

Kingdom Building

Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT) - ¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. To my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today’s text of Matthew 6:19-21, I would like to share from the topic “Kingdom Building.”

Many have different attitudes towards treasure or even money based on what they’ve heard, personal experience, or how they were raised. When we look at our own feelings about money and possessions, it is wise to evaluate ourselves to make sure we are in-line with what the Bible teaches.

As we look at the text, I can remember several years ago, when we were moving from one city to another, and we decided to store several rooms of furniture at a local storage facility. Many of the items were handmade, valuable, and would be very hard to replace; some being antiques. We didn’t know how long we would need to store the furniture, but we decided to pick up all of our belongings to properly furnish our home. To our surprise, we had to throw some of the bedding, furniture, and appliances away because of moths and rust. It was absolutely awful because we had no idea that our valuables were absolutely worthless. The only thing we could do was throw it away in the trash! Maybe you can identify with this story. I have also had items stolen from my home and my vehicle. Has anybody witnessed this type of occurrence? And on many occasions, the thief may have been somebody that you knew, and at one time or another – you called them friend. Tell somebody, “Thank God for Kingdom Building.” As I reflected on these lessons of life, I realized that the value of all the tangible treasures that we build on earth are only temporary. So, we must strive to store up treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Tell somebody, “Thank God for Kingdom Building.”

God is the Owner of Our Money

In order to use treasure (money) in ways that glorify God, it just makes sense that we truly understand whose money it really is. God is the Creator and owner of everything – including all money, property, and investments. In Malachi 8-11, the word says *“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”* I’m

telling you God will pour you out blessings that you don't have enough room to receive it. He says to test me in this and you can count on me to open the floodgates of heaven. This is Kingdom Building!!! **My brothers and sisters, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the Lord Almighty. (Haggai 2:8) When we truly understand that God owns everything – even the air that we breath and all the resources, then we can truly honor God who has blessed us with the trusted wisdom to do what is right in the sight of God regarding stewardship and financial giving. Tell somebody, "Thank God for Kingdom Building."**

Faithfulness Will be Rewarded

God is the Owner, but guess who are His managers? You're exactly right. We are God's managers and we are entrusted with the things of this world. We are accountable to the true Owner to be faithful in our financial giving. Be faithful in our stewardship (time, talent, and treasure). His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. (Matt. 25:23) In Proverbs 3:9-10, the Word says "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." I Thank God for Blessings on your life to the "Overflow." As you continue to walk in the Lord with your faithfulness and honor the Lord with your substance and the firstfruits of all of your increase, the Lord will bless you to the overflow. Is anybody ready for their barns to be filled with plenty? Is anybody ready for their presses to burst out with new wine? Is anybody ready for a blessing that they don't have enough room to receive. Tell somebody that God is surely in the Blessing Business and "I Thank the Lord for Kingdom Building."

Who can be trusted?

In closing, whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? (Luke 16:10-12) ***Friends, seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt. 6:33)*** 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. God owns it all, so continue to trust God and be faithful, so that God can trust you in Kingdom Building.*** "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Rom. 10:10-11) Tell somebody, "I'm committed to Kingdom Building." Hallelujah, Amen.