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WE CAN'T TAKE IT WITH US ... Paul reminds us that "we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7). Yet, humans throughout history have constantly tried to take their worldly possessions from this life into the next. Think, for example, of all the wealth that has been found in Egyptian tombs! Certainly, Job verbalizes this profound realization by stating, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither" (Job 1:21). Since "We can't take it with us when we go," what then can we do with the material wealth with which God has blessed us in this life? As we might expect, Jesus provides the answer, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Mt. 6:19-21). Not only are the treasures we deposit in heaven 100% secure, but perhaps even more importantly, they reveal the kind of heart we have, for "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mt. 6:21).

Though many of us do not like to think of our "time of departure" (2 Tim. 4:6), it is a reality that we all must face (Heb. 9:27). Since we know it will happen to us one day, we need to make plans now concerning our earthly treasures. Proper stewardship would demand that we have a will. "Parents (laying up) for the children" is definitely proper (2 Cor. 12:14), but would not proper stewardship also include providing the means by which the Gospel can continue to be preached, even after our voices are no longer heard? One way to do that is to include the Florida School of Preaching in our estate planning and wills. The school's financial support is somewhat unique. The gifts we receive from individuals are over and above the first day of the week contributions they make to their local churches, which is the way it should be (cf. 1 Cor. 16:1-2). However, in hard economic times, many have less funds. If it were not for those in the past who "laid up treasures in heaven" by leaving the school in their wills, we would not be continuing as we are. These gifts, though, are limited. Why not include the school in your will? Please call us for more information. After all, **"WE CAN'T TAKE IT WITH US WHEN WE GO."**

