

The Bank Of Heaven

I. Introduction:

- A. Jesus contrasted earthly and heavenly wealth (**Luke 12:13-21**).
 - 1. He taught life is more than food and clothing (**Luke 12:22-30**).
 - 2. He taught to seek the kingdom first and invest above, because where your treasure is your heart will be also (**Luke 12:31-34**).
- B. You cannot serve God and mammon [wealth; riches] (**Matthew 6:19-24**).
 - 1. God desires His followers to serve Him only (**I Samuel 7:3**).
 - 2. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall (**Proverbs 11:28**).

II. Body: Laying Up In Store For Themselves A Good Foundation (**I Timothy 6:6-19**).

- A. To be an investor in the bank of Heaven, you have to be capable of earthly; material contentment (**Proverbs 30:8-9**).
 - 1. Consider Paul's perspective when he wrote to a congregation that financially supported him (**Philippians 4:10-20**).
 - 2. Think about how a congregation, that was materially wealthy as a whole, was looked at by the Lord as they depended on their earthly wealth (**Revelation 3:14-19**).
- B. To desire to invest in the bank of Heaven, you have to understand that the pursuit of carnal wealth is a trap (**Proverbs 15:27** and **Matthew 13:22**).
 - 1. The one who serves carnal desires is never satisfied (**Proverbs 27:20** and **Ecclesiastes 5:10-11**).
 - 2. Furthermore, when you've gained the whole world what happens in the end (**Matthew 16:26**; cf. **Psalms 49:10** and **Proverbs 11:4**)?
- C. To be an investor in the bank of Heaven, you have to value the true riches (**Proverbs 8:1; 18-19** and **Colossians 3:16**).
 - 1. Paul referred to the word of God, the mystery of the Gospel revealed; as the unsearchable riches of Christ (**Ephesians 3:8**).
 - 2. Why? He knew what the word of our Lord could do that nothing else on earth can (**Acts 20:32**; cf. **Ephesians 1:18**).
- D. To be an investor in the bank of Heaven, you have to chase the heavenly dream rather than the American dream (**Hebrews 13:14**).
 - 1. Consider Paul, Abraham, and Moses (**II Corinthians 4:17-5:1**, **Hebrews 11:8-16**, and **Hebrews 11:24-26**).
 - 2. This world is not our home (**Philippians 3:20**), we're just passing the time as sojourners (**I Peter 1:17**).

III. Conclusion: Treasure in Heaven (**Luke 18:18-30**).