

## **“Lightning & Thunder”**

### **(Grace & Giving)**

*A special series on Stewardship – Part 4*

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**Text: Matthew 6:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*

What do you value most?  
WHAT’S YOUR TREASURE?

#### ***Quick Review...***

Jesus Christ is to be seen as the most valuable, treasured prize for any and ALL Christ-followers.

How we handle our money is a litmus test of our true character. It’s an index of our spiritual life.

**Reward Principle – Giving Brings \_\_\_\_\_  
Blessing Than Receiving.**

#### **FIRST NATIONAL vs. SOVEREIGN BANK**

Q. – Is Jesus against storing up treasures? A. = \_\_\_\_\_

Wealth is worth seeking. The BIG Q. that MUST BE coupled with that pursuit is – \_\_\_\_\_  
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Matthew 13:44 – *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”*

**Reward Principle – When We Invest Money \_\_\_\_\_  
in God’s Kingdom, We Will Receive Great Rewards  
\_\_\_\_\_ In Heaven.**

\* Martin Luther once said, *“I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”*

Implications?

Ecclesiastes 5:15 says, *“Naked a man comes from his mother’s womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hands.”* Psalms 49:16-17 adds, *“<sup>16</sup> Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. <sup>17</sup> For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.”*

Understand....  
YOU CANNOT \_\_\_\_\_ IT \_\_\_\_\_ YOU.

But... YOU CAN \_\_\_\_\_ IT \_\_\_\_\_ AHEAD