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Hope-FULL Hope in My Finances

Matthew 6:19–24 (HCSB)

"Don't collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.²² The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light within you is darkness - how deep is that darkness!²⁴ No one can be a slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be slaves of God and of money."

1. PAY ATTENTION TO JESUS' ADVICE ON MONEY vv 19-20

- Ask yourself what you are working for.

James 5:1–3 (HCSB)

Come now, you rich people! Weep and wail over the miseries that are coming on you.² Your wealth is ruined and your clothes are moth-eaten.³ Your silver and gold are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You stored up treasure in the last days!

- Everything you will accumulate will disappear someday.

Proverbs 23:4–5 (HCSB)

Don't wear yourself out to get rich; stop giving your attention to it.⁵ As soon as your eyes fly to it, it disappears, for it makes wings for itself and flies like an eagle to the sky.

2. WHAT GETS YOUR ATTENTION USUALLY GETS YOU v 21

- The enemy will do anything to distract you from your purpose.

1 Timothy 6:8–10 (HCSB)

But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

- Money gets your attention quicker than anything else, but you can change that.

3. PLACE YOUR HOPE IN LIGHT vv 22-23

When you are focused on the things of God, you can see:

- Material things for what they really are.
- The world from God's point of view.
- What God wants us to do.

4. DETERMINE WHICH MASTER TO SERVE v 24

- What are you putting your hope in?

1 Timothy 6:17 (HCSB)

Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.

- What could you do with your resources that would bring the most satisfaction and fulfillment?

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (HCSB)

The one who loves money is never satisfied with money, and whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with income. This too is futile.

The Next Step:

Put your hope in God, not in money.