

Treasure and Our Heart



I have found that *one* of my greatest difficulties is sharing. Now I don't mean me sharing things like card making tools or little things like that. But, what I really *do not* like is my brothers or sister cooking or baking.

Take this scenario. My two brothers picked out **gingerbread** (one of my favorites!) cookie mix to make, and use the extra icing that I had made for a cake earlier in the week on top of them. That really made me angry. Like, well, a lot. I was angrier than I should have been (which was supposed to be not at all). I finally cooled down. I did not speak verbally any of my feelings, so there was no problem there. It was just the bitterness in my heart that made me notice that I was sinning. Then I realized that there is no real reason that I *should* be mad. What this has to do with today's lesson, now, is that in Matthew 6:19-21, there is some truth that can be applied to my

scenario. It says, "Lay up not for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and dust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor dust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Now, *how* I realized that I needed to not be angry is this: My treasure when I was angry was me being able to cook and bake. After all, the boys, well, they don't even know how to crack an egg! My treasure once I realized that I was being bitter in my heart, was that: You know, Grace? The boys are having fun, and they are getting an experience with baking. You should be happy for them!

My first treasure was what my heart was focused on. Being selfish and putting my brothers down in my heart made my heart bitter against them. My second treasure when I realized that it was really no big deal, was being cheerful, and happy for them. My heart had turned from bitter to joyful.

What can we learn from this? God has put Scripture into our lives to remind me and you that we need God to help us!

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Hot Chocolate Jars ~ehow.com

Bowl
3 cups powdered milk
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
Jar
Miniature marshmallows
Chocolate Chips or Peppermint candy
Fabric
Ribbon
Label



Mix the powdered milk, sugar, and cocoa powder in a bowl. Add salt and stir. Place a funnel into the mouth of a pint-sized jar. Pour a 2-inch layer of cocoa mix into the jar. Tap the side of the jar to level the layer. Place a 1/2-inch layer of miniature marshmallows on top of the cocoa layer. Top the marshmallows with a 1/2-inch layer of chocolate chips or crushed peppermint candies. Repeat the layers. Fill the jar to within a quarter inch of the jar's rim. Screw the lid onto the jar. Place a square of fabric over the lid and tie it on with a ribbon. Attach a label to the front of the jar with the preparation instructions: To prepare cocoa, combine 1 to 2 tbsp. of mix with 8 oz. of boiling water.



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Glass Ball Ornaments ~American Girl

Glass Ball ornament (available at craft stores)

Glitter (optional)

Beads (optional)

Ribbon (optional)

Here are three easy ways to make sparkly ornaments. First remove the cap on the ornament before adding these decorations.

Glitter Ornaments:

Using a funnel, add a small amount of glitter to the inside of the ball. Before replacing the top, put some poster putty in the opening so that the glitter will not spill out. Slowly turn the ball so that the glitter coats the inside of the ornament.

Ribbon:

Fill the ball with curled pieces of sparkly ribbon.

Beads:

Use a funnel to pour a mix of beads— micro-beads, bugle beads, seed beads— into the ornament ball.

