

Lesson Notes:

Investing in your Future

During this time of financial upheaval we are all concerned about our savings programs and what lies ahead for us in the future. All too often we become embroiled in laying up our treasures here on earth without thinking about what lies ahead for us when our work is finished here on earth. Below is a discussion of why we should be concerned about what we lay up for ourselves in the hereafter and how we may please God plus lay up treasures in heaven.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:19-21 to lay up treasures not on earth but in Heaven.** In **Luke 12:13-21** Jesus tells us in a parable not to be too concerned about laying up treasures for ourselves here on earth.
- 2) **If we keep his commandments we will receive blessings.** In **Deuteronomy 11:13-15** and **Deuteronomy 28:1-14** God promised Moses that if he walked with him faithfully he would bless him.
- 3) **In Proverbs 15:16 Solomon tells us that our relationship with the Lord is greater than earthly treasure.** And in **Proverbs 16:8** Solomon encourages us to seek righteous over revenues.
- 4) **True success cannot be measured in worldly terms but by the Faithful following God.** In **Joshua 1:8**, Joshua was told by God that if he faithfully followed him he would enjoy God's success.

So how do we lay up treasures in Heaven?

- 5) **We know that God desires all men and women to be saved.** Paul tells Timothy this in **1 Timothy 2:4**.
- 6) **In Romans 10:17 Paul tells us that faith in God comes by hearing the word of God.** Unless we are actively engaged in spreading the holy gospel, people will not have the opportunity to know the truth of Jesus.
- 7) **Therefore, Jesus gives us the Great Commission in Mark 16:14-16**, which is to spread the holy gospel throughout the world.
- 8) **We should not be apprehensive about speaking out in favor of the Lord or being actively engaged in spreading his word as Jesus gives us the power and he is with us as we go forward.** He tells us this in **Matthew 28:18-20**.