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Message Series  
"Money Matters"

### "The Investment Opportunity of a Lifetime"

#### Luke 12:13-21, 33-34

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

#### Why we "save" money (the wrong reasons)

- (Luke 12:15)
- (1 Tim. 6:17)
- (Luke 12:24-26)

### Proverbs 6:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. <sup>7</sup> Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, <sup>8</sup> she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. <sup>9</sup> How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? <sup>10</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, <sup>11</sup> and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

(the right reasons)

- (Prov. 6:8, 21:20)
- (1 Tim. 5:8)
- (Luke 12:33-34, 1 Tim. 6:18-19)

#### Four Priorities for Making the Investment of Your Lifetime

1. \_\_\_\_\_ :

*"If we have food and clothing, we will be content."* (1 Tim. 6:8)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ :

*"Let no debt remain outstanding..."* (Rom. 13:8, NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ :

*"Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."* (Prov. 13:11)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ :

*"Command those who are rich in this present world not to... put their hope in wealth (but), but to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves...so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."* (1 Tim. 6:17-19, NIV)