

Give to Invest in Eternity Luke 12:13-21; 16:1-9

Some investments simply don't work out - they decline in value or disappear altogether. In fact, from the Bible's point of view, all earthly wealth will ultimately lose all of its value unless it is converted into something of eternal value - PEOPLE. God loves people because people are made in His image, and they will all live forever, with Him or apart from Him. So invest your life - your treasure, your time, your talent - in helping people find and follow Jesus.

Why should We become generous & joyful givers?

Reason #1

Because generous and joyful giving is an act of worship and God is worthy of our worship

Reason #2

Because generous and joyful giving is an investment in eternity

Because you can't take it with you but you can send it ahead

You can't take it with you

1. Because earthly treasures fade away

Proverbs 23:4-5

Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.

2. Because you will fade away

Ecclesiastes 5:15-16

As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand...exactly as a man is born, thus will he die.

3. Because Jesus will return

But You can send it ahead

Philippians 4:17

Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

Luke 16:9

"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings."

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.