

# The King's Economy: Investing in Futures

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“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 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! No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve God and money.”

Matthew 6:21-24

- I. **Life in the Kingdom of God: Following Jesus requires our undivided loyalty, proven by our INVESTMENTS (Mt. 6:19:21).**
  - A. Followers of Jesus don't invest in \_\_\_\_\_ dividends (Mt. 6:19).
  - B. Followers of Jesus invest in \_\_\_\_\_ dividends (Mt. 6:20).
  - C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ reveal our true focus: what we truly value (Mt. 6:21).
  
- II. **Life in the Kingdom of God: Following Jesus requires our undivided loyalty, proven by our FOCUS (Mt. 6:22-23).**
  - A. A “healthy” eye produces an undivided focus, resulting in \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 6:22).
  - B. A “bad” eye produces an unfocused duplicity, resulting in \_\_\_\_\_ (Mr. 6:23).
  
- III. **Life in the Kingdom of God: Following Jesus requires our undivided loyalty, proven by our ALLEGIANCE (Mt. 6:24).**
  - A. We cannot pledge our life to two masters \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 6:24a).
  - B. We cannot pledge our life both to God and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 6:24b).

“In following Jesus, God's our true Master.  
And so we invest in the Hereafter.”

# GROWTH GROUP GUIDE • WEEK 5: MATTHEW 6:19-24

## SERMON REFLECTION

What were your thoughts on Sunday's message? Discuss with your group questions you had, things that stood out to you, and impressions you had.

Living like Jesus takes community! Obedience to Christ requires that we do it in the context of relationships. Because of that, we are going to look at various elements of **INTENTIONAL GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS.**

## GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY



He is everything underneath the umbrella, but He is PERFECT in all those characteristics!

**How else is He trustworthy? What would you add under the umbrella?**

Generous, Kind, Merciful, Loving, Caring, Compassionate, Patient, Gentle, Joyful, Faithful....

## MAKING ROOM TO MAKE DISCIPLES

What does it take for people who don't know God to get to the point of trusting Him instead of all other idols for their flourishing?

## DISCUSSION

1. Think again about the Beatitudes. What does it take to lay up treasures in heaven? What does it take to serve one Master?
2. What do you think a "healthy eye" is like, and how can a person's whole body become "full of light" through it? Is there anything Jesus is telling you to trust Him with that's getting in the way of having a "healthy eye" that will fill you up with light?
3. To serve a master is to trust him with your well-being. We serve our employers because we believe that it will turn out better for us if we do. When we entrust ourselves to money, affirmation, acceptance, or approval, what are we saying about God's trustworthiness? When we cast down our idols in service of the King, what are we saying about God's trustworthiness?

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