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Intro

Proverbs 23:5 - In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.

Proverbs 6:6-8 - Go to the ant... consider its ways and be wise! It stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

Luke 12 - “The ground of a certain rich man produced an abundance. So he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, since I have nowhere to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I’ll store all my grain and my goods. Then I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. Then who will own what you have accumulated?’

Job: "Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I'll depart." (**Job 1:21**)

Paul: So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (**2 Cor. 4:8**)

No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation... their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light... The fire will test the quality of each person's work. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. (**1 Cor. 3:11-14**)

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - Command 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. Command them

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to *do good*, to *be rich in good deeds*, and to *be generous and willing to share*. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1. Your treasure reveals where your heart is.

1) What do I think about when I'm free to think about whatever I want? What occupies my mind?

2) What do I worry about the most? My position? My investments? My house? My reputation?

3) Apart from my loved ones, what do I most dread losing?

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4) What are the things that I measure others by? We measure people by what we treasure. Do I measure others by their clothes? By their education? By their home? By their athletic ability? By their looks? By their success in the business world?

5) What can't I be happy without?

2. Your treasure reveals where your focus is.

James 1:5 - If you need wisdom, ask our *generous* God, and He'll give it to you.

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3. Your treasure reveals who your master is.

C. S. Lewis: "Aim at heaven and you'll get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you'll get neither."