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Series: Entrusted: Being Faithful with What God Gives Us!

Title: PART 4: *Earthly v. Eternal Treasures*

Text: Matthew 6:19-24 NLT

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT (Teaching about Money and Possessions)

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

I. The Danger of Earthly Treasures – What you Accumulate Can Consume You (v. 19)

- **Exegetical Context:**
Jesus is mid-sermon on the Mount, warning that earthly accumulation creates spiritual corrosion. The Greek word *thēsauroizō* (“to store up”) means hoarding for self-centered gain. **The danger isn’t wealth itself—it’s worshipping it.**
- Earthly treasures are temporary: moths, rust, and thieves destroy them.
- **Treasures** include more than money:
 - 💰 Money & possessions
 - 🏆 Position & influence
 - 🧠 Intellect
 - 👥 Relationships
 - 🛏 Comfort
 - 🗣 Reputation
 - 🙋 Leaders (honor them, but don’t idolize them)

Luke 12:15 – “Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

II. The Value of Eternal Treasures — What You Invest in Eternally, God Secures Forever (v. 20)

Foundational Truths:

1. **God is First** – Proverbs 3:9
→ Honor the Lord with the first fruits of your wealth.
2. **God is the Source**– Deuteronomy 8:17–18; James 1:17
→ Wealth is not self-made; it’s God-given.
3. **How to Be Rich** – 1 Timothy 6:17-19 - “*Be rich in good deeds...*lay-up treasure for the coming age.

Application: God is not against wealth—but **He is against wealth without purpose.**

III. The Test of the Heart — What You Treasure Reveals Whom You Trust (v.21)

Exegetical Context:

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” **The “heart” is the control center of your life.** You’re spending and giving patterns reveal your true allegiance more than your words ever could.

Matt. 7:24-26 NLT – **Wise v. Foolish Builder**

²⁴ “Anyone who **listens to my teaching and follows it is wise**, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

- **Proverbs 4:23** – “Guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

Application Thought: If you don’t define your beliefs about giving, the culture will define them for you.