

"God's Greatest Treasure"

Part three of the series: "Legacy: Making an Eternal Difference"

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"And he (Jesus) told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." ¹⁸Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" ²⁰But 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?" ²¹This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.'" (Luke 12:16-21 NIV)

Endeavor to live life through the lens of eternity.

"He (Moses) chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." (Hebrews 11:25-26 NIV)

Recognize that our true home and inheritance is in heaven.

"...our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ..." (Philippians 3:20 NIV)

"...People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home...they were after a far better country than that—heaven country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them." (Hebrews 11:14-16 MSG)

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21 ESV)

Because people are God's greatest treasure we are to bring heaven to them.

Jesus last words, will and testament to us:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (people groups), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)

"...Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4 ESV)

We are to reach the treasure of upcoming generations.

"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him." (Matthew 4:18-22 ESV)
