



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Eighteen

Wise Investment advice for now and later!

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. - Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus never gives us commands that are not for our benefit. He has made us and designed us for Himself so it makes sense, that if we want to be happy and satisfied, then we must obey His commands. In the words of Jonathan Edwards, “The godly are designed for unknown and inconceivable happiness.”

In the passage above, Jesus is focusing on treasure. He wants us to store up treasure but it is important where we store it. He explains that if we invest in treasures on this earth, they will not last. A good investment will “multiply” over time. Jesus promises that if we sacrifice, invest in this life in His initiative, then we will receive 100-fold in the future. One hundred-fold equals 10,000 percent.

Jesus cares far more about our hearts. He tells us plainly that we will focus our attention on what matters most to us. What we value most is where we will spend our resources, time, money, and energy. Jesus does not want us to waste our resources. In the words of John Piper, Jesus does not want us to waste our lives. Jesus is about building His church and if we are not on board with His initiative, then we will be left behind. He has placed us with a charge to be stewards responsible for the resources He has given us and to invest these in His operation.

God prospers us not to raise our standard of living but our standard of giving. R. G. LeTourneau invented earth moving machines. He gave away 90% of his income. But the money came in faster than he could give it away. LeTourneau said, “I shovel it out and God shovels it back – but God has a bigger shovel!”

“Only one life t’will soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.” - C. T. Studd

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” - Jim Elliott

Questions To Consider

Where do I invest that will both please God and promises great and lasting gain?

What am I doing with my earthly treasures and am I a good steward?

Am I using the word of man or the Word of God as my investment strategy?

Prayer Focus

Lord thank You for the commands in Your word that lead me to You and display Your glory. Please do not allow me to sacrifice what is eternal for what is temporal. Give me focus on Your eternal designs and an appetite for Your Kingdom and Your Glory. Please give me a desire to see Your face and hear You say “Well done, good and faithful servant”. Amen

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