## THE FAMILY THAT INVESTS IN HEAVEN

## ❖ What do you <u>TREASURE</u>?

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

❖ Your soul focus will determine your soul <u>FREEDOM</u>.

Godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (ESV)

Investing in Treasures of Heaven:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Matthew 13:44 (ESV)

1. Treasure in Heaven is <u>WORTH MORE</u> than anything you'll ever accumulate or accomplish in this life.

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:21-22 (ESV)

• The investment is worth the sacrifice!

I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:8 (ESV)

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV)

2. WHAT you search for and WHERE you search for it will determine the return you get.

• When your heart is set on the right search, it sees the right treasure.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 13:47-50 (ESV)

3. The return for our investment is coming for ALL OF US.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

Which investment are you making?