

## STORING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

The need in Egypt is what gave Joseph the opportunity to get out of prison and be placed in authority.

Need creates opportunity.

God's wisdom through Joseph allowed him to buy nearly everything in Egypt for Pharaoh over a period of less than 14 years, even to the point of the people becoming slaves to Pharaoh.

Nonetheless, the Israelites prospered in Goshen, which was part of Egypt.

Needs draw us closer to God when we take our needs to God and let Him meet those needs.

We can short circuit that process by using something else to meet our needs.

Need moves us to action.

Do not store up "treasures" on earth, store them up in heaven.

It's OK to store up some things on earth, but do not store up treasures, things that your heart is attached to.

Your heart must belong to God, if we treasure things on earth more than God, that's idolatry.

We must learn how to treasure the Lord.

Treasure spending time with Him, read the Bible even when you don't feel like it.

Treasure worship, treasure listening to worship music, treasure worshipping Him.

Treasure going to church, treasure God's forgiveness and mercy.

What is being stored up in your heart?

What comes out of you is what is stored up in your heart, whether good or evil.

God wants you to be His storehouse, he wants to store up good things in your heart.

He wants to put heavenly treasures inside of you.

Treasure the Lord and He will store up treasures in your heart.

So that when there is a need, whether your's or someone else's, God can draw out of you whatever is required to meet that need.

He can draw out of you His goodness, His blessing, His plenty, so that you can be generous.

Take your needs to God, take your heartache to God, take your despair to God.

He will store up peace in your heart.

He wants to store up in you a crown of beauty, the oil of joy, and a garment of praise.

When you set your affection on the Lord, God is in the business of increasing your storehouse.

You do not have because you do not ask God.

Ask God!

### **How do we store up treasures in heaven?**

1. Let your need become His opportunity.
2. To treasure Him.
3. Be His storehouse.

## SCRIPTURE LIST

Genesis 47:13-27

Exodus 3:19-22

Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 22:37-38

Matthew 6:33

Psalms 31:19

Matthew 12:35

Luke 6:45

Malachi 3:10

James 4:1-5

Philippians 4:6-7

Isaiah 61:1-3

Luke 4:18