

The Six Keys to Treasure Living

God owns everything. I am his money manager.
*We are managers of the assets God has entrusted – not given
– to us.*

My Heart always goes where I put God's money.
*Watch what happens when you reallocate your money from
temporal things to eternal things.*

Heaven, not Earth, is my home.
*We are citizens of a "better country – a heavenly one."
(Hebrews 11:16)*

I should live not for the dot but for the line.
*From the dot – our present life on Earth – extends a line that
goes on forever, which is eternity in Heaven.*

Giving is the only antidote to materialism.
*Giving is the joyful surrender to a greater person and greater
agenda. It dethrones me and exalts Him.*

God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but
to raise my standard of giving.
*God gives us more money that we need so we can give –
generously.*



The Treasure Principle

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Life Group Study Guide

Week 1 – BURIED TREASURE

Reading Assignment: Chapter 1 of *Treasure Principle*

SOAP Text: Matt 6:19-20, 13:44 & 19:16-26.

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Complete the following chart comparing the two men:

	<i>The Traveler</i>	<i>The Rich Young Man</i>
Amt Invested		
Change in Wealth		
Emotional State after decision		

1. What in this life do you tend to see as valuable? How does this compare to the value of eternal treasure?
2. Why do you think we tend to see earthly now treasures as valuable and lasting? Where does our thinking go wrong?
3. Explain how the desire to store up eternal treasure that Jesus speaks of is not a sinful desire.
4. List out three of the questions that stand out to you the most and note why they do.

Scripture to Study This Week: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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Week 2– COMPOUNDING JOY

Reading Assignment: Chapter 2-3 of *Treasure Principle*

SOAP Text: Lk 19:1-10, Mal 3:6-15, Lk 11:42

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1. Can you imagine losing everything or even losing control of your finances and possessions? How do you think you would react to an experience like the author describes?
2. How does a steward think differently than an owner?
3. Which category do you most often fit into?
4. How do we move from “believing” that God owns everything to truly and wholeheartedly believing that God owns everything?
5. Do words like “joy,” “exciting,” “fulfilling,” and “wonderful” describe how you use your finances?
6. Do you really believe it is more blessed to give than to receive? What might a living belief in this look like in your life?
7. How has this study challenged your priorities and perspective? How have you seen God’s grace at work in your life and in the lives of those in your group?

Scripture to Study This Week: Matthew 25:31-46

Week 4 – GETTING STARTED

Reading Assignment: Chapter 5-6 of *Treasure Principle*

SOAP Text: Lk 12:13-21, Lk 16:1-13

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1. What principles can be drawn for our giving from the Old Testament practices of tithing and giving of the first-fruits of one's income?
2. Do you agree that practicing giving makes giving easier? How do you think this works?
3. What is your first thought when you are given a surplus? What usually drives how you spend a surplus? Is this right or wrong? Explain.
4. Does each day bring you closer to losing your treasure or gaining your treasure? Why is thinking about death helpful in evaluating one's view of wealth?
5. Have you personally experienced the truth that your heart always goes where you put God's money? If so, give an example.
6. Where do you want your heart to go? What changes in the way you spend your money will you consider to move towards this goal?

Scripture to Study This Week: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Week 3 – ROADBLOCKS TO GIVING

Reading Assignment: Chapter 4 of *Treasure Principle*

SOAP Text: Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 8:1-18

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1. Do you agree that the greatest obstacle to giving is the illusion that earth, not heaven, is our home? Explain.
2. Does considering the final destination of your possessions help put them in perspective? What possession would be most difficult for you to deliver to the landfill right now? Why?
3. If God were to audit your finances, would He conclude that you live more for the “dot” or more for the “line”? What would some of His observations be?
4. How do possessions tend to rule our lives? What part of this is an unnecessary pursuit of possessions and what part is simply part of living in our current culture and society? In what ways could we simplify our lives?
5. In your own words explain *Treasure Principle Key #5- “Giving is the only antidote to materialism.”*
6. What kinds of practical steps and strategies will you seek to implement in order to remember and live in light of the truths of this chapter?

Scripture to Study This Week: 1 Timothy 6:3-10, 17-19