

S7E43

An Investment Strategy That's Recession Proof – Matthew 6:19-21

Description – Join us today as we sit down with Investment Banker Jesus to examine where we're storing up treasure.

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This passage is predominantly about money and possessions, things that most people desire. Roughly 60-70% of people who attend church give nothing to their church.

Statistically, the age group that gives the least or nothing is those in the 20's to 30's age group.

What Jesus is saying here is that you can hook up a spiritual EKG monitor to their bank account and it will reveal the condition of their heart.

What you spend your money on shows what you value, what you treasure.

1. A temporal investment strategy

Taking your hard earned money and throwing it out the window as you drive away from the bank.

Matthew 6:19

¹⁹ "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

Store up treasures on earth - You don't want to store up treasures on earth that you treasure only here. It carries the idea of hoarding something and storing up more and more of it.

How did you show off money in the 1st century. It was your clothing. The ultra rich would weave gold and purple cloths into garments.

The rich had a difficult time keeping clothes because one moth could destroy a whole wardrobe.

Rust - an odd term, they didn't really have a lot of metal back then to rust and corrode. It really means to consume and devour here.

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The meaning of rust here is a picture of farmers storing grain, trying to prevent rats and birds from getting in and devouring the harvest.

Theives - also no way to control someone breaking into your home and ransacking the place to find hidden treasure. How did people secure treasure without a safe? They would bury it somewhere hidden in the ground.

Matthew 13:44

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field.

Bururlars / thieves in that day were known as “wall-diggers.”

It’s similar to how the 4 friends had to dig through the roof to lower their paralyzed friend down on a mat to get him to Jesus.

What Jesus is saying in all of this is: You should never invest spiritually this way. Don’t store up here on earth, but invest in future or eternal things.

2. An Eternal Investment Strategy

Matthew 6:20

²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal.

We want to focus on investing in things that will not be stolen, not rot, or not go to waste here on earth; but will be things that we store up in Heaven.

An Example: You’d never eat at the chinese buffet restaurant and then say, “No, I’m going to go pay the restaurant down the street that’s really struggling right now.” You’d never do that. Or you’d never eat a great meal and then just not pay anything.

What we’re passionate about is normally what we find value in.

Next week we’ll look at Matthew 6:22-23 - the eye being a lamp to the body. It’s talking about generosity.