

If we see this world as our home, we'll store up treasures on **earth**.

If we see heaven as our home, we'll store up treasures in **heaven**.

Each person sits in one of two chairs:

- ◆ The **naturalist** chair
- ◆ The **supernaturalist** chair

Materialism can be understood in several ways:

- ◆ **Philosophical** materialism
- ◆ **Dialectical** materialism
- ◆ **Practical** materialism

The Christian's perspective: there is a **horizontal** extension into a life to come.

Treasure Principle Key #4

I should live not for the dot but for the line.

Giving is **living** for the line.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose" -Jim Elliot

We think we **own** our possessions, but too often they **own** us.

Happy pilgrims travel **light**.

Jesus says:

"Beware of covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
-Luke 12:15

"Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys."
-Luke 12:33

"I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon."
-Luke 16:9

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." -Matthew 6:21

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1) What hurdles do you wrestle with as you grow in your giving?

2) What aspects of this world are most effective at luring your affections away from heaven? What methods have you used to combat this competition for your heart?

3) Discuss a few popular TV, radio, bumper-sticker, or billboard ads, and analyze their messages. What is true in each one? What is false? What is the strategy used to sell you on the message?

4) Pastor Dave spoke of a practical materialism. How have you experienced the tyranny of material wealth as your master? What has been your experience of God as your Master?

5) Brainstorm a few strategies for keeping the brevity of the "dot" and the unending length of the "line" more clearly and consistently in view.

6) Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. In what way might the teaching of this passage speak to a practical materialism?



Redeeming Notes

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Luke 12:32-34

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You can't take it with you - but you can send it on ahead.

The Treasure Principle

Treasure Principle Key #3

Heaven, not earth, is my home.

Some hurdles to giving:

- ◆ **Unbelief** - we just don't believe God's promises.
- ◆ **Insecurity** - so we hold on **tightly** to money and possessions.
- ◆ **Pride** - we see money and possessions as **ours**.
- ◆ **Idolatry** - money becomes our **god**.
- ◆ **Desire for power and control** - I command **attention** and **control**.

Perhaps the highest hurdle:

- ◆ The **illusion** that earth is our home.