Treasures in the House

Proverbs 15:5-7 Is your house filled with treasures? I remember visiting a home in New Jersey and our host showing us all the treasures he had collected from his travels all over the world. There were paintings, statues and every kind of bric-a-brac, each representing a country he visited. I thought to myself, This man's life is wrapped up in his treasures and travels.

Jesus exhorted us not to lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust can corrupt them and thieves can steal them. He said instead we should lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

There are many ways we can add to our treasures in heaven, but one of the greatest ways is to witness and share God's Word and love with people. People are precious to God, and they are God's treasures. We are God's inheritance, and whenever we invest in people, we are adding to our inheritance and God's inheritance. One of my favorite scriptures is Proverbs 24:3-4: "Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

Our home is not filled with treasures from our travels around the world, but we have had life, the Lord, our love and our home with a dear girl from China who spent five years with us. We also have a Russian son. Both are like a daughter and son to us.

One morning as I was sipping my coffee I realized how rich we were. Our home was filled with treasures—my husband, our three sons, our Russian son and our Chinese daughter. I gave thanks to the Lord for entrusting me for a season with such valuable treasures.

Help me to see every person in my life today as Your special treasure. Use me as Your instrument to care for and share Your

love and Word with these precious treasures You have allowed me to be steward of on earth.

READ: 1 Samuel 14:1-52; John 7:31-53; Psalm 109:1-31; Proverbs 15:5-7