

# **Redeeming the Time: What These Days Teach Us About Money and Possessions**

# I. The Biblical Perspective on Money and Possessions

- **Attitude → true spiritual condition**
- **Zacchaeus (Luke 19:8-9)**
- **Steward**
- **Owner (Psalm 24:1, Deut 10:14, Deut 8:18)**
- **Strategic stewardship (Luke 16:1-3)**
- **Parables**
  - **Ten talents (Matt 25:14-30)**
  - **Ten minas (Luke 19:11-27)**

## **II. Wrong Perspectives That Get in the Way**

- **Money is bad (I Tim 6:10)**
- **Materialism (Luke 12:15)**
- **Asceticism (1 Tim 4)**
- **Discontentment (Phil 4:11-12, 1 Tim 6:6-8)**
- **Still more on materialism (Rev 3:17, Ezek 28:4-5, Matt 6:31-34, Eccl 2:8-11 Eccl 5:10-11, Deut 31:20, Hosea 13:4-6, Psalm 52:7, James 2:1-9, Amos 5:11, Micah 6:12)**
- **Prosperity theology (health and wealth)**

# III. What it Means to Store Up Treasure in Heaven

- **Matt 6:19-24**
  - **Two treasuries: earth and heaven**
  - **Two masters: money and God**
- **The underappreciated truth: it's OUR TREASURE (Matt 6:19. Luke 12:32-34)**
- **Heaven as a motivation (Psalm 16:11)**
- **The doctrine of rewards**

## **IV. Wisely Managing God's Assets**

- **Giving: a grace (Prov 11:24-25)**
- **Enriched to be generous (2 Cor 9:10-11)**
- **Generous to whom? (Matt 5:32-46, Prov 19:17)**
- **Discretion and wisdom (2 Thes 3:10-12)**
- **Simple lifestyle vs. strategic lifestyle**
- **Saving and investing (Prov 6:6-8, Prov 15:22, Eccl 11:2)**
- **Inheritances (Prov 20:21)**

## V. Putting it all Together: a Wartime Lifestyle

- Heaven-focused – for yourself
- Future rewards – for yourself
- “But seek first the kingdom ...” (Matt 6:25-33)
- Hoarding assets (Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke 12:16-21)?
- Debt?
- Income goes up → lifestyle goes up?

**How much do I need to keep? Can I send some on ahead?**