INTRODUCTION

- 1. In Ec 5:10-16, Solomon described the problem with earthly treasures...
- 2. In Mt 6:19-21, Jesus commands us to lay up treasure not on earth, but in heaven...

Points covered in the lesson.

- 1. Why should our focus be on laying up treasure in heaven.
- 2. Also, how do we lay up treasure in heaven?

I. Why should our focus be on laying up treasure in heaven.

- A. TREASURE ON EARTH IS INSECURE ---- Mat 6:19
- B. TREASURE IN HEAVEN IS SECURE ---- Mat 6:20
- C. OUR TREASURE IS WHERE OUR HEART WILL BE ---- Mat 6:21
- D. TO KEEP OUR EYE GOOD ---- Mat 6:24
- E. TO MAKE GOD OUR MASTER ---- Mat 6:24

II. <u>HOW TO LAY UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN</u>

- A. BY GIVING TO THE POOR ---- Lk 12:32-33
- B. NOT THAT ETERNAL LIFE CAN BE PURCHASED ---- Ep 2:8-9; Tit 3:5

CONCLUSION

- 1. We are not called to asceticism (ə-sĕt'ĭ-sĭz'əm) (a life of uncompromising self-denial and absolute poverty.)
- 2. Thus, we are to work with our hands ---- 1 Tim 5:8
- 3. Are we laying up treasure in heaven?
 - a. Jesus told us why
 - b. Jesus (and Paul) also told us how

Have you given much thought as to how you can be rich in good works, ready to give, and willing to share?

Have you given much thought as to how you can up a good foundation, and lay hold on eternal life?