

Review of Bema seat lesson and intro to Stewardship series

Living for **THE** day, instead of living for **T**oday.

Three things learned about the Bema (from the video/pastor of BentTree Fellowship):

1. In the end, what Jesus thinks is more important than what people think
2. Investing in people is really worthwhile (because Jesus looks at people differently)
3. Everything [we do/have done on earth] looks different at the Bema

Points that spoke to me/you:

- Invest in what is eternal (God's kingdom, people's lives)
- What we are going to be "judged" and rewarded for and what we are not
- What we did with the time, talent and treasures God gave us
- The "partial credit" rewards – downstream effect
- The eternal consequences and results of what we do
- Storing up treasures in heaven

How do we "*store up treasures in heaven*"?

Matt 6:19-21

19 *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

20 *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NIV)*

Now it is usually unpleasant (from a human perspective) to teach on stewardship, because it always entails teaching about tithing, giving, money – all the wonderful things that we already know about, but hate hearing about. So with that, here are some of the topics we will look at in the "treasure" part of our study:

- First things first (there is an order and priority in stewardship)
- Tithing – Stewardship, not ownership
- The Principle of multiplication
- The Spirit of (unrighteous) Mammon (breaking it)
- Need, greed and seed
- The "gift" of giving

This is not a series to make you feel guilty. It is to open up and examine the Scriptures and see what God says about how we can "store up treasures in heaven".

The video referred to is from Bent Tree Bible Fellowship church. Their website is www.btbfbf.org. Under the **RESOURCES** tab you will find and click on **ONLINE STORE**. Scroll down to the **The Bema: Judgment Seat of Christ**.