

# From the Handbook for Business, the Bible

## # 10: Do not lay up treasures on earth

The final part of our den of thieves, Babylon series relates to investing. I'm not a licensed financial planner, but a researcher into what the Handbook says about \$\$ & investing.

Indeed, Jesus spelled out clearly where we should be investing, in **Matthew 6:19**...

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where...thieves break in and steal; but lay up...treasures in heaven, where...thieves do not break in and steal."*

NB: This is another link to the **den of thieves** He confronted & threw out of the temple.

And, as you would expect, the counterfeiter is adept at deceiving people to do the opposite - increase your earthly treasures because: *you deserve it or you need it or you are being blessed.*

### Is that why Jesus warned us to come out of Babylon and its investment regime?

Precisely, although we still have to interact with Babylon but He wants our hearts & minds out of there so we don't rely on this evil system for our security - financial or otherwise.

The good news, He did not leave us in the dark about the process of coming out, or what to do once we come out, that is, where to lay up our treasures!

### I have uncovered 3 keys Jesus gave us about investing:

**First** and most important, invest in the KINGDOM, this is our earthly assignment: *'lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...where thieves do not break in and steal'* - **Matthew 6:20**

...After all, advancing His kingdom is our mission, not advancing self by accumulating things

**Second**, invest in & run a BUSINESS: the parable of the talents tells of a nobleman who went away leaving his servants in charge telling them, *'Do business (i.e., trade) till I return'* - **Luke 19:13**

...The great men of the O/T owned businesses as did the apostles & Paul; Jesus was a tradie

**Third**, invest in & own a HOME: anyone who does what Jesus commands is wise, like a man who *'built his house upon rock; when the wind blew it didn't collapse'* - **Matt 7:24**

...But beware, a mortgage means you don't own the property, the bank does, until the debt is repaid & mortgage is discharged; and note, by owning the property, they own the equity too!

NOTE re (2) & (3) - both are earthly and both are tangible, built with a combination of 'soil-and-toil' - God's formula for creating wealth. Babylon's formula is the opposite, convincing people they can increase their wealth without any toil; that is a lie...and a trap.

### What should we do with our treasures after complying with these 3 keys?

Simple. According to the Handbook, we keep a reasonable cash reserve to cover costs; then trust God to meet all our needs, investing any balance into His kingdom as each is led...

- \* In practice, it doesn't seem to work this way because most people have been trapped by the deceit & delicacies on offer from Babylon without even realising it.
- \* Jesus is warning, it's time to wake up and look where you are laying up your treasures.

**To help you get a better understanding of how earthly treasures interact with the Bible, I have prepared a SUPPLEMENT to these session notes: go to the 105.1 tab on the website.**