

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

#### Matthew 6:19-24

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

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#### Matthew 6:19-24

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

## The Danger of Earthly Treasure



### It is Fleeting v.19

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.





#### It is Blinding v.22-23

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# Blinds us from seeing how truly wealthy we are.



Blinds us from asking hard questions about our relationship with money and possessions.



#### 1 Timothy 6:9

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

### It is Enslaving v.21, 24

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



"The more things we ownthe greater their total massthe more they grip us, setting us into orbit around them. Finally, like a black hole, they suck us in." Randy Alcorn **Treasure Principle** 



## The Delight of Heavenly Treasure



#### It is Lasting v.20

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.





### It is Life Giving v.22-23





## It is Freeing v.24

"You cannot serve God and money"



"It breaks us out of orbit around our possessions. We escape their gravity, entering a new orbit around our treasures in heaven." Randy Alcorn

Treasure Principle



### How Do We Break Free?

1) Look to Jesus as our greatest treasure, example and motivation.



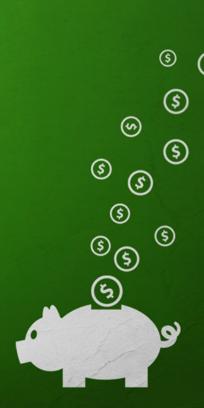
### How Do We Break Free?

2) Reinvest your treasures toward eternity.



# Reinvesting treasures toward eternity

- Tithing
- Paying off Debt
  - Downsizing



# Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor.



#### Luke 12:30-31

For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.