

God Cares About Your Money More Than You Do

Part 3: The Buck Starts Here

The Main Idea:

What you do with what you have reveals what you believe. Therefore, do as Jesus did and invest in others and in God's Kingdom by investing financially for your future.

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. -Proverbs 6:6-8

In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. -Proverbs 21:20

What will we save for?

- Emergencies
- Purchases
- Future

Prioritize Your Dollars

- Tithe
- Expenses
- Emergencies
- Debt
- Invest

Two Ways to Make Money:

- **People Making Money**
 - *...If a man will not work, he shall not eat.* 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- **Money Making Money**
 - *The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.* Matthew 25:16

Rules of Investing

- **Don't Invest in Things You Don't Understand**
 - *By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.* Proverbs 24:3-4
- **Don't Put All Your Eggs in One Basket**
 - *Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.* Ecclesiastes 11:2
- **Don't Try to Get Rich Quick**
 - *People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.* 1 Timothy 6:9
 - *...he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.* Proverbs 13:11

Money + Time + Consistency = Wealth.

TALK IT OVER
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How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

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Key Questions:

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- How are you investing for the future? What steps might you need to take to improve the way you invest?
- What long-term goals do you have for your financial life? How are you progressing in accomplishing these goals?
- With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Proverbs 6:6-8, 21:20, 2 Thessalonians 3:10, and Matthew 25:14-30.
- Do you consider yourself to be more of a spender or a saver? Explain.
- Share a time in your life when you learned about the importance of planning for the future.
- We were encouraged to be like Jesus who invested in others and in God's Kingdom. Whose life do you need to invest in? What steps will you take to invest in them?
- What are some of the obstacles you've encountered that hinder your ability to invest for the future?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Daily Bible Readings

Take steps to invest in your financial future and in the lives of others by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: Proverbs 6:6-8

Day 3: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Day 5: Genesis 41:41-57

Day 7: 1 Timothy 6:3-10

Day 2: Proverbs 21:20

Day 4: Matthew 25:14-30

Day 6: Proverbs 24:3-4