

Matthew 6:20

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Words to Find:
 "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

The Young Convert

D. L. Moody

A young convert got up in one of our meetings and tried to preach. He could not preach very well either, but he did the best he could.

Someone stood up and said, "Young man, you cannot preach.

You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Said the young man, "So I am, but I am not ashamed of my Lord."

That is right! Do not be ashamed of Christ — of the man that bought us with His own blood. Do the best you can!

"When a man turns to God desiring to serve Him, God directs his attention to the world and its need." — Brunner

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Hearses Don't Tow U-Hauls

Bill Brinkworth

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." *Matthew 6:19*

Thousands of years ago in Egypt, rich, powerful pharaohs prepared for their burial ahead of their death. They sought and hired some of the wisest mathematicians, architects, masons and engineers. Detailed precise plans were designed.

Different locations were examined and finally the right spot was surveyed. The construction was begun. Thousands of men and women were engaged for the mammoth task. Many slaves were also used.



Stonecutters were sent to task to provide one to ten-ton granite blocks. The stones were slid along cobbled roadways or brought in by barges. It was a

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Not Yet

Spurgeon

Whitefield and a company of ministers were talking together and expressing their desire to go to heaven. Good Mr. Tennant was the only man who differed from them. He said he did not wish to die; and he thought that if they would but consider for a time, they would not wish to be gone either. He said, "If you hire a man to do a day's work, and he is saying all the day, 'I wish it were evening. I wish it were time to go home,' you would think, 'What a lazy fellow he is,' and you would wish you had never hired him."



George Whitefield

"So," he said, "I am afraid it is nothing but our idleness that often prompts us to desire to be away from our work. If there be a soul to win, let me not stop until I have won it. Truly, some of us might summon up courage enough to say, 'I would fain barter heaven

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grueling task. Many died from the heat, lack of food, and from tragedies in handling the massive blocks.

Each block was transported to the building site. Slowly, with much care, the blocks were put in their precise, designed-for position. Block after block was hoisted into their place. It took the tedious work of many, many years to complete the monument.

At last the work was done. The tomb of the pharaoh was completed. The pyramid was a marvel of precision. Blocks, without mortar, were laid so close together that not even a matchbook cover can be placed between many of the block joints.

The pharaoh looked upon it with his age-dimmed eyes, knowing that one day he would be buried in a hidden room amidst the tons of granite. Finally, that day did come for the pharaoh. He died. His corpse was specially prepared with herbs, ointments, and linen wrappings. His prearranged orders were carried out.

The pharaoh's body, his faithful servants, wives, pets, and many of his prized possessions were sealed, sometimes alive, with him in the tomb. He

believed that in a next life he would be able to enjoy all his earthly treasures.

However, his treasures are still there, if they have not been plundered by thieves or taken away to museums. He found out too late, as will many other millions, that no matter the provision, one cannot take anything from this life into the next.

If people have trusted in the shed blood of Jesus Christ for their salvation, they have the promise of heaven; but what will they find awaiting them in heaven? Their earthly treasures will be left behind where the moths will consume them, will decay by rust, or be taken by thieves or family relatives.

After a person is saved, he has a responsibility to live for and serve the Lord. In doing so, he will be rewarded for what he has done for the Lord. Serving the Lord in one's life can send treasures ahead to one's heavenly bank account, where it will be appreciated later — when we spend eternity there.

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:20-21

If you are saved, have you

deposited into that heavenly account? You cannot take your earthly treasures with you when you leave this life. The Hearse that may drive you to your final resting place will not have a trailer-hitch to tote your valuables along with you. Send your "treasures" ahead, where they will draw heavenly interest rates!

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for the glory of Christ, and not only wait twenty years out of heaven if I may have twenty years of glorifying Him the better, but wait out altogether if I may outside heaven sing to Him sweeter songs, and honor Him more than I can inside its walls; for outside heaven shall be heaven to me if it shall help me to glorify my Lord and Master the better."

Nothing for a Christian to Do?

C. H. Spurgeon

Nothing for a Christian to do? You are lazy, sirs; lazy, listless, sluggish, or else you would never raise such a question. It is not, "What should I do," but, "Where shall I begin doing it?"

I would say, begin at the point that is nearest to you. So they did when they built the walls of Jerusalem. Every man built opposite his own house. There, you see, the advantage was he had not to walk two miles to his work at noon and then

come back at night. He built opposite to his own house, so he was spared all that trouble. When he had a little leisure time, when he went to his dinner, he could sit and look at his work, and think how to do it better next time.

There was a further advantage in that. Much economy and great benefit would come of it were Christians to work near where they live, and take up that part of Christian service most congenial to their circumstances and to their tastes. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do next to thine own door, do it with all thy might!

His Timing

Author Unknown

*Our plans may be disjointed,
But we may calmly rest;
What God has once appointed
Is better than our best.*

*When we seem to stumble,
He will not let us fall;
And learning to be humble
Is not lost time at all.*

*What only seemed a barrier,
A stepping-stone shall be;
Our God is no long Tarrier,
A present Help is He.*

*If all things work together
For ends so grand and blest,
What need us to wonder whether
Each in itself is best?*

"No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has."

— Beecher

"God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called."