

**The Treasure Principle: The Principle of Purpose**  
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**Matthew 6:19-21 NLT**

*“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. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”*

**Matthew 6:24 NLT**

*“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

**Psalms 25:12-13 TLB**

*Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best. He shall live within God’s circle of blessing, and his children shall inherit the earth.*

**Mark 4:19 NIV**

*“...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.”*

**Proverbs 29:18a NKJ**

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint...*

"Where there is no purpose, there is no self control, no moral conviction, no eternal boundaries."

**4 Levels of Where People Live Concerning the Use of Money:**

1. PAY DEBTS: Living for the PAST
2. SPEND IT: Living for the NOW
3. SAVE/INVEST IT: Living for the FUTURE
4. GIVE IT: Living for ETERNITY

### **Matthew 19:16-29 NLT**

*Someone came to Jesus with this question: “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” “Why ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.” “Which ones?” the man asked. And Jesus replied: “You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.” “I’ve obeyed all these commandments,” the young man replied. “What else must I do?” Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!” The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.” Then Peter said to him, “We’ve given up everything to follow you. What will we get?” Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.*

### **Principles of Purpose:**

1. PURPOSE TRANSFORMS YOUR VALUES.

### **Mark 8:36 NKJ**

*“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”*

## 2. PURPOSE IS BUILT AROUND ESTABLISHING GOD'S COVENANT.

### **Deuteronomy 8:7-20 NKJ**

*“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.”*

## 3. PURPOSE CAUSES THE BLESSINGS OF GOD TO COME.

### **Proverbs 19:21 NIV**

*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*

**Romans 8:28 NLT**

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*