

## INVESTING IN THE RIGHT ACCOUNT

### ❖ What do you TREASURE?

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,<sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

### ❖ Your soul focus will determine your soul FREEDOM.

*Godliness with contentment is great gain,<sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.<sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.<sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (ESV)

### ❖ Investing in Treasures of Heaven

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”*

Matthew 13:44 (ESV)

1. Treasure in heaven is WORTH MORE than anything you'll ever accumulate or accomplish in this life.

*Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

Matthew 19:21-22 (ESV)

- The investment is worth the sacrifice!

*I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

Philippians 3:8 (ESV)

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,<sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”*

Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV)

2. WHAT you search for, and WHERE you search for it, will determine the return you get.

- When your heart is set on the right search it sees the right treasure.

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

Matthew 13:44-50 (ESV)

3. The return for our investment is coming for ALL OF US.

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

- ❖ Which investment are you making?