

A wooden head silhouette is shown on a dark wood background. Inside the head, several gears of various sizes and colors (brass, steel) are visible. A magnifying glass with a brass frame and handle is positioned over the head, focusing on a large brass gear. The text 'Do we really want to be wise?' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Do we

really

want to be

wise?

Where's your treasure?
Investing wisely

Matthew 6.19-21 (NIV11)

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Do not store = stop storing

treasures on earth

treasures in heaven

“As with other references to heaven and earth, we should not imagine he means, “don’t worry about this life – get ready for the next one”. ‘Heaven’ here is where God is right now, and where, if you learn to love and serve God right now, you will have treasure in the present, not just in the future.” NT Wright

In Matthew, heaven = God

Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Matthew 8.20 (NIV11)

Do not wear yourself out to get rich;
do not trust your own cleverness.
Cast but a glance at riches, and they
are gone, for they will surely sprout
wings and fly off to the sky like an
eagle. Proverbs 23.4 (NIV11)

“In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.” Luke 14.33 (NIV11)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Matthew 19.23-24 (NIV11)

Own nothing for show
Show off nothing we own

Spend more on others than we
do on ourselves

Get rid of stuff (that we don't want to get rid of but know we should)

Treat our belongings as though
they're not ours at all

Receive blessing without any guilt
Share blessing without any reservation.

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