

Treasure in Heaven

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Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break inside and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is. Matthew 6:19-21 (Contemporary English Version)

I misplaced something in my house and it drove me absolutely crazy for weeks. Retracing my steps, I frantically searched to no avail. Then it crossed my mind that the last time I saw it was when I was preparing a donation box that I later had taken to a charity store. The thought that I could have accidentally put it in the box mortified me.

Finally, after agonizing over the loss for weeks, I realized I was making way more out of a situation that was completely out of my control and that there was nothing more I could do about it. Even more, I saw how I let it consume me to the point that it was all I thought about. I had allowed that lost item to become a “treasure on earth” and it completely derailed my heart.

God gently revealed this and reminded me that everything *I think* is mine, is really His anyway. He owns it all. He gives and He takes away. That item was just ‘on loan’ to me from Him so maybe it was time for someone else to have it. I learned long ago to hold all things loosely, but had fallen back into clenching my fist on earthly treasures instead of open hand to heavenly treasures.

As this heavenly heart lesson settled, my soul warmed to the realization that someone was probably enjoying my “donation”. An item they bought at a good price at a thrift store and may not have been able to otherwise afford. The thought brought me tremendous joy. And after all, my treasure is in heaven, not in earthly possessions.