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THE ONE ABOUT MONEY PART 2: STORING UP TREASURE

ICEBREAKER: GRAB & GO

We all have things that hold special meaning - something we'd never want to lose. Maybe it's expensive, or maybe it's priceless for other reasons. Imagine for a moment your house is on fire, and everyone is safe. You have just enough time to grab one thing on your way out. What would you make sure you didn't leave behind? What gives these specific items so much value?

READ: WHERE'S MY TREASURE?

In our first conversation about money, we looked at how everything we have ultimately belongs to God - and how following Jesus means learning to trust Him with whatever's in our hands. But few things test our trust like money.

Jesus understood that money isn't just a financial matter; it's a *faith* matter. That's why He spoke about it so often. Nearly one-third of His parables involve money or possessions, because the way we handle what we have reveals what - and who - we truly trust.

Read Matthew 6:19-24

- What stood out to you as you read Jesus' words?
- Why do you think Jesus ties "treasure" and "heart" together?
- In your own words, what does it mean to *store up treasure in heaven*?
- What might it look like today for someone to try to "serve two masters"?
- If you took an honest look at where your money, time, and energy go, what would it reveal about where you're currently storing your treasure?



Those are tough questions to think about - but that's kind of the point. Jesus wanted us to notice how quickly our trust can move from *God* to *what we have*. In Luke 12, He tells a parable about a man who thought he was set for life ... until God showed him what really mattered.

Read Luke 12:16-21

- What stands out to you about the man's attitude toward his success and possessions?
- How does this story challenge the way we define security or success today?
- The man made plans for his future but never considered God in them. What might it look like to include God in your financial or life plans?
- Jesus ends by saying, "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." What do you think it means to be rich toward God?
- In what ways might we be tempted to "build bigger barns" — to rely on storing more rather than trusting God more?

READ & DISCUSS: WHAT LASTS FOREVER

It's easy to get caught up chasing things that feel urgent but won't last - the next paycheck, the next purchase, the next comfort or goal. But Jesus keeps inviting us to lift our eyes beyond the temporary. He reminds us that every earthly treasure eventually fades - money runs out, stuff breaks, and success is forgotten.

The things that last in God's Kingdom are different: faith, love, people, and obedience to God's call. When we invest our time, resources, and energy into those things, we're building something eternal. Reorienting our hearts toward God's Kingdom means asking Him to reshape what we value - to teach us to love what He loves and prioritize what He says truly matters.

- What are some of the "temporary treasures" that tend to capture your attention or affection?
- What would it look like this week to invest in something that lasts — something that matters in God's Kingdom?

CHALLENGE: THE TREASURE TEST

This week, take a step that puts your *trust* into *action*. Pick one small, tangible way to let God lead in your finances - not out of guilt, but out of faith. Here are a few ways to start:

- **Give in secret** to meet a need - no credit, no spotlight.
- **Pay it forward** by covering someone's meal, coffee, or grocery bill.
- **Trade comfort for Kingdom** - skip one small luxury this week and use that money to bless someone else.

As you do, notice what starts to happen in your heart. When you loosen your grip on money, you'll realize God's never loosened His grip on you. That's what it really means to store up treasure in heaven.