

“And the world *passeth away*, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth for ever.” *1 John 2:17no2 KJV*

We acquire new things, because everything decays. Things must be maintained to retain their value. Men labor to produce materials, which resist decay. Plastic is one such, but even it decays in fire or sunlight. It may not deteriorate organically as fast as some prefer, but it will eventually. Everything has its “Achilles Heel!”



There is no “Status Quo” in the graveyard; all are dead! It was once asked, “How much money did Howard Hughes leave behind?” The answer: “All of it!” Accumulate all you will of temporal things, but you will leave ALL of it! *“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out, but Godliness with contentment is great gain. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart (thoughts and desires) be also.”* You may immediately know a man’s priorities by where he spends his time and labor. Jesus said, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto Everlasting Life.”* What do you seek or labor to accumulate? *“Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you.”* If you hide the “treasure” of God and His Word in your soul, it will forever endure in the newness of its first acquisition! In fact, the longer you keep it, the newer it becomes! *“Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man (soul/mind/heart) is renewed day by day. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are Eternal.”* Is your perspective temporal or eternal? Natural or Supernatural?

The world will, soon, no longer be,
But I shall live eternally,
For, soon, my Lord shall come for me,
And with Him I shall ever be! ~CGP

God’s Word requires no maintenance; it is the Maintenance, but must be diligently learned and obeyed lest Satan steal it away with the stealth of lust. *“When lust hath conceived (temptation yielded to), it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”* He seeks to destroy God’s Word from your possession! We abide in Christ by knowing His Word and letting it direct our thoughts. What is rusting away your faith?

“But the Anointing (Holy Spirit) which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him. And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.” 1 John 2:27-28 KJV