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Everyday Christian: The Heart / Heart; Treasure / Matthew 6:21

Treasure has at best only short-term benefit but can bring spiritual dangers. Spiritual treasure is of eternal value and comes from knowing and serving God.



Matthew 6:21 *ESV*

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The limitations of accumulated treasure

It is easily lost

Isaiah 64:11 *ESV*

¹¹ Our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised you,
has been burned by fire,
and all our pleasant places have become ruins.

It is no security against God's displeasure

Proverbs 11:4 ESV

⁴ Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

It does not satisfy

Ecclesiastes 5:10 ESV

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

The spiritual dangers of accumulated treasure

It can lead to pride

1 Timothy 6:17 ESV

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

It can lead a person away from God

Revelation 3:17 ESV

¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

It can lead to greed; dishonesty; idolatry

Luke 12:15 ESV

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Spiritual treasure

Treasure consists in knowing God and his wisdom

Colossians 2:2-3 ESV

² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

God's Word and Kingdom is supreme treasure

Psalm 119:72 ESV

⁷² The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Matthew 13:44 ESV

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Spiritual treasure is more important than material possessions it is of eternal value

Hebrews 11:26 ESV

²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Luke 12:33 ESV

³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

