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Where's your treasure?

People's last words can be interesting, can't they? Hi, this is Florence MacKenzie at Equipped for Living and I recently came across what were supposedly the last words of Queen Elizabeth 1, who died in 1603. At the end of her life she is attributed with saying, *"All my possessions for one moment of time."* It seemed she would have exchanged everything she owned to hang on to life for a little bit longer. This reminded me that, ultimately, there's little point in accumulating lots of stuff which belongs to this world only – after all, there's no way we can take it with us when we die. In Matthew 6:19-21, Jesus has something to say about stocking up on stuff. He says, *"Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

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Choices and consequences

Hello, this is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living. Life is all about choices and consequences, isn't it? Some of these have the potential to set the direction of our lives for many years to come, and we can rarely foresee the long-term consequences of these choices. In the Old Testament book of Ruth, two women, Orpah and Ruth, found themselves faced with a choice either to return to the familiarity of the ungodly society from which they had come, or to go on and begin a new life with God's people in Israel. Orpah chose to go back and we never hear of her again. Ruth chose to go on, and a series of remarkable events unfolded in her life which resulted in her becoming the great-grandmother of David, King of Israel, from whose descendants Jesus Christ came. When confronted with an important choice, we need to ask if the choice we're about to make is going to help us experience more of God at work in our lives. Even if we can't foresee the consequences, asking this question will help us to make the right decision – and take us God's way.

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