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## Where Do You Place Your Treasure?

[Matthew 6:19-21](#)

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

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“I searched the world...But it couldn't fill me...Man's empty praise...And treasures that fade  
Are never enough...Then You came along...and put me back together...And every desire...is  
now satisfied...Here in Your love.”

Whenever I hear this song called *Graves Into Gardens* by Elevation Worship, I instantly think of this passage in Matthew. Treasures that eventually fade are stolen, rusted, or otherwise made unusable are just that – temporary.

Where do you place your treasure? Many of us may have items of sentimental value or monetary value that we have under lock and key. Perhaps they are in a fire-safe box, a safe, or a safety deposit box at a financial institution. Maybe they are displayed with pride in our homes.

It's not the “things” that are the issue, but when we place more value on these objects that do not matter in eternity, we lose focus.

In this passage, Jesus says that what a person values the most is where their heart is. Our hearts should be focused not on these earthly treasures, but on living our time here on earth following Jesus and then our eternal life in Heaven.

If we are following Christ here on earth, serving others, and living in community with one another, those are the treasures we should place value in.

And as the song goes, “there's nothing better than You.”

*Prayer: God, thank you for loving us and putting us back together when we need it. Help us to discern where our real treasures lie and make us mindful of how we can be good stewards of those treasures. Amen.*

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