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“Strategic Reserves” (5)

*“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”
(Proverbs 21:20)*

Stockpiling Strategies:

(1) Die-Hard Discipline – (10/28/12); (2) Fervent Faith – (11/4/12)

(3) Abiding in Christ – (11/11/12)

(4) Investing in People

1 Timothy 6:17-19 – (17) “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (18) **They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,** (19) **thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future,** so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Luke 16:9 – “And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails **they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.**”

Key Point: What is Given Away Pays Eternal Dividends

Response:

(1) Consider Jesus

Matthew 25:31-36, 40 – (31) “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. (32) Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (33) And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. (34) Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (35) For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, (36) I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ (40) And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

(2) Consider Yourself

Psalm 41:1-3 – (1) “Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; (2) the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. (3) The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.”

Isaiah 58:7-8 – (7) “Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? (8) Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

What do I have that I can give to others? Time, energy, skill, money, etc.?

Is giving part of my investment portfolio?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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