

Faith, Finances, and the God Who Rewards

Hebrews 11:6; Luke 12:13-34

TIMOTHY 3:13

are wife and must manage her children and her household well. "Those who have served well gain an excellent reward and great assurance in their faith in Jesus Christ.

"Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of living God," the pillar and foundation of our truth, "beyond all question, the *ystery* of godliness is great.

He appeared in a body,
was anointed by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.

than knowing cannot resolve the seeming inconsistency. Both reaches both truths and thus there can be no real contradiction. Certainly there is none in the mind of God, as we see in 8:29.

5. There is one God, The basic belief of Judaism. (Ex 6:4) and every law contained fully in the Shemaean name verse 2:28.

6. Righteous. See note on Mi 25:21, *righteousness*. The apostle Paul, however, that Christ gave himself as the ransom for all. See note on 1 Cor 5:6.

Box 4) Instructions to Thinkers

4 The Spirit "creepeth on us" 10 times - some will stumble and fallow despite special care taught by demons. Satan tempts through hypocritical lies, while sciences have been used as a weapon. "They furnish people in every order than it abhors to think of, which God created" to be nothing. Thanksgiving - by those who have who know the truth "for every creature created is good," and nothing is wicked. If it is a weakness with darkness, "because it is concomitant by the God and prayer.

"If you obey these things and keep my commandments, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, brought up to full salvation. Give . . .

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truth" and of the good teaching that have followed." "Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales," says Paul, "turn yourself to be godly." "Formal training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things," holding "value for both the present life" and the coming life.

This is a trustworthy saying: that God desires full acceptance "and for this we strive and strive; that we have put our trust in the living God," who is the Saviour of all men," and especially of those who love.

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

1 TIMOTHY 5:1

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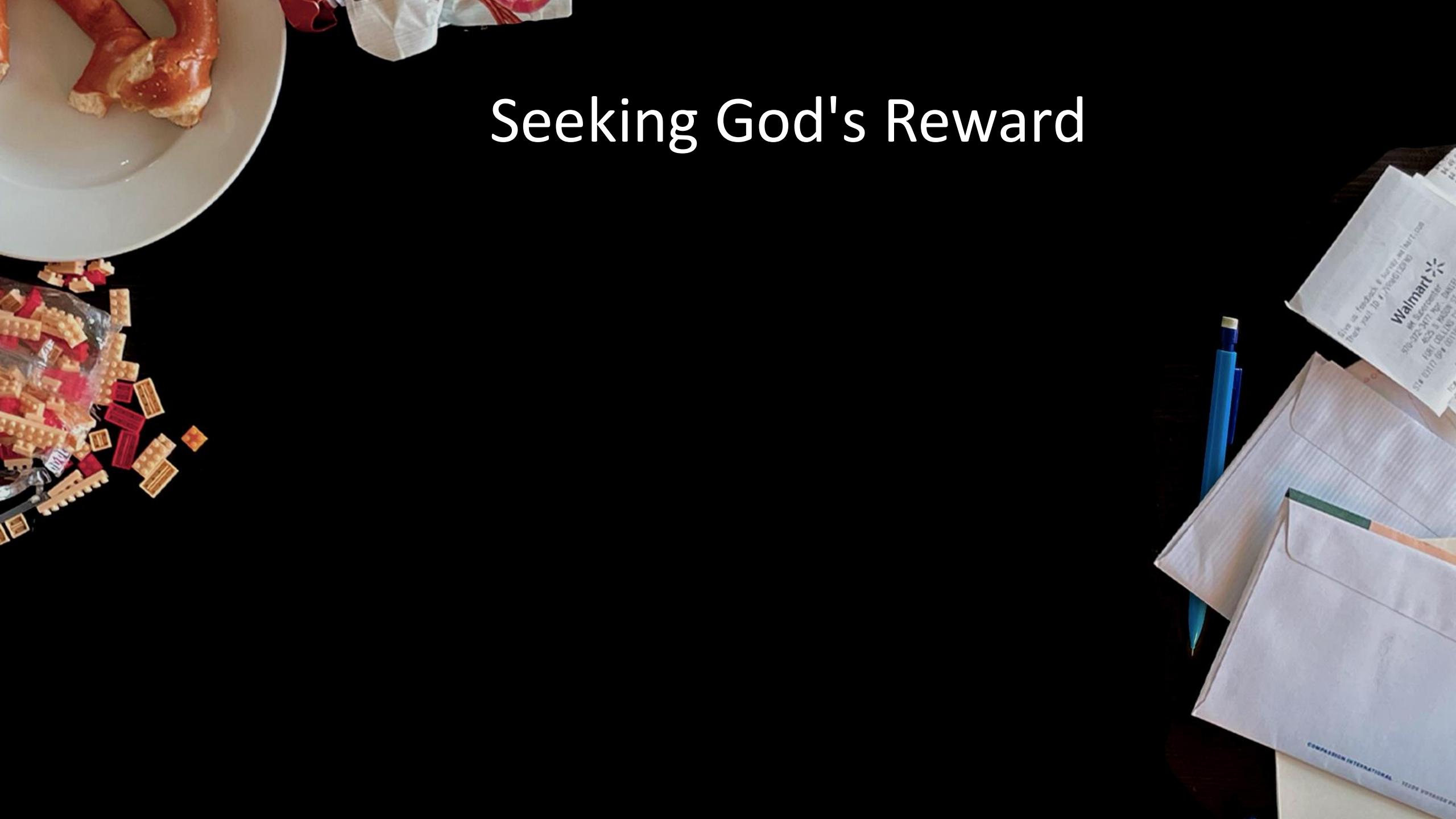




Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Seeking God's Reward



Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



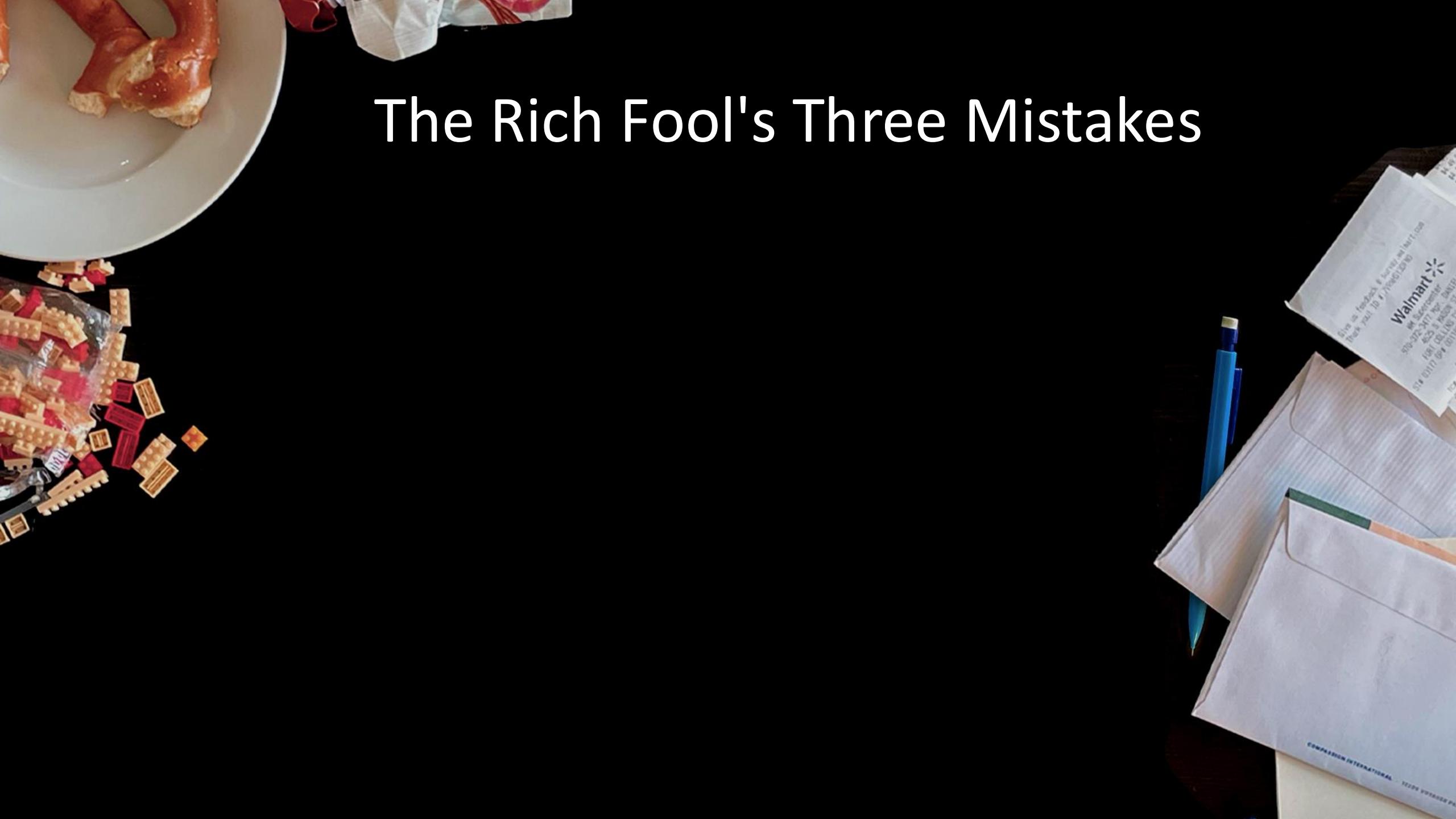
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- **Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)**
The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down
- **Proverbs 30:8b-9**
Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.



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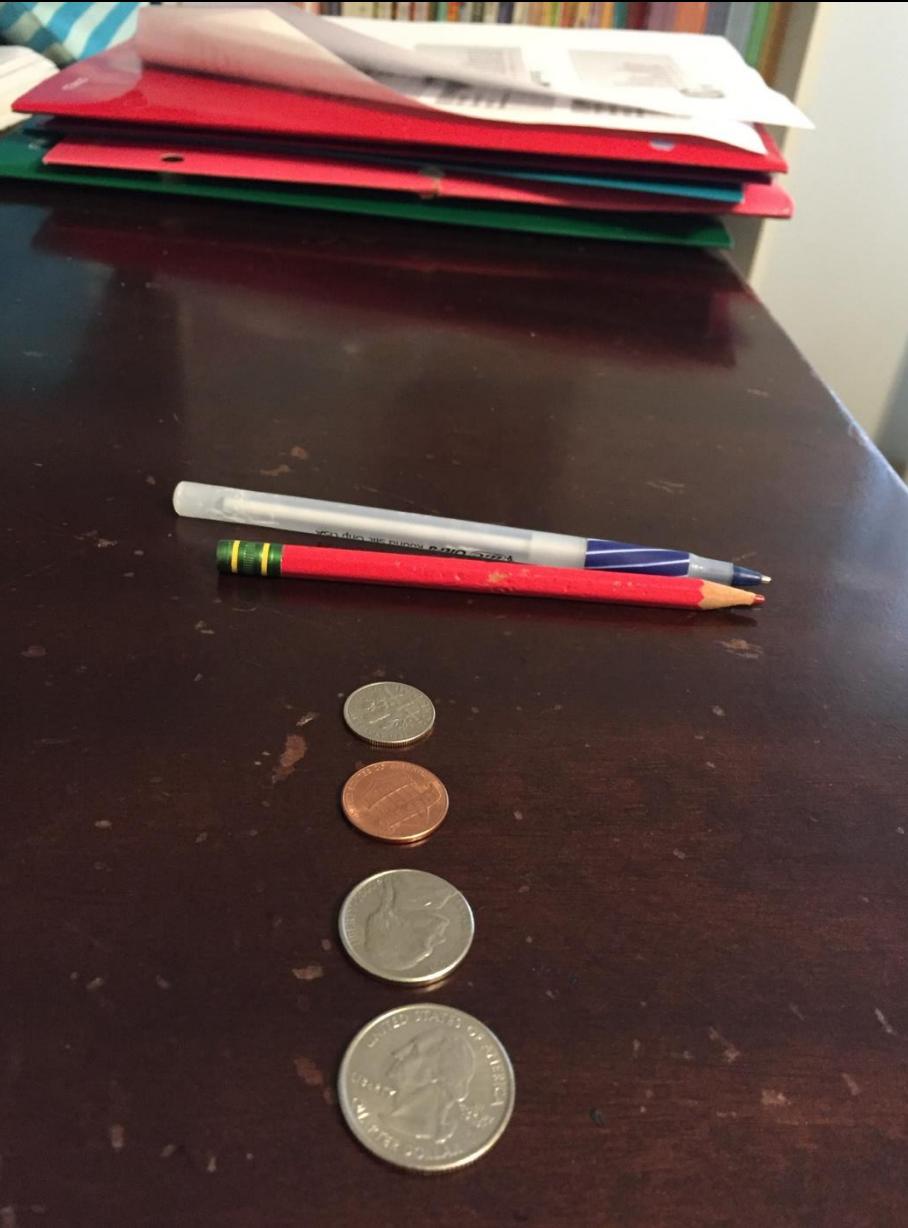
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- **Mark 12:43-44**

Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.



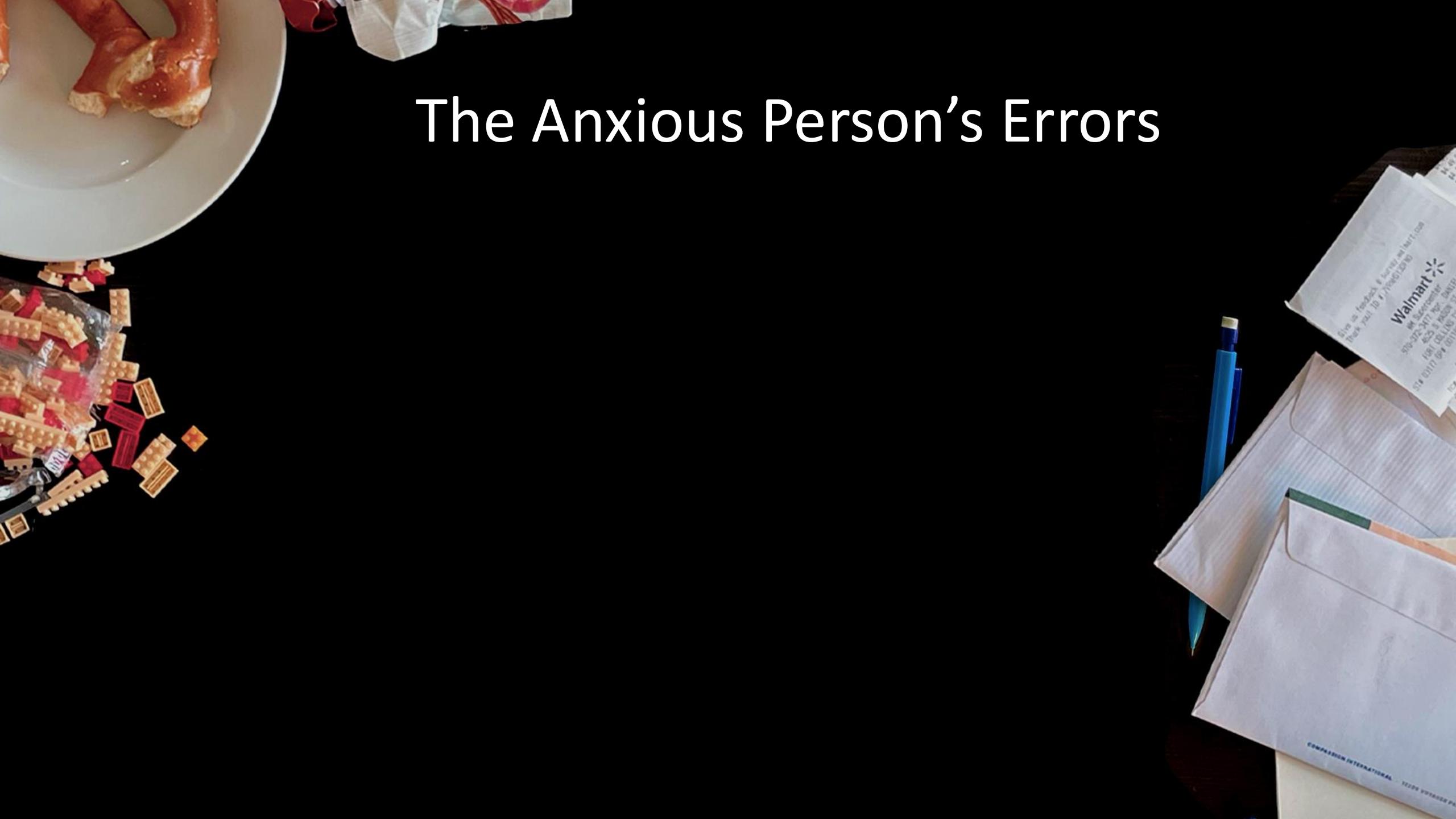
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And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

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If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

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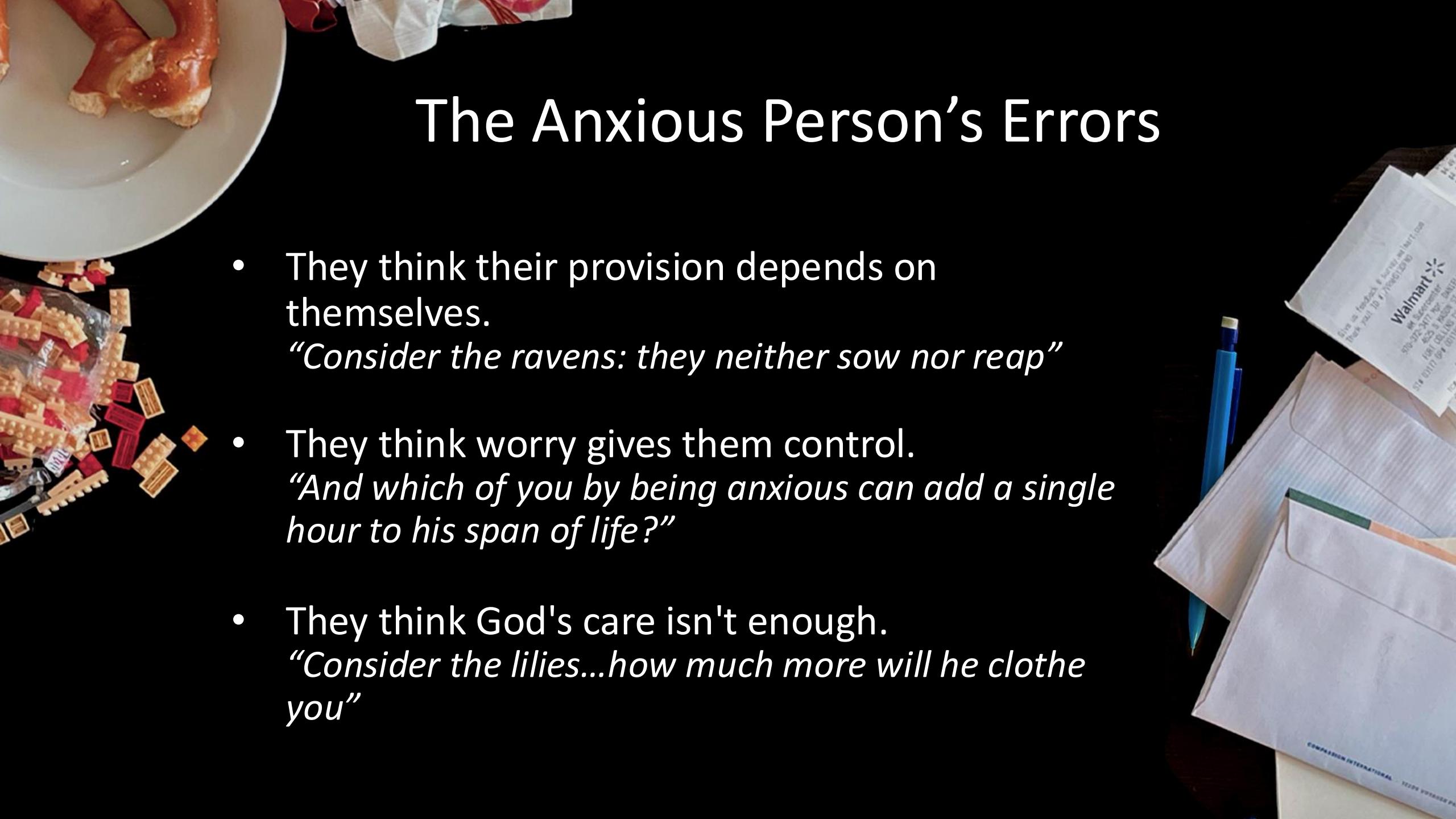
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“Consider the lilies...how much more will he clothe you”



Psalm 50:21

These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I
rebuke you and lay the charge before you.



Luke 12:31-34

Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



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Faith In Our Finances

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Is God Himself our ultimate treasure, or are we searching for peace, security, joy, and comfort from our wealth?
- Give generously and willingly
2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion..."

