

Where is Your Storehouse?

Sermon outline (I Timothy 6:17-19 and Luke 12:13-21)

- I It is foolish to store-up our treasures here on earth.
 - A. 2020 has been a year of losses-COVID19, Fires, Hurricanes. It makes us aware that our everlasting home is in heaven.
 - B. Parable of rich fool teaches folly of laying-up earthly treasure
 - 1. His problem wasn't that he'd become prosperous.
 - 2. His problem-his selfishness. God had prospered him, not self/didn't think how to serve God/others w/his wealth
 - 3. He wasn't in control of his lifespan, so didn't get to enjoy any of his wealth; that's why Jesus says he was a fool.
 - 4. Not foolish because he was rich, but because he should have been storing-up treasure in heaven, not on earth.
 - C. 3 reasons why storing-up treasure in heaven is better:
 - 1. **Safety**-There's no corruption/theft in heaven. It's secure.
 - 2. **High Yield**-heavenly investment yields 30-60-100x more
 - 3. **Wellness**-“where your treasure is, there your heart'll be”
Your money will follow your heart; & your heart-your \$
- II Where your treasure is, is where your heart is going to go.
 - A. Need to lead our hearts to heaven by investing things there, things like money for God's work, helpful words & deeds.
 - B. \$ is hard to give if trying to maintain a high living standard, like if your mortgage is more than you can really afford.
 - C. God may call us to downgrade/simplify our lives to free-up \$
John Wesley lived on 28 pounds, gave away most of the rest.
 - D. Saving money for retirement is a concern for many people, but we must remember the rich fool in Jesus' parable.
- III We must store-up our treasures in heaven.
 - A. Ervin Jackson of LeGrand CA saved lots of \$ during his life. Lived very simply/invested in stocks/was a big church donor
Stored-up heavenly treasure by his words/deeds/and money.
 - B. Paul & Maryanne Forgy gave to the Lord w/\$, words, deeds
Lived simply/supported & visited missionaries-me in Japan.
 - C. If world was a village of 100- 6 control ½ of \$, that's USA
 - D. I Tim 6-don't hope in \$, but in God, be generous/share=Life
 - E. Any \$/service you give to the church is treasure in heaven!