Title: Where is your treasure?

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# a. Heart issue

#### Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

# b. Our heart follows our treasure

#### Matthew 6:20

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

#### c. Free from anxiety

## Matthew 6:25, 31, 34

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

# d. Kingdom mindset

#### Matthew 6:32-33

<sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

## e. Joy through generosity

## Proverbs 14:21

He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.

#### Proverbs 22:9

He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

# Acts 20:35

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

#### f. Free will

# Exodus 25:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

## **Exodus 25:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> ... from each man whose heart prompts him to give.

#### Exodus 35:4-5

<sup>4</sup> And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying: <sup>5</sup> 'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;

# Exodus 35:20-21

<sup>20</sup> And all the congregation of the children of Israel <u>departed from the presence of Moses</u>. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone came <u>whose heart was stirred</u>, and everyone <u>whose spirit was willing</u>, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.

#### Exodus 36:6-7

<sup>6</sup> So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, <sup>7</sup> for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.