



INVESTMENTS

*"You can't take with you- but you can send it
on ahead."*

-Randy Alcorn



Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ " *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,* ²⁰ but *lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,* where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For *where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

²² " *The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,*



Matthew 6:19-24

²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “ **No one can serve two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. ***You cannot serve God and money.***”



*“As surely as the compass needle follows north,
your heart will follow your treasure.”*

-Randy Alcorn



- God's greatest treasure is people.
- God's greatest passion is redeeming people.
- God's greatest purpose is having relationship with people.....for eternity.



- Relationships are eternal.



Eternal Investments



Luke 16:1-9

¹ He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and ***charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.*** ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.'



Luke 16:1-9

⁴ I have decided what to do, ***so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.*** ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'



Luke 16:1-9

⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For ***the sons of this world*** are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than ***the sons of light***. ⁹ And I tell you, ***make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth***, so that ***when it fails*** they may ***receive you into the eternal dwellings***.



What keeps me from using my earthly money to invest in reaching & caring for people?



Competing Perspectives



Matthew 16:10-12

¹⁰ " One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?



Whose resource am I spending?



- Tithe is a declaration of faith, loyalty, dependence (give it 1st) (cares for the bride)
- Offering is a declaration of stewardship, love, obedience (give it responsively) (cares for whoever God brings your way)



Competing Loyalties



Luke 16:13-15

¹³ ***No servant can serve two masters***, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. ***You cannot serve God and money.***" ¹⁴ ***The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.*** ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."



God vs Mammon

God	Mammon
Generous (other-focused)	Stingy (self-focused)
Provider	Protector
Concerned with Investing	Concerned with Safety
Unlimited Resource	Limited Resource
Considers Eternity	Considers Today
Freedom to Give	Fear of Enough
Requires Faith	Ridicules Faith



God vs Mammon

God	Mammon
Responds to the Spirit	Resists the Spirit
Promises Security	Promises Security
"I'm a Steward"	"I'm an Owner"
Financial Peace	Financial Anxiety
Leads to Dependency on God	Leads to Dependency on Myself
Looks Up	Looks Down





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