

## Heartbeats along the way: The Treasure-filled Heart

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34 "...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20-21

What is it that you treasure most? Can you store it on a shelf, in a garage, in a safe deposit box? Can you store it in your heart? Can you store it in Heaven?

The treasures Jesus is speaking about are not wrapped in dazzling paper. The treasures are perhaps not even tangible. But they are very real: precious memories of events in our lives; the faces of dear ones living and long past; times and feelings of great joy and peace. These treasures shape our lives and our conduct.

Jesus reminds us of a truth that is so humanly real: our hearts abide where that which we love and treasure most abide.

There is no limit to the treasures we can store in Heaven. If you think about it, God invented the "Cloud" long before any software company. And perhaps these treasures are the only ones that can transfer from earth to Heaven. Perhaps you CAN take these with you.

This Christmas season, remember some special gifts you received, and perhaps some special gifts you gave from your heart. And let's put our hearts into something we can all treasure - the vision of our Spring Garden Campus. Even though we can't yet fully visualize everything, we are good friends with the Architect. After all, he did build all of Creation, and called it very good.

"O Beloved Jesus, May our hearts always treasure the gifts You give us. Inspire us to share these precious gifts freely. Help us to treasure these times of building the Spring Garden Campus for Your everlasting glory. AMEN."

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