

Sermon Title:

"Jesus' Financial Investment Advice

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Sermon Text:

Matthew 6:19-21

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Introduction:

"If anyone says that they don't care about money, don't believe them! The truth is, everyone cares about money. And that's why Jesus talked about it in the Sermon on the Mount."

These verses have a very simple and easy-to-understand structure:

Verse 19 gives us the _____ command.

Verse 20 gives us the _____ command.

Verse 21 gives us the _____.

I. We Are Not To Store Up Treasures On Earth Because Earthly Wealth Is

(6:19)

- The phrase "do not store up" literally means "do not have this _____."
- The word translated "treasures" means "a thing of _____ value."
- ***What is it that Jesus is forbidding, and what does this imply about the way we are to live? Three considerations:*** 1) *We are to reject _____ living.* 2) *We are not to ignore the _____.* 3) *We are not to live as if this _____ is the only _____ there is.*
- **There are two problems with earthly wealth:**
 1. **It is _____ over _____** (corruption from within)
 2. **It is _____ by _____** (violence from without)
- The phrase "break through" literally means "to dig through."
- *You can have a fortune today and lose it all tomorrow! And that's really what Jesus is telling us in Matthew 6:19.*

The wealth of this world is inherently unstable! (Proverbs 23:5)

- **The lesson is clear:** Wealth is hard to _____; and it is even harder to _____!

II. We Are To Store Up Treasures In Heaven Because Heaven Is The Only Place Where our Wealth Will Be _____ (6:20)

- *The difference is simple:* It's "on _____" versus "in _____."
- *You store up treasures in heaven by investing your money in things that will last for eternity!* There are only two things that last forever – the _____ and _____.
- *I John 2:17; Matthew 24:35*

“The ultimate investment that you can make is to invest your life in getting the Word of God into the lives of people!”

III. Where You Put Your Money Is All-Important Because Your _____ Follows Your _____ (6:20)

- In a very real and simple way – *your _____ follows your _____.*

“You’ll never be able to get your heart focused on heaven as long as all your money is focused on the earth!”

- It all boils down to one question: *Where is your heart?* The answer is always the same: Your heart is wherever you’ve been _____.

Conclusion:

- The whole teaching of Matthew 6:19-21 can be summarized in six simple words:
_____!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.