

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20 NLT

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Where did Jesus get his ideas & illustrations from? Did he buy a book off rabbi.com? Or, did he spend time with people, watching their lives, talking about their dreams, pain and passions? The beauty of this “store up” idea is that every human knows what it is to gather, save and spend. I don’t have a big “moth” problem in SoCal, and there’s always those stinky “moth-balls” or cedar planks. However, CLOTHES are still a big deal today. And SHOES, oh my goodness - it’s a multi billion dollar industry. Who would have ever dreamed we’d need more than one pair? We’ve got another modern innovation - the closet! So now there’s walk-in closets, or tiny houses for our threads! Rust and thieves, yep, we still have that too. So the planet and the wickedness of humanity itself is ALWAYS there to take what we try to “store” save or even hoard. Yeah, we could buy better deterrents, protective devices and security, but the point is - it’s all TEMPORARY! The stuff is only good to have or impress while here on earth. Jesus introduces a whole new economy that runs on something far more valuable and eternal. Something that is super resistant to moths, rust and perps. Something that forever gains in value, never decreasing, never even fluctuating in the market. Jesus is talking about Bitcoin! No, I’m just kidding, there’s no digital currency where we’re going. It’s YOU! It is humans! It is the souls of humanity that were created in perfection and yet increase in value forever over time. Clothes, cars and cash are ridiculously worthless in heaven because we’ll be clothed in light (looks good on everyone), we’ll be flying (can’t wait) and have no need to buy and sell to meet our physical needs - yes, I wrote physical. If you’re thinking about investing, start NOW. Quit trying to fill closets, garages and banks with stuff that will be worthless in eternity. Invest in your neighbors, your family and your friends. Invest in God’s Kingdom economy which is all about redemption of humans. Buy stock by giving to people, organizations and projects that lift and love humans and give them the gift of grace through Jesus Christ!

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Dad,

Who would have EVER imagined that I’d be this rich? No one would have guessed that I would be the richest person in my whole chaotic family. Oh, not with cash or savings, that’s for sure - but extremely, dripping with love, valuable relationships with people we have invested in. I don’t want to stop now, that’s for sure. I pray that I could double my investment portfolio in the Kingdom of God before I vacate this place. Help me lead and live in such a way that gives me the TIME to see that happen.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root