

Fail Proof Investments

Matthew 6:19-24

1. Be careful where you store your wealth (vs.19-21)

■ Put something back

■ For yourself

Proverbs 13:11 (NIV) Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

■ For your children

2 Corinthians 12:14 For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

■ For other people

Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

■ Lay something up

Colossians 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

2. Be careful how you see your wealth (vs.22-23)

Luke 12:19-21 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹ "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Matt 16:26; For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Proverbs 23:4-5; Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

3. Be careful not to serve your wealth (v.24)

1 Timothy 6:10; For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- Money makes a wonderful servant but a terrible master.