

## Wealth

White Lake Family Camp, 2014

Lecture 4/5

1. Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-14
2. The Christian life is a life of investment, including investment of money
  - a. We can expect this-worldly blessing for wise stewardship and generous giving. (Proverbs 11:4, 28; 21:26; 29:7; 31:9; Psalms 72:1-3; 82:3; 106:3; also Proverbs 3:33; 10:2-3, 6, 24-25; 11:18, 28, 31; 12:3; 13:22, 25; 15:6; 16:8; Psalms 1:5-6; 11; 14:5; 18:20, 24; 34:15, 19; 37; 55:22; 58:10-11; 92:12; 112:3-9; 125:3; Malachi 3:6-12)
  - b. Jesus' teaching: seek reward from God, not from men. (Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21)
  - c. Key: what does it mean to "lay up treasures in heaven"? (see 1 Peter 1:3-5;
  - d. Christians should invest their money
  - e. Christians should expect reward (Psalm 128:1-2; Isaiah 49:4; Isaiah 65:23; Habakkuk 2:13; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Mark 10:29-30)
3. We are generous - to each other first.
  - a. mercy (Proverbs 19:17)
  - b. practical priority! (Galatians 6:10)
  - c. task: meeting pressing needs (Titus 3:12-14; James 1:27)
  - d. general goal: equality - *something we understand better than the world.* (2 Corinthians 8:13-15; Acts 4:32-35)
  - e. particular goal: everyone *works*: to meet their own needs and those of others. (Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 10-12; 1 Timothy 5:5-6)
  - f. common projects
4. We live *well* below our means. (1 Corinthians 7:29-30; Luke 12:23; 1 John 2:16)
5. We take care of our children and grandchildren. (Proverbs 13:22)
6. We avoid the fragility of debt. (1 Corinthians 7:21)
7. We are ready for emergencies
8. We invest: people, money, time, energy, expertise, possessions
9. Why do we invest? The son of God invested everything in us. (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:6; Isaiah 53:11a)