

Laying Up Treasures

by Mary Wilder Tileston

The sermon emphasizes the importance of aligning our hearts with God's kingdom through our actions and intentions to lay up treasures in heaven.

Scripture: Matthew 6:20, 1 Corinthians 3:10, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Colossians 3:23, Revelation 21:2

Topics: "Heavenly Rewards", "Kingdom Living"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of laying up treasures in heaven, highlighting the connection between our treasures and our hearts as mentioned in Matthew 6:20-21. Charles Gore explains that any act, thought, or word that promotes the kingdom of God is stored up in the divine treasure-house, awaiting its eternal reward in the heavenly city. Brooke Foss Westcott encourages believers to transform the conditions in which they work into temples where they serve, recognizing that these elements are essential for building a life dedicated to God.

Transcript

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

--MATTHEW 6:20,21

SINCE I am coming to that holy room

Where with the choir of saints forevermore

I shall be made Thy music, as I come

I tune the instrument here at the door,

And, what I must do then, think here before.

--JOHN DONNE

TO lay up treasure in heaven is to do arts which promote, or belong to, the kingdom of God; and what our Lord assures us of is that any act of our hands, any thought of our heart, any word of our lips, which promotes the divine kingdom by the ordering whether of our own life or of the world outside--all such activity, though it may seem for the moment to be lost, is really stored up in the divine treasure-house; and when the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem, shall at last appear, that honest effort of ours, which

seemed so ineffectual, shall be found to be a brick built into that eternal and celestial fabric.

--CHARLES GORE

We cannot remove the conditions under which our work is to be done, but we can transform them. They are the elements out of which we must build the temples wherein we serve.

--BROOKE FOSS WESTCOTT

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