



How to Be Financially Satisfied

ECCLESIASTES 11:1-6

Solomon's financial seminar

1. Adopt a long-term investment strategy.

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. v. 1

2. Diversify your investments.

Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth. v. 2

3. Research your opportunities and anticipate obvious outcomes.

If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. v. 3

4. Don't wait for perfect conditions to make a move.

He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. v. 4

5. Remain consistent with your strategy.

As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. vv. 5-6

CAUTION: *It's foolish to be _____ in this life and not _____ toward God. (Luke 12:16-21)*

How to be rich toward God

1. Adopt a long-term strategy by investing in _____ kingdom endeavors.

2. Diversify your investments to care for _____ as well as yourself.

3. Anticipate the obvious by investing in what God has put in _____ of you.

4. Exercise faith in God's future _____ so you can make investments today.

5. Remain consistent with a kingdom strategy that will richly bless _____ and the King.



SERMON DEVOTIONAL STUDY

These lessons are also suitable for Home Groups who continue to meet during the summer months.

1. Describe the attitude in your family toward making money and investing when you were growing up. How does that attitude affect your life today, if at all?

Finding Satisfaction in Him

"God does not need your money; He wants what it represents—you. Finances are God's gift to you to fulfill His will for your life. While God desires you to prioritize His work in giving, He wants you to purpose to follow and serve Him no matter what happens with your finances."

-Paul Chappell

"Get money to live; then live and use it ... Surely use alone makes money not contemptible."

-George Herbert

"But for money and the need of it, there would not be half the friendship in the world. It is powerful for good if divinely used. Give it plenty of air and it is sweet as the hawthorn; shut it up and it cankers and breeds worms."

-George Macdonald

"We should never think that once we have given some money and time to the Lord that the rest is ours to do with as we please. All that we have belongs to God, so He should be taken into consideration in everything we do."

-Theodore Epp

"Before we can pray, 'Lord, Thy Kingdom come,' we must be willing to pray, 'My Kingdom go.'"

-Alan Redpath

"Like my parents and their parents before them, you don't have to be wealthy to give. You can give your time, your talents and your passion."

-David & Barbara Green, founders of Hobby Lobby

"Let's not confuse contentment with apathy or lack of ambition, but let's also not become so consumed with any pursuit that overshadows our pursuit of God Himself. Contentment is the most important characteristic of people who are successful with money. That's because they think long and hard about the purchases they make and therefore have more money left over to save, invest and give."

-Chris Brown

6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. How have you seen the principle of sow sparingly, reap sparingly played out? What is at the root of the idea that one would prefer to sow sparingly, both in investing and in giving? What mature believer who has been blessed financially could you meet with to ask them how they sow bountifully?

2. Did the subject matter of the sermon surprise you? Why or why not? What other biblical passages can you think of that focus on investing or making money? How does all this encourage you?

3. Which of the five points on the sermon notes under "Solomon's financial seminar" are practices you already pursue, and which would you like to start pursuing? How can you begin to do that?

4. Which of the five points under "How to be rich toward God" has your attention right now and why?

5. Read Luke 12:13-21. In what ways have you seen yourself in the rich fool, or in the brother asking Jesus the question? What is the concept Jesus is trying to get across to the crowd, and what extra insight did the sermon provide you in this?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of "The Source" at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

KNOW A DAD WHO LOVES CARS? INVITE HIM TO CHURCH FOR FATHER'S DAY! We're celebrating dads with a drool-worthy car show next Sunday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Parking Garage. Add a little extra cool to his day and bring him along.

TA ETHNE MISSIONS LUNCHEON IS TODAY AT 12:15 P.M. Meet pastors from Ethiopia, Hungary, the Middle East, Asia and Venezuela, and hear their courageous stories over lunch in the Oak Room!

FAMILY BACKYARD CELEBRATION SAVES THE DAY AT 6:15 P.M. Don't miss the action as the Great Room transforms into the best backyard on the block. Come at 6:15 p.m. for a heroic night of super food, fun and activities.

WAITING IN HOPE BEGINS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 13. If you're a woman experiencing the grief that comes with miscarriage, difficulty in conceiving, adoption or prolonged waiting in starting your family, join us on Tuesdays this summer. We'll be walking through a study on hoping in the Lord in the Lobby of The Den at 6:30 p.m. For more info, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

LADIES, SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEON IS THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14. Join us for lunch at 11 a.m. in the Oak Room. You'll hear Hillary Kelso's encouraging story of finding her security in Christ. It's a great way to introduce a friend to God's great love, so invite someone and bring a salad to share. Questions? Email Venita at VenitaJ@christchapelbc.org.

RENOVATE [IN THE CITY] IS THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14. Young adults, don't miss our night of serving at Beautiful Feet Ministries (1709 E. Hattie St.). Dinner is part of the event so come hungry at 6 p.m. Questions? Email Michael at MichaelK@christchapelbc.org.

NEW WOMEN'S FEAR AND ANXIETY GROUP BEGINS THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 15. Do you know what to do when anxiety fills your day and troubles your night? A new female Thrive group begins this Thursday at 7 p.m. to address anxiety and worry, and work towards hope, peace and rest. Visit www.ccbcsoulcare.org to register.

FREEDOM FROM FOOD FIXATION GROUP FOR WOMEN STARTS THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 15. If you feel stuck in a cycle of overeating, yo-yo dieting and obsessive thoughts about food, find community this summer as we focus on developing healthy relationships with food by seeking satisfaction in stronger relationships with Christ. Register at www.ccbcsoulcare.org.

MEN, SERVE WITH MANPOWER THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 17. Free one Saturday a month? Serve the widows and single moms of CCBC by helping with jobs around the house. Learn more by emailing ManPower@christchapelbc.org.

Close in prayer.