

Treasure Principle

Five Minutes After

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THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.
Matthew 6:19-21

TREASURE KEYS

- #1 God Owns Everything – I'm His Money Manager. Psalm 24:1
- #2 My heart always goes where I put God's money. Mathew 6:21
- #3 Heaven, not earth, is my home. Philippians 3:20
- #4 I should live not for the dot (the now), but for the line (eternity). Hebrews 11:13-16
- #5 Giving is the only antidote to materialism. 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- #6 God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Five minutes after I die, what will I wish I would have given away while I still had the chance?

YOU ARE THE LIGHT

Generosity will be visibly **RECOGNIZED**. Ro. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:7

ATTITUDE

HUMBLE generosity. Matthew 6:2-4; Romans 12:3-8

CONNECTING THE DOTS

My **MOUTH** reveals my heart. Matthew 12:34

“Jesus is Lord” = He is my **MASTER**. 1 Corinthians 12:3

My treasure **REVEALS** my master. Luke 16:13

Give in light of a sense of **DESTINY**. Esther 4:14

Giving is a skill that needs **PRACTICE**/discipline.

⁷But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

MY GIVING COVENANT

- 1 – I affirm God's full ownership of me & everything entrusted to me.
- 2 – I set aside the firstfruits – a percentage – of every wage I receive as belonging to the Lord.
- 3 – Out of the remaining treasures, I seek to be generous.
- 4 – I ask God to teach me to give sacrificially including helping the poor and reaching the lost.
- 5 – Knowing that I cannot take earthly treasures with me, I determine to lay them up in heaven for the good of others and Christ's glory.
- 6 – I ask God to show me how to lead others to the present joy & future reward of the Treasure Principle.

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