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 - c. When Jesus says, "Do not store up," do you think He is against responsible savings accounts, investments, or retirement plans? Explain. (vv. 19-20)
 - d. Explain the truth of verse 21 in your own words.
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