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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.

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**Matthew 6:21** *ESV*

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## The limitations of accumulated treasure

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It is easily lost

**Isaiah 64:11** *ESV*

<sup>11</sup> 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**

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

It does not satisfy

**Ecclesiastes 5:10 ESV**

<sup>10</sup> 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

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It can lead to pride

**1 Timothy 6:17 ESV**

<sup>17</sup> 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**

<sup>17</sup> 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**

<sup>15</sup> 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

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Treasure consists in knowing God and his wisdom

**Colossians 2:2-3 ESV**

<sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

### God's Word and Kingdom is supreme treasure

**Psalm 119:72 ESV**

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

**Matthew 13:44 ESV**

<sup>44</sup> "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**

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

**Luke 12:33 ESV**

<sup>33</sup> 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.

