



AWCI SERMON *Notes & Announcements*

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SERMON SERIES: SHIFT – A New Season of Divine Favor

SERMON TITLE: DIVINE SHIFT: OVERCOMING FINANCIAL FRUSTRATIONS

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KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 6:19–21 (NIV): “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

INTRODUCTION: THE WORLD IS SHIFTING

We are living in one of the most uncertain financial climates in history. Technology is accelerating faster than faith for many. Artificial intelligence and automation are reshaping industries. Inflation erodes purchasing power. The cost of living rises, while the value of peace seems to decline. In moments like these, it's easy to slip into survival mode — to clutch what we have and call it “wisdom.”

But God never called His people to survive the system; He called us to shift the system through Kingdom perspective. And one of the greatest areas where this shift must occur is in how we view giving.

In Matthew 6, Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount — a radical re-orientation of human priorities. He shifts the audience from a culture of religious performance to a culture of Kingdom presence. Jesus warns that earthly treasures — wealth, possessions, status — are vulnerable to rust, decay, and theft. They fade. But heavenly treasures — obedience, faith, generosity — are eternal. They compound in Heaven's economy and never lose value.

The Principle of Presence and Obedience

Every financial shift begins with two spiritual principles: presence and obedience.

1. **The Principle of Presence** — When God's presence governs your perspective, fear loses its grip.
2. **The Principle of Obedience** — Obedience is Heaven's currency. It activates divine provision.

SERMON POINTS

I. The Blessing Shift: When Faith Turns Survival into Significance

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- Colossians 3:2 (NIV): “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
- Philippians 4:19 (NIV): “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”

II. Heaven's Economy: Investing in What Never Fails

- Matthew 6:19–21 (NIV): (See above)
- 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV): “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”
- Philippians 4:19 (NIV): (See above)
- 1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NIV): “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will 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.”

Kingdom Stewardship Strategies

1. Live by a Budget, Not by Impulse — Proverbs 21:5 (NIV): “The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”
2. Give First, Save Second, Spend Third — Matthew 6:33 (NIV): “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
3. Eliminate Unnecessary Debt — Proverbs 22:7 (NIV): “The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.”
4. Invest Wisely with Prayerful Discernment — Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NIV): “Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.”
5. Maintain Integrity and Contentment — Philippians 4:11–12 (NIV): “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”
6. Practice Radical Generosity: Live to Give, Not Just to Get -Acts 20:35 (NLT) — “You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

III. Faith Over Finance: Living Beyond the Numbers

- Matthew 6:21 (NIV): “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- Luke 6:38 (NIV): “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.”
- 2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NLT): “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
- Daniel 3:16–18 (NKJV): “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

Heart Alignment for a Heavenly Economy: Ask God to shift your focus from survival to significance. Pray that He would realign your heart so that giving becomes worship, not pressure—participation, not performance. When you give with eternity in mind, you’re investing in something that inflation can’t touch, AI can’t replace, and thieves can’t steal.

When the world is shrinking, the Church must be expanding. When others withhold in fear, believers give in faith—and the atmosphere shifts. Your obedience in giving is not just about sustaining the house of God; it’s about releasing Heaven’s resources into the earth. You are not called to survive the system—you are called to represent the Kingdom. God’s plan has always been to bless His people so they can bless others. You are Heaven’s distribution center—a vessel through which God pours provision, influence, and favor.

As followers of Christ, we are not left without guidance. Scripture gives us both instruction—to live wisely and manage resources with integrity—and invitation—to trust God beyond the limits of logic and to sow generously even when the soil of the economy feels uncertain. Giving is not God’s way of taking from us—it’s His way of guiding us into overflow. It’s an act of obedience that aligns our hearts with Heaven’s economy. Through giving, God teaches us trust, resets our priorities, and positions us for divine provision that no market fluctuation can control.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

Oct. 15th-Nov. 19th at Various Dates & Times: Fall Into Fun: Agape’s Interest Groups. Scan the QR Code to sign up today. For more information, contact the Christian Education Department.



Oct. 26th- Youth Meet and Greet- 5 pm-7 pm

Oct. 29th- Fall Festival: Trunk-O-Treat- 6:30am

Nov. 1st at 10 am-3 pm -AWCI Community & Health Fair. For more information, contact: Deacon Eureka Washington.



Nov. 16th at 11 am Service- Baby Dedication

Rising from Destruction to Victory: Mission Trip to Jamaica When: June 10–17, 2026:

Deposit and Signup due Nov. 16th 2025.

For more information scan the QR Code or contact Missionary Director, Dr. Samuel King:



Nov. 23rd- Water Baptism. Scan QR Code and Sign up today.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.
- Scan QR Code to Sign Up & receive a digital copy of the Sunday School Book.



Men’s Ministry Meeting.

- Every 3rd Saturday, 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690 Access Code: 577625

Intercessory Prayer

- Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Virtual Midday Bible Study - Starting Back August 14th, 2025

- Every Thursday at noon
- Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
- Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
- Virtual: meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202

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