

Good Investment. Matthew 6:19-34

Money Matters

Jesus' investment advice [1 Timothy 6:17-19]

*Matthew 6:*¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

How do we store up treasure in heaven?

Generosity to the poor and needy [Luke 12:33, James 2:14-17, Matt. 5:42, OT provision for the poor Deut. 14:28-29, 15, 23:19, 24:19-22; Prov. 11:24, 19:17, 28:22, 25]

*Matthew 6:*²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Serving God, not money [1 Thess. 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 5:8, Romans 13:7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Galatians 6:6, 1 Corinthians 9:14; Matthew 5:5, 7, 10—12, 42, 6:12, Heb. 10:32-34]

*Matthew 6:*²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Facing the anxiety that frustrates investing 6:25-34

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Why Jesus' followers don't need to be anxious

Four arguments against anxiety

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²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸ *And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

³⁰ *But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

Four attitudes revealed that feed anxiety

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The conclusion:

Matthew 6: ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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A final word for us

Matthew 6: ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Make the lasting investment