

Sermon Questions

Kingdom Investments
Matthew 6:19–24
Pastor Andrew Gutberlet

Connect:

- What's something you've recently spent a lot of time, energy, or money on? Looking back, would you call that a wise investment? Why or why not?
- What are some ways that our culture seeks to continually pull us toward materialism and consumerism? How can we practically combat this?

Grow:

- In the sermon, Pastor Andrew identified three ways (listed in the sermon notes) that we can be tempted to be poor investors. Which of these three do you most relate to right now? Why? What would it look like to take a step toward becoming a more faithful investor?
- Reread Matthew 6:21. What would change in your life if this verse shaped your priorities more deeply?
- The sermon listed signs of a materialistic heart (jealousy, discontentment, reluctance to give, etc.). Which one challenged you the most?
- What does it practically mean to make Jesus your "greatest treasure"? Are there currently any idols in your heart that have supplanted Jesus as your greatest treasure?

Go:

- Of the six practical ways to invest eternally (listed in the sermon notes), which one is God prompting you to act on this week?

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This morning, Jesus is going to challenge us to get serious about how we are investing our lives. He is going to challenge us to honestly evaluate how we are investing our time, talents, and treasures.

Three ways that we can be tempted to be poor investors:

1. The Undisciplined Christ-follower (Lacks self-control; chooses comfort and impulse over purpose)
2. The Unaware Christ-follower (Hasn't been taught or hasn't considered how discipleship impacts all areas of life)
3. The Unmotivated Christ-follower (Knows the truth but has grown passive; prefers consuming over contributing)

Big Idea: Invest Intentionally

Question #1 – What is the treasure that we are encouraged to store in heaven?

Question #2 – How do we store up eternal treasure? Answer: By Investing our time, talent, and treasures in things that have eternal significance.

- I. Focus on the Long-Term ROI
- II. Remember the Treasure Principle
- III. Unhitch Christianity from Materialism
 - Kill materialism with regular expressions of radical generosity
 - Kill materialism by regularly rehearsing your blessings
 - Kill materialism by tithing to your local church / giving your first fruits back to God as an act of thanksgiving and worship
 - Kill materialism by cutting up credit cards
 - Kill materialism by spending less time online
 - Kill consumerism by paying it forward

Romans 8:1