

“Changing World” Series: Money

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I. Value & Values

Key Truth: Money Is A Powerful Servant And Terrible Master

II. Investing Wisely

Matthew 26:6-13

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Sacrifice & Indignation

Point: Honor God With What You Have

v. 11-13

Observation & Commendation

Point: Be Discerning About Present Opportunity

III. Terrible Trade

Matthew 26:14-15

Point: Reject Ill-gotten Gain

IV. Contentment & Devotion

V. Challenge & Invitation

Mid-Week Devotion *(Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)*

There should be a strong correlation between one's moral values and how one manages things of value. Money is a powerful servant and a terrible master. Because of this, it is absolutely essential that followers of Jesus Christ be wise stewards and investors of all that He entrusts to their care. The drift toward decadence, laziness and self-interest is an ever-present threat in this modern, consumer-oriented society.

From a Biblical standpoint, wise investing is ultimately about putting resources to work for the furthering of God's plan and purpose. Throughout our lives, He gives us opportunities to invest wisely and honor Him. Sometimes these acts of worship and sacrifice run counter to the onlooking world's way of thinking. Oftentimes, the deeds that bring commendation from God also bring indignation from society.

Have you ever felt the pressure to ethically compromise or take a short-cut on the road of building wealth and resources? Have you been frustrated by those that seem to prosper in their sin? Is the growing disparity between the rich and poor in this world a drive for you to revel with the rich or be an advocate for the poor?

Resist the temptation to defy God's leading in order to seek ill-gotten gain. Prayerfully consider all that God has already entrusted into your care. Ask Him for wisdom to be a good steward and a wise investor in the days ahead. Thank God for His generosity & mercy. Renew your commitment to give the Lord your best in every area of life.