

INVESTMENT

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

MATT 6:19-24

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

You invest in heaven when you –

Put your resources into helping others get there.
Divest yourself of worldly desires and “stuff.”
Compound your interest in spiritual things.
Build your trust fund. In God. Others in you.
Seek the highest rate of return. 80/20 rule.
Diversify your resources in ministries, missions.

Keys to the Kingdom

Introduction	Prayer - 6:5-15
Attitude - 5:1-12	Self-Denial - 6:16-18
Influence - 5:13-16	Investment - 6:19-24
Self-Control - 5:17-30	Preoccupation - 6:25-34
Faithfulness - 5:31-37	Discernment - 7:1-12
Response-Ability - 5:38-42	Direction - 7:13-14
Love - 5:43-48	Obedience - 7:15-23
Generosity - 6:1-4	Action - 7:24-27

You invest in heaven when you –

Partner with others: mutual funds, joint accounts.
Enlarge your portfolio. Re-invest your dividends.
Spend time consulting with your Broker.
Take a purely faith-based decision or action.
Teach and show your family how to invest.
Do anything whose effects last for eternity.

Two Vaults: 6:19-21

Luke 12:13-21 The rich, foolish farmer.
Luke 12:32-33 Money bags that last forever. How?
Sell possessions. Give to charity. Deposit above.
1 Tim 6:6-10, 17-21 Content in status. Certain in hope. Rich in works. Generous in sharing.
What we give, we keep. What we keep, we lose.

Your treasure and your heart – inseparable.

Where you invest one, you invest the other.

Two Lenses: 6:22-23

You choose what you see and how you see it.
Your eye fills you with either light or darkness.
"If your right eye causes you to sin ..." 5:28-29
"Let us run, fixing our eyes on Jesus ..." He 12:1-3
Seeing the unseen. 2 Co 4:18; He 11:7-8, 13, 27
Ps 101:3 "I will set no vile thing before my eyes."

Two Thrones: 6:24

Who / what you serve = who / what you love.
Whoever / whatever rules you is your master.
"Hate" and "despise" money – strong words!
Μαμωνᾶς "Mammon" – Aramaic: "that in which
one trusts." (Dishonest) gain, ransom, bribe.
Jesus: faithfully use "unrighteous mammon" to
secure a home beyond this life. Luke 16:1-15