

Series: Go Make a Difference – Part 5
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THE "ETERNALLY" FOCUSED CHURCH

Matthew 16:25-26 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

Jesus teaches us three important principles about what is the best investment for your life...

I. THE _____ OF THIS _____ ARE NOT THE BEST INVESTMENT.

Matthew 16:26a What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world...

The most important question is... "What is the _____ on my _____?"

Four reasons...

1. The riches of this world don't _____!
Eccles. 5:10
2. The riches of this world don't have _____ value!
1 John 2:15-17
3. The riches of this world don't bring you _____!
Matthew 6:19-20
4. The riches of this world can take your _____!
Matthew 6:24

II. THERE IS _____ INVESTMENT MORE _____ THAN ALL THE OTHERS!

Matthew 16:26b What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?

Not only is it possible to make the wrong investment, it's possible to make a _____ investment.

Luke 12:16-21 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

How do I become rich toward God?

John 1:12-13 To all who received [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision...but born of God.

III. GIVE _____ TO _____

YOU ARE INVESTING IN!

Matthew 16:26c Or, what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 4:18-19 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Some wrong investments people are making...

1. Investing in _____
2 Timothy 3:4, Eccles. 2:1
2. Investing in _____
Eccles. 2:4, 10-11
3. Investing in _____
Ecclesiastes 2:8, Luke 12:15
4. Investing in _____
Eccles. 2:9-11

WHAT IS THE BEST INVESTMENT?

1. Investing your life in _____.
Matthew 16:25, 1 Tim. 6:17, Matthew 19:27-29
2. Investing your life in _____.
1 Tim. 6:18-19
3. Invest your life in _____.
1 Tim. 6:18-19

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose." Jim Elliot