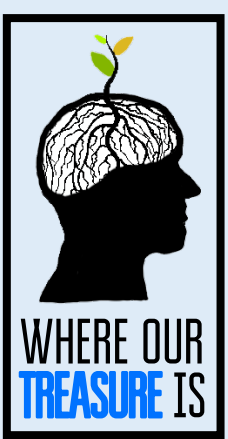


Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





What Is Our 'Treasure'?

- What We Consider Most Valuable

- Something/Someone We Believe Benefits Us

DEUTERONOMY 14:2; TITUS 2:14

- Something We Believe Is Attainable

MATTHEW 6:20



What Is Our 'Treasure'?

- What/Who Is First In Our Life

- Willing to Sacrifice For It

MATTHEW 10:37, 38

- Even Everything We Now Have

MATTHEW 13:45, 46



What Is Our 'Treasure'?

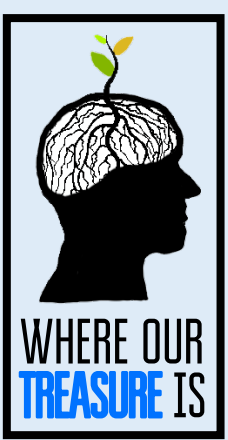
- The Choices We Have:

- Earthly

MATT. 6:19; 1ST TIM. 6:7; ECCL. 5:15, 16

- Heavenly

MATTHEW 6:20; 1ST PETER 1:4



The Consequences of Our Choice

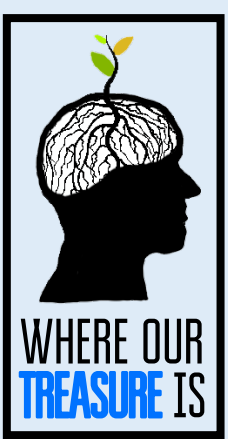
- That Is Where Our Heart Will Be

- Our Immediate, Daily Thoughts

ROM. 8:5; MATT. 6:25; JAS. 1:14; 2ND COR. 5:9

- Our Long-Term Plans

MATTHEW 19:16-22



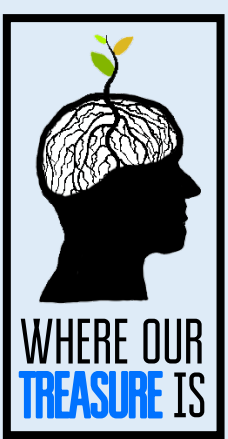
The Consequences of Our Choice

- Every Decision Afterwards
 - The Path We Follow

MATTHEW 7:13, 14

- Avoiding What Hinders/Interferes

JOHN 3:20; 9:4; MATTHEW 26:52-54



The Consequences of Our Choice

- The Unpleasant Consequences

- Loss and Disappointment

ECCL. 5:10; 1ST TIM. 6:17

- Temptations and Troubles

1ST TIMOTHY 5:9, 10



Where Our Treasure Must Be

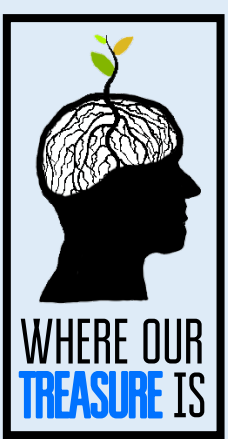
- In Heaven

- To Set Our Mind on Things Above

COLOSSIANS 3:1, 2; ROMANS 5:8

- Not on the Earthly Things

1ST JOHN 2:15, 16



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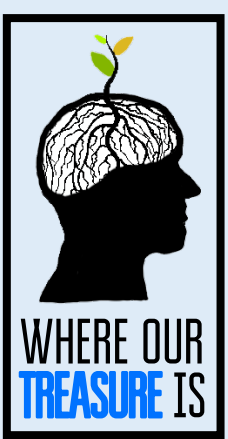
- In God

- To Love Him More Than All

MATTHEW 22:37; ROMANS 1:21-23

- Trusting Him to the Highest Degree

PROVERBS 3:5; TITUS 1:2



Where Our Treasure Must Be

- In God's Word/God's Way

- Highly Valued

PSALM 119:127; 19:9, 10

- Proven by Our Obedience

1ST JOHN 5:3; JOHN 14:15

