

Where's My Bailout

"Using My Treasures Wisely"

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"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matt 6:18-21**

*"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income... As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand." **Eccl 5:10-15***

God owns _____ I am His _____

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

My heart always goes where I put _____.

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." **Matt 6:21***

Heaven, not earth, is my _____.

"They admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own...Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one."

Heb 11:13b, 14, 16a

I should live not for the _____.

“Moses chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as a greater value than all the treasures of Egypt. Because he was looking forward to his reward” . Heb 11:25-26

Giving is the only _____ to materialism.

“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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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” . 1 Tim 6: 17-19

God prospers me not to raise my standard of _____ but to raise my standard of _____

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. Here comes the statement that is so important You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.” 2 Cor 9:10-11a

My Giving Covenant

I affirm God’s full ownership of me and everything entrusted to me.
I set aside the firstfruits—at least 10 percent—of every wage and gift I receive as holy and belonging exclusively to the Lord.
Out of the remaining treasures God entrusts to me, I seek to make generous freewill gifts.
I ask God to teach me to give sacrificially to His purposes, including helping the poor and reaching the lost.
Recognizing that I cannot take earthly treasures from this world, I determine to lay them up as heavenly treasures—for Christ’s glory and the eternal good of others and myself.
I realize God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Translations Used: NIV=New International Version unless otherwise labeled. NKJV=New King James Version

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