

SERMON SERIES: If We Invest Wisely, Then God...

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Key Line

If we invest faithfully in God's kingdom, then God will pour his blessings into ours.

Introduction

When you hear the word "blessing," what do you think of? What do you think of when you hear the word "rich"? What is the difference?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 4:3-20.

- What does Jesus compare our hearts to? (*Soil*) What does the seed represent? (*The word of God*)
- What does each type of soil represent? (*People and their responses to hearing the word of God*)

Read 4:17-18 again.

- What do the worries of life do to the word of God in our lives? (*Choke out the word*)
- What does Jesus include in the list of worries in this life? (*Deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things*)
- What does this mean? (*Worrying about things we do not have creates discontent and distracts us from the word of God*)

Read 4:20.

- What happens to those who hear the word and put it into practice without being distracted by the worries of life? (*They produce a crop*) What does this mean?
- Giving our money isn't a magic thing that suddenly brings huge blessing into our lives. If just the act of tithing doesn't bring blessing, how does making God a priority in our finances actually bring blessing into our lives? (*It helps us focus on what is important, notice the ways God cares for us and provides, lean on him faithfully, grow in our faith.*)

Talk About It

When we don't give God the place of priority in our lives, we lose focus in our lives.

- What are ways that you get distracted from giving God the place of priority in your life?
- How can we help one another remain faithful and keep God a priority in our lives, both financially and otherwise?