

INVESTMENT QUESTIONS

Matthew 6:19-24

We can learn from Jesus how to wisely invest

I. WHAT ARE YOU FUNDING? (19-21)

A. CONSIDER WHAT LASTS (19-20)

1. Avoid Earthly Treasures (19)
 - a. The Practice: Storing up
 - b. The Particulars: Clothing, jewelry, precious metals, grains, cattle and land
 - c. The Problems: They can be destroyed or taken
2. Accumulate Heavenly Treasures (20)
 - a. Some Particulars
 - 1) Sins forgiven (Mt. 6:14)
 - 2) Prayers answered (Mt. 7:7)
 - 3) A home in heaven (John 14:1-3)
 - 4) The Spirit's indwelling (John 14:16, 26; 15:26)
 - 5) The peace of God (Rom. 5:1, Phil. 4:7)
 - b. Their Permanence: These are indestructible and "unstealable" - See I Peter 1:4
 - c. Exp: Moses understood this distinction and choose wisely - See Heb. 11:24-26

B. CONSIDER ITS IMPACT (21)

1. Our heart will be where our treasure is
 - The location of our treasure affects our devotion > See Luke 12:16-21
2. In addition, our mouth will speak of whatever fills our heart - Luke 6:45

II. WHERE ARE YOU FOCUSED? (22-23)

A. THE REALITY OF THE EYE (22a)

1. What we see is our primary source of understanding
2. What we focus upon affects us

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B. THE CONDITION OF THE EYE (22b-23)

1. A Clear Eye (22b)
 - a. One that is healthy and able to focus
 - b. Full of light
 - c. Shining brightly
2. A Bad Eye (23) - A cloudy eye
 - a. Full of darkness and therefore without understanding
 - b. Getting darker - Prov. 28:22
 - c. Exp: Nabal in I Sam. 25:2-11

III. WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? (24)

A. OBSERVATION

1. Serving two masters is impossible
2. Slavery requires complete devotion

B. OPTIONS

1. Hate and Despise One
2. Love and Devote to One

C. OBJECT

1. God
 - a. A complete commitment to His Lordship
 - b. Giving up everything else > Like Paul in Phil. 3:7-11
2. Or Wealth (Mammon)
 - a. The way of the world > The choice of Demas in II Tim. 4:10
 - b. Getting what you greedily can > Like Judas in Matt. 26:14-16

CONCLUSION:

We need investment advice when considering our commitments

May God help us ask the right questions and follow the right answers as we grow in our trust of Him.