



# UPSIDE DOWN

## UPSIDE-DOWN ECONOMICS

MATTHEW 6:19-24

### I. Upside-down economics teaches you to invest in what you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." vv. 19-21*

\_\_\_\_\_ your resources where you're guaranteed a lasting return.

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17*

### II. Upside-down economics teaches that your investments follow your \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" vv. 22-23*

\_\_\_\_\_ on eternal things that enlighten immediate eternal opportunities.

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:1-2*

### III. Upside-down economics teaches that money is always a cruel \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." v. 24*

\_\_\_\_\_ your resources for God's sake so your resources don't enslave you

*But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Timothy 6:6-10*

**GOD WANTS KINGDOM GENEROSITY FOR YOU  
AS MUCH AS HE WANTS KINGDOM GENEROSITY FROM YOU.**

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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Can you remember a time in your life when you tried to serve two "masters" at the same time? What was the result? How did you decide which one to choose? (This can be any type of situation, such as relationships, goals, work, etc.)

### FOR THIS WEEK

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### JOURNAL:

Matthew 6:19-24

"Nowhere does the Bible forbid ownership of property or having possessions. Riches and honor come from God, who ought to be thanked for material blessings when He graciously gives them (1 Chron 29:12-13). Nor was Jesus warning against planning for the future. Those who would use this passage to teach that buying insurance or investing for retirement constitutes a lack of faith are reading this in a way the Lord didn't intend. Scripture exhorts us to plan wisely and especially to provide for our families (1 Tim 5:8; Jas 4:13-15). The Lord also was not dissuading us from enjoying the gifts He gives us (see 1 Tim 6:17). Rather, Jesus was denouncing a life focused on the accumulation of more and more, warning against selfishness and an extravagant lifestyle."

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2. Read Matthew 6:19-24. Why is Jesus' kingdom economy so different from the world's?

3. Why is it impossible to serve two masters?

4. Ironically, with the accumulation of possessions, we almost always sink deeper and deeper into worry. Those who have more tend to worry more. Why do you think this is the case?

5. What treasures have you already laid up in heaven? What things hold you back from sending more? What things have captured your attention and resources to the point where you need to make a change so you can focus on eternal things?

### JOURNAL Matthew 6:19-24

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Those words should prompt us to do some soul-searching. Ask yourself some questions:

Am I living unselfishly?

Do I demonstrate generosity and care for others?

Do I know when I have acquired enough?

What things or people do I allow to lure me into a materialistic lifestyle?

Am I content with what God has given me and satisfied with His provision for my simple needs?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.cbcfamily.org/events](http://www.cbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

**NAVIGATE 2022** Join us for conversations about truth, identity, tolerance and compassion amid the current cultural climate on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. Led by national experts on faith and culture, you'll discover biblical answers to life's toughest questions at this year's worldview conference called Navigate. Become equipped to be a voice of hope and truth to a hurting world. Learn more and sign up by visiting [cbcfamily.org/events](http://cbcfamily.org/events).

**TENEBRAE** Tenebrae, which means "the darkening," is a moving Good Friday service that tells the story of Jesus's life and death through music, storytelling and communion. Join us on Friday, April 15 at either 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we take this opportunity to prepare our hearts and mind for Easter. Kids Care is available through age 11 by RSVP at [cbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP](http://cbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP). Due to the dramatic nature of the service, it's recommended that children ages 10 and under not attend the service.

### REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THIS EASTER.

Easter is a time of celebrating the new life we have in Jesus and the hope of resurrection. In light of that, if there's someone you'd like to honor or remember, we have an opportunity for you to purchase an Easter lily in recognition, and their name will be in this year's Easter worship folder. Hurry over to [cbcfamily.org/easter2022](http://cbcfamily.org/easter2022)—the deadline is April 1.

### SEDER CELEBRATION AND DESSERT

**RECEPTION** Led by David Teitelbaum, D.O., the Seder allows you to experience the traditional Passover ceremony that Jesus Himself would have participated in during His earthly ministry. You'll taste the ceremonial elements, learn the symbolism behind each, and, best of all, discover how it all points to Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Learn more and register at [cbcfamily.org/easter2022](http://cbcfamily.org/easter2022).

### WOMEN'S SPRING PRAYER RETREAT

Join us starting at 6 p.m. Friday, April 1, at the Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose as we get away, unplug and focus on one-on-one time with Jesus. The retreat will provide short messages on prayer, a personal testimony, fellowship and prayer guides as we take time to pray to our glorious God. Learn more by visiting [cbcfamily.org/events](http://cbcfamily.org/events).

### MORE THAN JUST A WHALE TALE

Have you ever dived into the book of Jonah and come out with questions? Then you won't want to miss this special one-day seminar with DTS President Dr. Mark Yarbrough this Saturday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the Oak Room as he leads us through the book of Jonah. Go to [cbcfamily.org/events](http://cbcfamily.org/events) for more info.

**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.



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