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Series: The Resurrections

# The Resurrections (50)

## The Judgment of Seat of Christ (25)

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

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[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

(Continuation from 03-27-11)

### The Doctrine of the Resurrections

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

#### The judgment of the works of the believers (15)

**4. [\(1 Corinthians 3:12\) Church— Teachers, False: there is the structure: It can be built out of two possible materials: either permanent or perishable materials.](#)**

**1 Corinthians 3:12 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup>Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw.

2. There are the perishable and combustible materials. They are the materials and things of this earth that are corruptible; that rust, decay, and deteriorate. Scripture says they can be compared to wood, hay, and stubble.

What are the perishable materials? Again, Scripture describes them in many ways.

- a. They are the treasures, wealth, and cares of this world. ([Matthew 6:19-21](#); [Mark 4:19](#))

#### The Warning about Wealth and Materialism, [Matthew 6:19-24](#)

[\(Matthew 6:19-24\) Introduction:](#) Where are our thoughts? What do we think about? Are our thoughts on earth or on heaven? Is our mind on earthly things or on God? What are we seeking, the things of the earth or the things of heaven? Where is our heart, focused on earth or focused on heaven?

1. A contrast: about two kinds of riches (v.19-20).
2. A warning: about two kinds of hearts (v.21-23).
3. A choice: about two kinds of masters (v.24).

**1. [\(Matthew 6:19-20\) Materialism— Wealth: Christ gives a contrast about two kinds of riches.](#)**

1. There are earthly riches.

There are things on earth that men desire. Christ calls these earthly riches and treasures. Earthly riches would be such things as clothes, cars, jewelry, toys, houses, buildings, furnishings, pleasure, fame, power, profession, property, money—anything that dominates a person's life and holds it fast to this earth.

A treasure is that which has value and is worth something to someone. Men take things and ascribe value to them: it may be stones (**diamonds**); or rocks and dust (**gold**); or money (**paper and metal**); or land (**property**); or wood, metal, dirt, chemical, and fabric (**buildings**); or influence (**power**); or the attention of people (**fame**).

Christ says **three things** about earthly riches that are of critical importance to both the **believer** and the **unbeliever**.

- a. Do not lay up for yourselves earthly riches (**material possessions**).
- b. Earthly riches are corruptible (see [Deeper Study #1—Matthew 6:19](#)).  
Something terrible happens to everything on earth. Everything ages, dies, deteriorates, and decays. Things are on the earth only for a brief time, and then they are no more. Everything has the seed of corruption within it.
- c. Earthly riches are insecure. The things on earth are insecure for **three reasons**.
  - 1) They can be stolen or eaten up.
  - 2) They do not last; they waste away.
  - 3) A person cannot take a single thing with him when he passes from this world. ([1 Timothy 6:7](#); [1 Timothy 6:10](#); [James 5:3](#); [Job 20:28](#); [Psalm 39:6](#); [Psalm 49:10](#); [Proverbs 23:5](#); [Proverbs 27:24](#); [Ecclesiastes 2:18](#); [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#); [Jeremiah 17:11](#); [Ezekiel 28:4-5](#))

**Thought 1. Note four striking lessons.**

- 1) Wealth is sought, and it is sought by many.  
What is often forgotten is this: every bit of wealth is held by someone. Therefore, many are always figuring how to get some of what someone else has. Things of the world are very insecure.
- 2) A man can be snatched away from this earth as quickly as the twinkling of an eye. Everything for which he has worked so hard on this earth can be gone immediately (cp. [Luke 12:16-21](#)).
- 3) A man can lose much of what he has in this world and lose it quickly. He can lose it through financial difficulties, accident, marital problems, illness, death, and through a myriad of other ways.
- 4) A person is a fool to seek an abundance of things—to grasp after more and more. Why? Because tonight or tomorrow or some day soon God will say, “**You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?**” ([Luke 12:20](#)).

Christ says, “**He that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God**”—that person is going to hear the above ([Luke 12:21](#)).