

Next Level Investments



Rich – Series

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Sermon Notes

What's one thing you spent money on and really regretted?

So far we've learnt that increasing wealth leads to the migration of hope for most people from God to money. To free ourselves from hope-migration, we must make a freedom declaration: **'I will not place my hope in riches, but in the One who richly provides.'**

Then we learnt that the way to avoid hope-migration is by pre-determining to do more and to give more. Because **it's not the amount I give away but the percentage that counts.**

We continue to look at Paul's instructions for rich Christians. So let's turn back to the passage we've looked at the last couple of weeks – **1 Timothy 6:17-19.**

Today we're going to explore

Next Level Investments.

'Command those who are rich in this present world'... now if you were reading carefully, you would stop there and ask 'what do you mean 'rich in this present world'?

This present world vs. The coming age

This level investment vs. Next level investment.

Mathew 19:21-24. Sell all you have and give to the poor... It's harder for a rich man to enter... [the kingdom of God](#)..

[Why?](#)

In this world – that Paul calls the present world in order to gain wealth you must take and add to what you have. It's called net worth as you keep adding your net worth increases....

In the thinking of this present world, when I give away some of what I have, I reduce on what's mine... This is why logically it's harder to give when you get more, because it's attached to your worth. If I have more then I have more value.

In this present world, the more you deposit into yourself the larger the account grows....

And this is how most of us operate and this is where we stop...but

The question is; how much of what God has been giving you, have you been depositing on the coming age account?

God has been giving you wealth and prospering you but how much of that have you been investing in the different accounts.

We have been told how we accumulate wealth in this present world, now let's see how we accumulate wealth in the next level investment..

To deposit on the next level we need to;

- Do good
- Be rich in good deeds
- Be generous
- Be willing to share

What do you observe?

To grow our wealth in this world, we must add to ourselves, to grow our wealth in the next/coming world we add to others.

The simplest way to know which account your depositing in is to ask yourself, is this for me or is it for someone else?

Every time you add to someone else you are investing/creating wealth on the next level. Every time you add to yourself, you are investing in this present world.

We as your pastors pray for you to prosper, that your business shall thrive, that you will have favor in your work place but what you do with the prosperity the Lord bestows upon you is your choice. Whether you invest in this level or the next level. That choice is yours.

And depending on your choice of investment is where the scripture says... where your treasure is there also your heart is... **Mathew 6:19-21**.

Our choice of investment does not determine where we go when we die. That comes because of our decision to submit our lives to God and enter relationship with Him. But it has a significant effect on the quality of life beyond the grave.

When God entrusts you with wealth and he will, he gives the ability to create wealth **Deut. 8:18**. It is his will that you prosper even as your soul prospers **3 John 1:2**.

But he advises on how you can potentially invest if you want invest on the next level. Look outward; do good, be rich in good deeds, be generous and be willing to share.

God will prosper us but the deadly assumption that we often make is that everything that's placed in our hands is for our consumption. All that is placed in our hands is to be invested but God will not dictate how we invest it, that choice is ours. Where will you invest in this level- present world other the next level – coming age and how much in each.

That's why in our first sermon in these series we asked:

How much is enough? You need to decide. This determines what you choose to invest and where.

Story of what happens at burials. No one shares the urology by sharing the dead persons net worth. Everyone shares about who they are what they did and what they gave. From rich to poor. Everyone can attest to this.

You don't get credit for what you leave; you only get credit for what you give!

All of us leave 100% everything stays when you leave. You don't have credit in the kingdom for what you leave because it all stayed in this present world.

God will entrust you with wealth and if you follow financial guidelines you will gain even more the question is how you invest your wealth. Don't make the deadly assumption that everything that's placed in your hands is for your consumption. But remember, **you don't get credit for what you leave; you only get credit for what you give!**

That's what I mean by next level investing! **Investing in things that outlive you, in things that really count.**

People who make a difference in the world don't wait until the day it's convenient for them. They serve and bless others even when it is not convenient! So how can you begin, even now when it's not convenient to invest on the next level?

Most of us have a saving plan – this level investment, we have a spending plan – present world investment but do we have a giving plan – next level investment?

Our next level investment is usually

Spontaneous, sporadic and sparing. 3D investors.

Spontaneous – it's not predetermined. You see a street child and you feel guilty, or you hear about a children's home and you get emotional.

sporadic, not regular but here and there whenever you remember or it's convenient.

sparing; Its not a significant percentage of your wealth.

So instead, I want to challenge you to be a **3P** Investor.

Priority i.e. when you get money you always give some away before you spend it.

Percentage – means you've pre-decided how much you're going to give away, you don't discover how much to give when you're faced with a need.

Progressive: As God prospers you, you deposits into the next level get increasingly larger percentage wise.

For some, giving 10% of their income is an absolute sacrifice; for others, 10% is not sacrificial. It's not even generous!

By doing this your heart changes because your treasure storages changed. You're no longer greedy for selfish gain but you are content.

Sigmund Freud, the famous neurologist and psychologist, once told the story of a sailor who was shipwrecked on one of the South Sea Islands. When the natives found him they lifted him to their shoulders and marched triumphantly into their village. The sailor feared that he was to be their main dish for dinner that night. But to his astonishment they put him on a throne, put a crown on his head, and proclaimed him as their king. He was the absolute ruler. Whatever he wanted, he got! He greatly enjoyed his new station in life, but after awhile being a suspicious fellow, he began to wonder if it wasn't too good to be true. So, he discreetly asked some questions, and he found that it was their custom once each year to appoint one man as king for a year. He also learned that at the end of his year, the king was banished to an island where he would starve to death. Of course the sailor did not like that too much, but being a resourceful man, he put his mind to work and he hit upon a marvelous solution. Since he was king, his orders were obeyed so he put the natives to building boats. When they had enough boats, he started transplanting fruit trees to the island where he was to be sent. He had the carpenters go there and build comfortable houses. He set the farmers to clearing the land and planting crops. So when his kingship was over he had a place of abundance to which to go

This is when we end the scripture with Paul telling Timothy in this way.... They lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.....

Let's pray..