

## LEGACY 2: TREASURE IN HEAVEN

**There's more to this life than this life.**

**The Motivation: Heaven.**

**1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**Because heaven is my home, not earth.**

**John 14:1-3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

**Philippians 3:18-20 (NIV)**

**The line is longer than the dot.**

**Hebrews 11:14-16 (MSG)** <sup>14</sup> People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home. <sup>15</sup> If they were homesick for the old country, they could have gone back any time they wanted. <sup>16</sup> But 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.

**There's limited time and incredible opportunity.**

**Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**Because it's smart.**

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**Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

**Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)** "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

**How can we be rich toward God?**

**1. Give myself to God.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

**2. Act like a steward, not an owner.**

**Psalm 24:1 (NIV)** The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

**3. View everything through the lens of eternity.**

**Hebrews 11:25-26 (NIV)** <sup>25</sup> He (Moses) chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. <sup>26</sup> 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.

**4. Be intentional.**

**2 Corinthians 9:7 (MSG)** I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

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