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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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Lost words #8 – self-denial

It's quite common to see books and articles claiming to have re-discovered "the lost message of Jesus." This generally means that some of his key teachings have been ignored or neglected and have been re-discovered by the authors. Now, I think it is true that many of Jesus' teachings are ignored but the ones that have supposedly been re-discovered generally don't include the one I'm thinking about. Hi, this is James MacKenzie at Equipped for Living and can you guess what I'm thinking of? Self-denial. Gulp! Yes, self denial. I think this probably is a teaching people don't want to re-discover. But it's everywhere in the teaching of Jesus. In fact He said to His followers: "whoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Self-denial is essential to discipleship. Him first, me last. His desires over mine. His will over mine. This cuts right across self-indulgent contemporary Christianity. Little wonder this teaching got lost somewhere...

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