

# **BURUBURU COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH OF GOD**

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**THEME: SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT**

**TEXT: MATTHEW 6:14-24, COLOSIAINS 3:23**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Just as we should not seek to honor and praise in this world, we should seek to store up treasure. Treasure means not only money, but all kinds of property and possessions.

To store up treasure means to keep it up for one self thus to love it.

To have possessions is not wrong, but what is wrong is to love our possessions and to use them for ourselves. 1 Timothy 6:10. It is also wrong to seek for more possessions than we need.

In this verse Jesus is not talking about possessions, he is talking about all the things that value in this world such as education, security for the future and our children. He is also talking about honor that is a kind of treasure, all things are worldly treasures.

And Jesus says, "Do not store them up, do not love them, do not put your hope in them". If we put our hope in the things of this world, we shall have no hope in the next world.

If we store up treasure in this world, we shall have none in the next. The treasure of this world will soon perish. It does not last, moth and rust destroy.

Flowers wither and men get old and their beauty fades and there are thieves too. Sickness is like a thief that steals your health. Floods and earthquake are also thieves that come to destroy.

Wind and hail steal our crops; death steals our lives, everything on earth passes away. Invest in God's kingdom that will last forever.

Jesus here means that every good work we do for God in this world will be counted or stored up as treasure in heaven. When we do good on earth, we are laying a foundation for ourselves in heaven (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Christian investment is seen in three ways:

1. Giving yourself to the work of God (Rom. 12:1) Christians have to surrender to their work of God, you have to surrender your mind, your energy and your entire body to the work of God. Romans 12:1. You have to work hard in all that you are doing for the Lord (Colossians 3:23)
2. Investing spiritually by being a good steward to God's creation. Take care of what God has placed under your authority and care. Be a good manager in God's vineyard; be able to produce more for God through the talents and gifts he has given to you.
3. Give what you have to God's work. We do a lot of investments in various things but we are not good in investing more to the work of God.

### **SUMMARY**

By giving to God we are investing where it cannot be destroyed or stolen by thieves. May God help us to learn and desire to invest in him than the treasures of this world.

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