

Flowing finances 3

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1. TREASURES IN ETERNITY

Hebrews 11:13-16 TPT) “These heroes all died still clinging to their faith, not even receiving all that had been promised them. But they saw beyond the horizon the fulfillment of their promises and gladly embraced it from afar. They all lived their lives on earth as those who belonged to another realm. For clearly, those who live this way are longing for the appearing of a heavenly city. And if their hearts were still remembering what they left behind, they would have found an opportunity to go back. But they couldn’t turn back for their hearts were fixed on what was far greater, that is, the heavenly realm!”

- 1.1. We shouldn’t only live for here and now, but for forever.
- 1.2. Heaven and the future New Earth, not this fallen Earth, is our home.
- 1.3. We should live not for the dot but for the line. The person who lives for the dot lives for treasures on Earth and earthy gratification and recognition, that rot and rust. The person who lives for the line lives for treasures in heaven that will last forever.
- 1.4. We should invest out time, treasure and talents in eternity.

Philippians 3:20 “But we are a colony of heaven on earth as we cling tightly to our life-giver, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our humble bodies and transfigure us into the identical likeness of his glorified body. And using his matchless power, he continually subdues everything to himself.”

Revelation 19:7-9 “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all] reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy! Let us give Him glory *and* honor, for the marriage of the Lamb has come [at last] and His bride (the redeemed) has prepared herself.” She has been permitted to dress in fine linen, dazzling white and clean—for the fine linen signifies the righteous acts of the saints [the ethical conduct, personal integrity, moral courage, and godly character of believers].”

2. POSSESSION OBSESSION

- 2.1. We think we own our possessions, but too often they own us.
- 2.2. They end up running our existence. Instead of our existence running them.
- 2.3. Nothing makes a journey more difficult than a heavy backpack filled with nice but unnecessary things.
- 2.4. Every item we buy is one more thing to think about, talk about, clean, repair, rearrange, fret over, and replace when it goes bad.

3. CHASING WIND

- 3.1.** Solomon's money never ran out. He tried everything, saying, "I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure" (Ecclesiastes 2: 10).
- 3.2.** He's conclusion? "When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 2: 11).

Sermon Discussion Guide

OPEN WITH PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Do you tend to live for the here and now or do you keep eternity in mind?
2. Are you currently investing any of your time, treasure or talents in eternity?
3. If you are being honest, are you maybe too focused on obtaining earthly possessions?