



## **48. Your Treasure and Your Heart**

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,”* Matthew 6:19-21.

Treasure on earth is fleeting. *“When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth*

*certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens,"* Proverbs 23:5. Earthly riches come and go ... and none can be taken with us when we die. The only treasures that last forever are those that we store up in Heaven. Those don't diminish, can't deteriorate, and aren't stolen. And our hearts follow our investments.

One bank in the US was named *Fleet Bank*. Isn't that an appropriate name for a place to keep our fleeting earthly treasures? Keep your priorities focused on eternal riches rather than on the temporary riches of this world. Gaining earthly treasures is fine if you use them to invest in the true

treasures of Heaven. Direct your treasure toward the only three things that are eternal ... God, God's Word, and people. There's an easy test to see if these three are truly your heart's commitment ... look at your treasures. Jesus said, "*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" To what do you give? Be careful that the world has not squeezed you into a mold of self-centered giving. Is our giving money to buy a soft cushion for our chair at church really giving when someone in a remote church doesn't even have a chair?

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