

Wealth Building

Did you realize that God is into wealth building? Jesus says to us, “*store up for yourselves treasure in heaven.*” He wants us to actively pursue treasure and to be motivated by our reward! As Christians we are to be treasure-seekers, joyfully investing in our future!

Pursuing eternal rewards, however, requires having a broader perspective than just living for the here and now. It means employing the discipline of deferred gratification. Christ wants us to build lasting wealth and not focus solely on pursuing temporal things.

You’ve never seen a U-Haul attached to hearse, have you? We can’t take our ‘stuff’ with us! But you can send it on ahead! We can invest our time, talent, and treasure in the things that God says have eternal value. Luke 16:9 has an interesting example of sending it on ahead. After finishing his parable of the shrewd manager Jesus concludes with these words. *“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.*

What is he talking about here? As we invest our finances to touch the lives of others for Christ and as a result they come to know Christ, we have played a part in their eternal destiny. What we have gained, part of our treasure, will be the relationships that will continue for eternity. We will be welcomed by those folks who have gone before us into eternal dwellings. Exciting!

Let’s all together, as a family, follow God’s calling to invest in His Kingdom and our future! Let’s joyfully pursue eternal treasures!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PASTOR SCOTT". The letters are written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.