"If only could have this. If this just belonged to me. I need to get this. I want this so badly." These thoughts go through our minds daily. Whether we want to admit it or not. Some people feel that material goods are the things that bring satisfaction in life. Materialism is not necessarily bad, but when putting our possessions before God, it becomes a sin.

We spend our lives accumulating material goods, but will these last eternally? The apostle Paul stated in I Timothy 6:7 that "We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." Our worldly possessions are only temporal; we cannot take them with us then we die. Jesus told us to store up our treasure in heaven rather than on earth, since our heavenly treasure is eternal.

So, instead of working to accumulate our worldly material goods that will eventually pass away, we should focus on storing up our eternal treasure in heaven. Give God the priority in your life, not your television set or football games. Next time you have to work on Sunday, take a day off and attend church. When you see a non-believer struggling, take the time to show him the Lord. Through all of these actions we take, we will be adding to our eternal treasures. In the long run, storing up our treasure in heaven will be much better than storing our treasure on earth.

"For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21