

- I. We are “*treasurers*” Col 1:15-20; 2:2b-3
- A. We *are* because *God* is  
Deut 14:2; 17:6; 26:18;  
Mal 3:16-4:2; Eph 1:13-14;  
Ps 135:4; I Pet 2:9;  
Matt 13:44;  
John 4:23-24;  
II Chron 16:9a
- B. God *wants* us to have  
*treasure*  
Luke 6:22-23, 35;  
Luke 14:13-14; 16:11-12;  
Matt 10:42; 19:21, 28-29;  
I Tim 6:17-19; II Cor 8:9
- II. Our treasure’s value depends on its  
*location*
- A. *Earth* is a *poor* place to store  
treasure  
Josh 7:21; II Kings 5:22;  
Luke 12:18;  
Ps 49:16-17; 90:4-5
- B. Treasure stored in *heaven* lasts  
*long - term*  
Rev 22:2;  
Phil 3:7-11; Col 2:2-3;  
Luke 19:16-17; Eph 6:7-8;  
Luke 6:22-23; 14:12-14;  
Matt 5:12; 10:42; 19:21, 29;  
Luke 6:35; 16:11-12;  
Phil 4:17; Rom 2:6, 10
- III. In the *place* we *pile* our  
treasures, we invest our *hearts*
- A. Our hearts *treasure* what  
are *treasure*  
Luke 2:19, 51; Ps 119:11
- B. The treasure of our *hearts*  
*changes* them  
I Kings 11:4; Ps 115:4-8;  
Luke 12:16-21; Heb 12:2;  
Eph 3:16-17

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1. With the current instability of the world economy, have you given any thought to “where to invest” for the future? Have you heard or read any “counsel” about good places to do so?
2. How is Jesus qualified to tell people how to invest? (Even if He was qualified during His earthly days, is He still qualified?)
3. According to these verses (Matthew 6:19-21) and others you might know from the Bible, is it always wrong to seek treasures for ourselves? If not, why? When would it be wrong?
4. What is the first reason that Jesus gives for not storing up treasures on earth (verse 19)? Can you illustrate how each of the specific dangers He lists could happen? In this verse, what’s the “bottom line” of earth’s status of being a poor treasure storage place? (Have you had any of these or similar enemies “destroy” any of your personal earthly treasures?)
5. How is heaven a direct contrast to the inadequacy of earth as a treasure storage place?
6. How could a person actually “pile up” (accumulate) treasures in heaven (since we aren’t there yet)? Can you name at least three ways Jesus tells us we can acquire heavenly treasure?
7. In verse 21, Jesus gives the biggest reason for not storing treasures on earth. What is it? Using the truth of the verse, how could a person “move his heart” from one thing or place to another? Can you give a specific illustration of that from your life, a time when your heart was moved to treasure something that it previously didn’t?
8. One of the consequences of storing treasure in our hearts is that our hearts are, in turn, shaped by what we store there. Can you give an illustration, from the Bible or elsewhere, of someone who stored something in his/her heart and it eventually determined their heart’s condition?
9. Does the illustration of the “confederacy of earth” soon coming to an end and the wisdom of exchanging your confederate money before it does, make any sense to you? If you were going to invest “confederate money” (earthly money) in God’s kingdom today, to what specific causes/people/organizations would you give?

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