*“The Dangers of Lesser Treasures”*

## Matthew 6:21 & 33

*“21 Wherever your treasure is,*
*there the desires of your heart will also be.”*
*33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else,*
*and live righteously,*
*and he will give you everything you need.*

## *Luke 12:13–21 NIV*

*“Someone in the crowd said to him,*
*“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”*
*14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge*
*or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them,*
*“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a*
*man’s life does not consist*
*in the abundance of his possessions.”*
*16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain*
*rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself,*
*‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’*

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***18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” ’***

***20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’***

***21 “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”***

***Lesser Treasures often appear as wisdom***

***Question:***

***"Are my decisions forming me into someone who trusts God more,***
***loves people more,***
***and lives open-handedly before Jesus?"***

***Possessions promise more than they can provide***

***Verse 20***

***“But God said to him,***
***‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you,***
***and the things you have prepared,***
***whose will they be?’”***

***verse 21:***

***“So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”***

***True Wealth is being rich toward God***

***1 Peter 1:3–4 ESV***

***"According to his great mercy,***
***he has caused us to be born again***
***to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ***
***from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable,***
***undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."***