

THE VAULT

- A vault is a secure place that you put reserves that you can't afford to lose.
- As secure as the best earthly vault is, there's a much better (and more secure) place to store our treasures:
- **Matthew 6:19-21 NIV** – *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
 - **Proverbs 13:22** - *A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children*
 - **Deuteronomy 28:8** - *The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns...*
 - **Proverbs 3:10** – *So your barns will be filled with plenty...*
- Jesus isn't preaching against saving, but He *IS* saying that our most valuable investments should NOT be in our earthly portfolio. Our most valuable investments need to be safely stored in *The Vault Called Heaven*.
- **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 it's smarter to make Heaven our "Vault":
 1. *Earthly investments eventually run out, but investments in the vault called heaven last forever*
 2. *Wherever your treasure is, that's where your heart will be*

Week #1 – Wealth & Worship

- **QUOTE:** *Jesus was not concerned about dollars and cents; He was interested in the truth that money tells*
- **Mark 10:17-24 ISV** - *As Jesus was setting out again, a man ran up to him, knelt down in front of him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Nobody is good except for one—God. 19 You know the commandments: 'Never murder.' 'Never commit adultery.' 'Never steal.' 'Never give false testimony.' 'Never cheat.' 'Honor your father and mother.'" 20 The man replied to him, "Teacher, I have obeyed all of these since I was a young man." 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. Then he told him, "You're missing one thing. Go and sell everything you own, give the money to the destitute, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come back and follow me." 22 Shocked at this statement, the man went away sad, because he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and told his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were startled by these words, but Jesus told them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their wealth to get into the kingdom of God!"
 - Even though he was desperate to truly know God, find freedom, discover purpose and have real life – FEAR caused him to settle for the limited security of his little vault over the endless dividends of The Vault Called Heaven*
- **Matthew 6:24 NIV** - *No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*
- **QUOTE:** *Each of us will either worship our wealth or we will worship with our wealth*

- We are already doing one or the other (worshipping money or worshipping with our money)
- **Luke 19:1-9 NLT** - *Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3 He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." 6 Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. 7 But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. 8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" 9 Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*