

### ***#3 Investment***

**Jesus talked often about money. 16 of 38 parables are about money and possessions. 1 in 10 verses in the four gospels deal directly with this subject! Scripture contains 500 verses on faith, 500 on prayer, but more than 2000 on money and property.**

**In the Sermon On The Mount, Jesus described money as an investment. Matt6:19 he says, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in a**

**steal, BUT lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

**Interesting. Jesus doesn't way “treasures” are a problem. The problem emerges by WHERE we invest them. On EARTH? – in my investment portfolio which eventually gets eaten, rusted, and stolen – or in HEAVEN? – as a**

**lasting, never-decaying,  
secure investment with  
God.**

**People in recent years  
have been swindled out of  
their fortunes by the  
Bernie Madoffs of our  
world. Computer hackers  
have stolen identities and  
the life savings of honest  
citizens. Others simply  
squander their treasures  
on trinkets or poor  
investment choices. In  
contrast, placing your  
money in God's hands is  
secure.**

**St Paul also likens what**

**we faithfully invest in the church to sowing seed. 2Cor 9:6 “whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” The quality and quantity of the seed we sow affects the harvest.**

**Take this seed packet that I have here. It says here that it is #1 grade. If I prepare and tend the soil, this seed should produce a good harvest. If I hoard it till next year, who knows?**

**These are also seeds. I could waste them or hoard them. I could lose them on the TSX. But, if in worship, I give them to the Saviour who gave up everything for me, the returns can be remarkable, both in time and in eternity.**

**So when the plate goes by you next time, sow some #1 grade seed. Sow generously. Your investment will outlast time. It may also enlarge your bounty now. But - more importantly - it will enlarge your heart. It's**

**said God loves a cheerful  
giver.**

**Jesus says in Luke 6:38,  
“Give and it shall be given  
unto you. Good measure,  
pressed down, shaken  
together, running over,  
will be put into your lap.**

**For with the same  
measure you use, it will be  
measured back to you”.**

**What a fabulous  
investment  
portfolio...both now, and  
in eternity. Be blessed.**