



“Invest in Heaven”

An Exclusive Gated Community
Matthew 6:19-33; Luke 12:24-34

Where We Invest is Connected to Our :

I. Ambition – “Seek ye the kingdom” (v. 28-31, 33)

Our Purpose is established by :

A. Access – “*treasures upon earth... in heaven*”

B. Appreciation – “*moth and rust corrupt*”

C. Assurance – “*thieves break through and steal*”

II. Attitude - “Fear not” (v. 32)

Our Perspective of the :

A. Family – “*little flock*”

B. Father – “*your Father’s pleasure*”

Compare/contrast Luke 12:6-7 to Luke 19:21

C. Future – “*to give you the kingdom*”

III. Affection - “where your heart be” (v. 34, Matt. 6:24)

Our Passion drives :

A. Priority – “*either he will hate the one,...love the other*”

B. Pursuit – “*where your treasure is...your heart also*”

C. Possession – “*cannot serve God and mammon*”

Conclusion:

- **When it comes to investing in heaven in 2011, Are You in? If so, would you tell the Lord about your decision and ask Him to remind you each day of this new Year to think about Heaven and your investment in it?**

Introduction:

Today's Message is a New Years Message to get us off on the right track for 2011. My hope is that the message from God's Word will lead us to Celebration, Contemplation, and Commitment.

How many have been saved in connection with the ministry of Falcon Baptist Church?

Nethken

Bryant

McLaughlin

Costain

Grant

Morris

Lots of Our Children

Aly

Sarah

Children in Rene's Classes over the years

Our Church broadcasts sermons from our services all over the world each month with hundreds of messages downloaded in these locations. (2 SLIDES)

How is this all possible – faithful giving of Each of Our Church Family --- You... Take this goofy ear microphone – why do I use it? It is used because it produces a much clearer audio that is used to upload to our website so others

can hear the Word preached clearly. How did we get this microphone - It was given by Faye Husimann in memory of her husband, Ken. Faye is already in heaven but she is still reaping reward from her investment while she was with us.

Is this all our investment...No, we support 14 missionaries...

***Moyers – reach the cowboys and cowgirls
Frank and Ruth Ann Branham and Loryn***

Glynn reach our soldiers

The Leatherwoods are in Spain

The Chamberlains in Asia

The Hocks in Uruaguay

The Estremas in Argentina

The McGuires with TransWorld Radio

The Andersons in

The Paces in Peru

Itamar in Brazil

Clair and MayAnn Longuevan in Europe

The Houdmanns with GotQuestions...in

November 2010 :

***2.3 million people visited GotQuestions
129,000 people looked over the Plan of Salvation
pages***

10, 338 salvation decisions were indicated.

(4 SLIDES)

EXEGESIS

V. 28

- If then GOD so
 - Immediately in this text it brings two things to the forefront:
 - 1. God's Care for Us
 - 2. The Temporary vs. the Eternal

V. 29

- Neither be ye of a doubtful mind = a call to faith...different then those that do not believe
 - Reflective of the Children of Israelnot going into the promise land....relegated to a somewhat meaningless existence, definitely marginalized existence walking around 40 years in the wilderness...watching and waiting for a generation to die off, so that God could do something with the next generation.

v. 30

- For all these things do the nations of the world seek after (after all these things do

the Gentiles seek) = the lost have their way of seeing value and meaning and that is reflected in their spending and investing.

v. 31

- But – Contrast to the world
- Seek ye the kingdom of God = indicates passion and priority (Seek ye first)

v. 32

- Fear not = first thing that crops up when you consider doing something for God with your money.
- Little Flock = little gathering of sheep = Falcon Baptist Church family = Local Church -- Little = (Micro)
- Your Father's Good Pleasure = in juxtaposition to our small size is Our Father's Large Pleasure
- To give you the kingdom = God's pleasure is to give us the kingdom = Our pleasure ought to be like our Father and give others the kingdom

v. 33

- Sell that ye have = Not (all) that you have ...but if you can not find any money to give Everyone should find money to give ...otherwise, sell something!!!!
 - This Passage is clearly about giving money not time or Talent
- Provide yourselves = Work a plan, Invest ---- It is right to aspire to get in on the building up of the kingdom.(Contrast this to v. 16-21)

v. 34

- For where = This is how it works
- Your treasure is = It is somewhere
- There will be your heart also = It is somewhere ...where is it?

More Verses on the Investing and Money

Ps. 49:10-20; II Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15;
Matthew 19:23-30; Luke 7:42; 19:11-26;
I Timothy 6:10; Hebrews 13:5