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Proverbs 23:4 says, ***“Labour not to be rich. Cease from thine own wisdom.”***

Some people become overly eager to accumulate lots of money or material goods or material status symbols. In their own human wisdom and thinking and dreaming and fantasizing, they become obsessed with it. It is the love of money and material things that dominates their pursuits.

Yes, we all need money enough to pay bills and provide necessities. There is nothing wrong with that as long as it does not become our dominant focus in life. However, those things do not go with you into eternity.

Jesus spoke of this in Matthew 6:19-21 (KJV) where he said, ***“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... for where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.”***

People whose main focus is accumulation of material things are usually self-centered people. We need to be God centered. Follow the written word. Follow Holy Spirit. Be Christ centered. Do good to others. Be kind and forgiving.

The fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23 will show forth in the Christ-centered person. That fruit will appear as treasure in heaven, a reward for faithfulness. There lie your true riches.