

Where is Your Treasure Stored?

(Teller enters and goes to table or desk. An adding machine is in the corner and a sign "Invest in your Future" is behind it. Joe enters with a duffle bag filled with items and goes up to the Teller.)

Teller: Good morning, Joe.

Joe: Good morning.

Teller: What can I do for you today?

Joe: I'd like to make my yearly deposit.

Teller: My, it looks like you've done quite a bit with your money this year.

Joe: Well its never too soon to begin investing. And besides, I'm sure it's just average.

Teller: Then lets' see how the average Joe did this year.

Joe: Okay, *(puts CDs on the counter)* first there was my music.

Teller: *(punches in amount)* You spent \$ 68.81 on music. *(picks up CDs and drops them into a large trash can next to the register.)*

Joe: *(puts DVDs and videos on counter)* Next there's the DVDs and videos.

Teller: *(punches in amount)* You spent \$ 110.28 on DVDs and videos. *(drops them into trash)*

Joe: Sometimes you need to experience a movie on the big screen. *(puts a bucket of popcorn on the counter.)*

Teller: *(punches in amount)* And you spent \$ 76.88 at the movie theater. *(puts it in the trash)*

Joe: *(puts a small TV on the counter)* Can't forget my cable. I upgraded this year because I could only get 78 channels.

Teller: *(punches in amount)* You spent \$ 226.84 on cable TV *(drops in trash)*. Anything else?

Joe: *(looks in cart)* Oh yes, I almost forgot my high speed internet connection.
(puts cable on counter)

Teller: All right *(punches in amount)* \$ 76.10 on your DSL connection. *(drops it in the trash)* Anything else?

Joe: Yep, I ate out quite a bit too. *(puts fast food cup & straw on the table)* You know how busy I am.

Teller: *(punches in amount)* And you spent \$ 855.00 eating out. Your total is \$ 1413.91. *(both Joe and Teller looks slowly into the trash then look at each other)* Did you use your money for anything else this year?

Joe: Yes, *(puts small inflatable globe on counter)* I gave to missions so that God's Word could be spread around the world.

Teller: *(punches in amount)* You gave \$ 20.00 to missions. *(picks up globe and holds it up)* This will be added to your account. *(both freeze)*

Narrator: Only that which we give we have. That which we keep we lose. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *(brief pause -- lights go off and spotlights highlight the globe and the trash can)* Where is your treasure stored?

Statistics from US Entertainment 2002 MPA Market Statistics & National Restaurant Association & C&MA website

This could also be adapted for general giving - average is 280.00 per year per person