1-2a NIV
- The Babylonian world system of **excessive self-indulgence** will be judged - Revelation 18
- Spiritual leaders should not get rich at the expense of their supporters nor live a lifestyle that greatly exceeds them (also applies to politicians!) **"Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool.'** Ezekiel 34:2.3

WISDOM

- **Keep an eternal perspective.** We cannot take our earthly riches with us after we die, but we can send them on ahead, where they await us in heaven. Jesus has great rewards for those who put his kingdom first and invest in the kingdom of God! **'Lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven'**
- Give to ministries that practice good stewardship where most of the money goes to the needy and not for administrative costs and excessive salaries. For additional insights, go to the [King of Kings section](#) and read our message titled: [Good News for the Poor](#), where we talk about guidelines for charity and giving to the poor.
- Wealth should be used more for supporting the cause of the Kingdom of God rather than one's own selfish ambitions, assets, pride and comfort. **'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'**

**Real prosperity is defined by how much we give away,
not by how much we keep for ourselves.** - Andrew Wommack

**Money is your servant to expand the kingdom. God is your master.
You are His steward called to manage money under his direction.
We are to use money to serve God, not use God to get money.** - Craig Hill

I believe in prosperity with a purpose. Prosperity not for our self-indulgence, being carnal, ostentatious and showy. Carnality does not just mean sexual sin, it means I care more about this world than the world that is to come, and if that's why I want money, that's a sin and money is a curse to you. We need to repent of that. We should not fear lack more than we fear God. Be fearful of pride and showing off. Wealth is probably bad for most Christians. The apostle Paul was poor. Jesus told us to seek first the kingdom of God. (quotes from 18 min. Interview) You Tube: Bobby Schuller podcast)

Never mix money with miracles. Jesus told his disciples:

'Freely you have received, freely give' - Matthew 10:8b

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