THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

You can’t take it with you—but you can send it on ahead. “Store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.”

Jesus, Matthew 6:20

Treasure Principle Keys

God owns everything; I’m His money manager.

We are the managers of the assets God has entrusted—not given—to us.

My heart always goes where I put God’s money.

Watch what happens when you reallocate your money from temporal things to eternal things.

Heaven—the New Earth, not the present one—is my home.

We are citizens of “a better country—a heavenly one” (Hebrews 11:16).

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

From the dot—our present life on earth—extends a line that goes on forever, which is eternity in Heaven.

Giving is the only antidote to materialism.

Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda. It dethrones me and exalts Him.

God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.

God gives us more money than we need so we can give—generously.
Ecclesiastes 5:10-15
ON MONEY AND HAPPINESS
paraphrases by Randy Alcorn

“Whoever loves money never has money enough.”
            The more you have, the more you want.

“Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.”
            The more you have, the less you’re satisfied.

“As goods increase, so do those who consume them.”
            The more you have, the more people (including the government) come after it.

“And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?”
            The more you have, the more you realize it doesn’t meet your real needs.

“The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.”
            The more you have, the more you have to worry about.

“I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner.”
            The more you have, the more you can hurt yourself by holding onto it.

“…or wealth lost through some misfortune.”
            The more you have, the more you have to lose.

“Naked a man comes from his mother’s womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.”
            The more you have, the more you have to leave behind.