


# STORING OUR TREASURE

## Matthew 6:19-21

- **In our MY CHURCH series we want to help people become more connected to Jesus Christ and to Celebration Church, so they can begin to really fulfill His purposes and plans for their lives.**
- **Jesus makes it clear that every person is storing treasure somewhere.**
- Jesus - *"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."* (Matthew 6:19-21)
- **The question we must ask is *"Where are our investments going?"***
- *"And God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church."* (Ephesians 1:22)
- **God has chosen the church as the primary instrument through which Christ works in this world, and supporting the church means supporting the mission of Christ.**
- *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- **When people join a local church, they move from simply attending services to participating in the mission of Christ.**
- **Members don't just receive from the church—they help sustain and advance it.**

***If We Want to Invest in God's Kingdom We Must Realize:***

## EVERYTHING WE HAVE BELONGS TO GOD

- *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him."* (Psalm 24:1)

- **What we possess is not truly ours—it has been entrusted to us to manage on His behalf.**
- *"Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful..."* (Deuteronomy 8:18)
- **Even our ability to earn and accumulate resources comes from God, reminding us that we are not owners but managers of what He entrusts to us.**
- *"A person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful."* (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- **God measures faithfulness not by how much we possess but by how responsibly we manage what He has placed in our care.**
- **When we understand that everything belongs to God, supporting the mission of our church becomes an act of faithful stewardship rather than obligation.**

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## EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD IS <u>TEMPORARY</u>

- Jesus - *"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal."* (Matthew 6:19)
- **Jesus reminds us that everything we accumulate in this life is vulnerable to loss, decay, and disappearance.**
- *"This world is fading away, along with everything that people crave."* (1 John 2:17)
- **The things people chase most passionately in this world are temporary, which means they cannot ultimately satisfy or endure.**
- *"For we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it."* (1 Timothy 6:7)
- **Earthly wealth has its limits because our possessions cannot follow us beyond this life.**
- **Recognizing the temporary nature of earthly things helps us shift our focus from accumulating possessions to investing in eternal purposes.**

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## EVERYTHING WE INVEST IN GOD'S WORK BECOMES <u>ETERNAL</u>

- **Jesus taught that earthly resources can be turned into eternal rewards when they are invested in the purposes of God.**
- Jesus - *"Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal."* (Matthew 6:20)
- **When believers support the work of God's kingdom, they are storing treasure that will last beyond this life.**

- *"Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home."* (Luke 16:9)
- **Jesus explains that temporary resources can be used to produce eternal results.**
- *"Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."* (1 Timothy 6:18-19)
- **When we use what God has given us to advance His work, those investments carry lasting spiritual impact.**
- **When we support the mission and ministry of our local church, we are not merely giving away resources—we are converting temporary wealth into eternal treasure by investing in the work God is doing through His people.**

***If We Want to Invest in God's Kingdom We Must Realize:***

## EVERYTHING WE TREASURE <u>DIRECTS</u> OUR HEART

- **Jesus taught that our hearts naturally follow our investments.**
- Jesus - *"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."* (Matthew 6:21)
- **Wherever we invest our time, energy, and resources we will see our affection and commitment begin to grow in that direction.**
- Jesus - *"Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light."* (Matthew 6:22)
- **What we focus on shapes our entire perspective, so when our focus is on God's kingdom and His work, it influences the direction of our lives.**
- Jesus - *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Luke 12:34)
- **When we invest in the mission of the local church, our hearts become increasingly connected to that mission.**
- **What we support financially and spiritually becomes something we care deeply about, pray for regularly, and celebrate passionately.**

- **Jesus did not simply invite people to believe in Him - He invited them to join Him in His mission.**
- Jesus - *"But seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."* (Matthew 6:33)
- **Supporting the work of God through His church is one practical way we demonstrate that His kingdom truly comes first in our lives.**
- **When we invest in God's kingdom through the church He has placed us in, we are not just supporting a local congregation—we are storing our treasure in heaven.**

- Jesus **-** *“Store your treasures in heaven…Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”* (Matthew 6:20-21)
- ***How much treasure are you storing in Heaven?***