

Treasure Principle

Treasure Traps

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Biblical Worldview – seeing life, world events, situations, personal tragedies, and even my own thoughts **THROUGH** God’s word.

GOD’S INTERNAL WARNING SYSTEM

- Conscience & Holy Spirit

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE REVIEW

You can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.

Matthew 6:19-21

TREASURE KEY #1

God Owns Everything – I’m His money Manager. Psalm 24:1

TREASURE KEY #2

My heart always goes where I put God’s money. Matthew 6:21

TREASURE TRAPS – opinions and perspectives that the world promotes & believes concerning our valuables.

PARADOX – a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd, but in reality expresses truth. cf. John 12:25 Proverbs 25:21-22 Matthew 23:12

TREASURE KEY #3

HEAVEN, not earth, is my home.

¹⁸...many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:18-20 cf. Hebrews 11:16, John 14:1-3, Corinthians 5:20

TREASURE KEY #4

I should live **NOT** for the **DOT**, but for the line.

¹³All these people (OT believers) were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:13-16 cf. Hebrews 11:6

MATERIALISM – the theory or viewpoint that physical well-being and worldly possessions make up the greatest good & highest value in life. cf. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11, Ecclesiastes 5:10

TREASURE KEY #5

Giving is the only ANTIDOTE to materialism.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

TREASURE DARE CHALLENGE

- 1 – Ask God to **IDENTIFY** which key you need to consider most.
- 2 – Ask Him for the ability to **LIVE** by that key this week.
- 3 – Begin **MEMORIZING** Matthew 6:19-21 to protect against the treasure traps.

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