

Exceedingly Above - A Life of Investing

“Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.” – Matthew 6:19-20 GW

Three Ways to Store Up Treasures:

1. _____.

“When you put on a dinner don’t invite your friends and your relatives and your rich neighbors for they will repay you by inviting you back. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the godly God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.” – Luke 14:12-14 NLT

Five Groups of People God Commands Us to Care About:

▪ _____.

“Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor, give clothes to those who have nothing to wear.” – Isaiah 58:7 TEV

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“What God considers to be pure and genuine religion is this to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering.” – James 1:27 TEV

▪ _____.

“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners and those who are mistreated as though you yourselves were suffering.” – Hebrews 13:1, 3 TEV

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“You must show love to foreigners.” – Deuteronomy 10:19

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2. _____.

“Our love should not just be words and talk. It must be true love which shows itself in action.” – 1 John 3:18 LB

“Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing and you say, ‘God bless you. Stay warm and eat well.’ Then you don’t give that person any food or clothing, what good does that do? The answer is nothing. It’s worthless. It’s just empty emotion.” – James 2:16

Significance and satisfaction in life comes from service.

“Only those who throw away their lives for My sake and for the sake of the good news will ever know what it means to really live.” – Mark 8:35 LB

The selfish, self-centered life is not really living, it’s just existing.

“If you wait for perfect conditions you’ll never get anything done.” – Ecclesiastes 11:4 NLT

3. _____.

“Tell people to use their money to do good. They should give happily to those in need and always be ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven. It’s the only safe investment for eternity. And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.” – 1 Timothy 6:18 TEV

“When you give to the poor it’s like lending to the Lord and the Lord will pay you back.” – Proverbs 19:10 LB

“When you happen on someone who’s in trouble or needs help, don’t look the other way pretending you don’t see them. Don’t keep a tight grip on your purse. Give freely and spontaneously. Don’t have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God’s blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures.” – Deuteronomy 15:7-9 MSG

What triggers God’s blessing? Caring, daring, sharing.

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
