



WHEN THE WORLD GETS IN THE WAY
WORLDLY PROFITS & GODLY INVESTMENTS
LUKE 14:12-14

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Luke 14:12 He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. **13** But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." (ESV)

1. Consider _____ (vv.12-14)

2. _____ (v.14)

3. Excel _____ (v.13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Timothy 6:18**. What are the challenges you experience as you attempt to follow these instructions?
2. Read **1 Timothy 6:19**. How does the truth in v.19 motivate and encourage you as you seek to carry out the instructions in v.18? What steps can you take to develop a greater assurance that sacrifices here and now reap real and lasting dividends then and there?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 4:2-5**. Why are motives so difficult to evaluate (both yours and others)? What will you do to engage in a more objective evaluation of your motives when you step up to do something good?
4. Read **Galatians 5:22-25**. What counsel would you give a Christian who wants to "keep in step with the Spirit" (v.25), especially as it relates to being patient (v.22)?
5. Read **Proverbs 11:24-25**. What specifically will you do this week to exemplify a type of generosity that expects nothing from others in return (cf. Luke 6:35)?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

September 11th

Prov.19-20 & 2Cor.3

September 12th

Prov.21-22 & 2Cor.4

September 13th

Prov.23-24 & 2Cor.5

September 14th

Prov.25-27 & 2Cor.6

September 15th

Prov.28-29 & 2Cor.7

September 16th

Prov.30-31 & 2Cor.8

September 17th

Ecc.1-3 & 2Cor.9

September 18th

Ecc.4-6 & 2Cor.10

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

Msg. 11-32 – **Living in Light of Our Coming Judgment**

Msg. 04-09 – **In Search of a Divine Motive**

Msg. 16-22 – **Christian Friendship: Acceptance & Hospitality**

Msg. 08-05 – **Money Madness: Finding Peace in the Storm of Materialism**

Msg. 11-07 – **Excelling in Generosity**

Msg. 16-25 – **Worldly Religion & Godly Priorities**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Archer, Clint. **The Preacher's Payday: How Faithfulness Echoes in Eternity**. Day One Publications, 2012.

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Getz, Gene. **Biblical Theology of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1991.

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Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998.

Horn, Connie Beyer. **I Have Enough**. [Children's book: Ages 4-7.] Concordia Publishing, 1999.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Your Eternal Reward: Triumph & Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ**. Moody Press, 1998.

MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

Nash, Ronald. **Poverty and Wealth: The Christian Debate Over Capitalism**. Crossway, 1986.

Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.

Stanley, Lynn. **The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience**. Focus Publishing, 1999.

Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).

Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999.