

## BELOVED DISCIPLES LEARNING COURSES

### FINANCES

#### Quick Resources to Watch:

- Pastor Alex's sermon, "Family, Finances, and Faith"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kyj3zBpqC1Q>
- Ben Stuart's Series: "Money + Anxiety"
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eslcvveyY-k>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joLZy-q6Ntw>

#### Quick Resources to Read:

- "A Letter to Younger Me About Money," by Phillip Holmes  
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/a-letter-to-younger-me-about-money>
- "What if God Takes it all Away?" by Sarah Walton  
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-if-god-takes-it-all-away>

#### Recommended In-Depth Readings:

- "The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving," by Randy Alcorn  
<https://www.amazon.com/Treasure-Principle-Revised-Updated-Unlocking-ebook/dp/B007M2AOGY/>



# ***“The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving,” by Randy Alcorn***

## **Reading Discussion Guide**

### Introduction

1. Reflection Question: What are your initial thoughts on the concept of the treasure principle, as introduced by Randy Alcorn?
2. Reflection Question: What motivated you to read this book? What do you hope to learn or achieve by the end?

### Chapter 1: The Treasure Principle Uncovered

1. Reflection Question: How does Alcorn define the treasure principle, and what biblical passages does he use to support it?
2. Reflection Question: How does the concept of storing up treasures in heaven challenge your current views on material possessions?

### Chapter 2: The Great Deception

1. Reflection Question: According to Alcorn, what is the great deception regarding wealth?
2. Reflection Question: How can you guard against falling into the deception of worldly wealth and prioritize heavenly treasures instead?

### Chapter 3: Dethroning Money

1. Reflection Question: How does Alcorn suggest we dethrone money from its central place in our lives?
2. Reflection Question: What practical steps can you take to ensure that money does not become an idol in your life?

### Chapter 4: God Owns Everything

1. Reflection Question: What does it mean to recognize that God owns everything, according to Alcorn?
2. Reflection Question: How does acknowledging God's ownership impact your stewardship of resources?

### Chapter 5: Heaven, the New Earth, and Possessions

1. Reflection Question: How does Alcorn connect the principles of stewardship to the eternal perspective of heaven and the new earth?
2. Reflection Question: How does your understanding of eternity influence how you view and use your possessions?



## Chapter 6: Giving is Investing

1. Reflection Question: What does Alcorn mean by "giving is investing," and how does this principle change our perspective on generosity?
2. Reflection Question: How can you shift your mindset from giving out of obligation to giving as an investment in God's kingdom?

## Chapter 7: The Treasure Map

1. Reflection Question: How does Alcorn suggest we create a treasure map for our giving?
2. Reflection Question: What criteria can you use to evaluate your current giving practices and make adjustments based on biblical principles?

## Chapter 8: A Mind Fixed on Eternity

1. Reflection Question: How does having a mind fixed on eternity impact your daily decisions and priorities?
2. Reflection Question: What practical habits can you develop to keep your focus on heavenly treasures rather than earthly ones?

## Conclusion

1. Reflection Question: Reflect on your overall experience reading the book. What are the most impactful lessons you've learned about the treasure principle?
2. Reflection Question: How will you apply the insights and principles from this book to your daily life and financial stewardship?

## Personal Reflection:

- Reflection Question: Write a personal reflection on how this book has influenced your understanding of stewardship and generosity.
- Reflection Question: Identify one or two key takeaways that you will implement to align your financial practices with biblical principles.

## Group Discussion:

1. Reflection Question: What was the most surprising or challenging part of the book for you?
2. Reflection Question: How can we support each other in applying the treasure principle to our lives and communities?

## Prayer and Commitment:

1. Reflection Question: Spend some time in prayer, asking for wisdom and guidance in applying the teachings of this book to your financial decisions.



2. Reflection Question: Consider making a commitment to regularly review and discuss the principles from this book with a trusted group of friends or within a small group.

