

The Vault

- **Matthew 6:20-21 AMP** – *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; THAT ON WHICH YOUR LIFE CENTERS] will be also.*
- Jesus gives two main reasons why we should make Heaven our “Vault”:
 1. **QUOTE:** *Earthly investments eventually run out, but investments in the vault called heaven last forever*
 2. **QUOTE:** *Wherever your treasure is, that’s where your heart will be*
- Last week we compared two occasions where Jesus used money to test the condition of a person’s heart.
- 3. **A Rich Young Ruler (unnamed): Mark 10:22 ISV -** *Shocked at this statement, the man went away sad, because he had many possessions.*
- 4. **A Rich Tax Collector, Zacchaeus: Luke 19:6 NLT -** *Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.*
- The one who chose wealth over worship went away sad. The one who chose worship over wealth had great joy & excitement.

Week #2 – More Blessed

- Last year, Bishop Davis heard the Lord say about Impact that *“2023 would be a year where God’s blessing will hover over your life like a cloud and will open doors for you that you could never open on your own.”*
- In January we taught a series on The Blessing, and we learned...

- **Blessing** – a heavenly enablement; a divine empowerment to prosper; the state of having all of heaven pushing you forward into the destiny planned for your life before the foundation of the world.
- **QUOTE:** *Whatever degree of the blessing you've experienced so far, God wants you to be more blessed!*
- **Acts 20:35 NLT** - *And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*
- If you've ever received help in a time of need, you are blessed! But let's not limit ourselves to just the receiving side of the testimony. It's even more blessed on the other side!
- Jesus demonstrated one of the best examples of this “more blessed” principle with the financial miracle he performed for thousands of people at one time:
- **Matthew 14:14-21 NIV** - *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” 16 Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” 17 “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered 18 “Bring them here to me,” he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who*

ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- Of all the many miracles Jesus performed, this is the ONLY miracle recorded by all four gospel writers.
- This was unforgettable for the 12 because of how much MORE BLESSED they were to participate!
- **QUOTE:** *When you're on the receiving side of the blessing, you get bread. When you're on the giving side of the blessing you get baskets.*
- **Proverbs 11:24-25 NLV** - *There is one who is free in giving, and yet he grows richer. And there is one who keeps what he should give, but he ends up needing more. 25 The man who gives much will have much, and he who helps others will be helped himself.*
- The disciples spent the afternoon helping others with no way of knowing that later that very night they'd be in need of help themselves.
- **Matthew 14:22-25 NLV** - *At once Jesus had His followers get into the boat. He told them to go ahead of Him to the other side while He sent the people away. 23 After He had sent them away, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone. 24 By this time the boat was far from land and was being thrown around by the waves. The wind was strong against them. 25 Just before the light of day, Jesus went to them walking on the water.*