Christ's Teachings On The Use Of Money

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INT: Nothing said about how much a man may earn honestly. Man's basic problem not in the accumulation of money. Test of man's spirituality is in use of it. Vs. 21. Only three possible ways you can use your money.

I. CHRIST TEACHES AGAINST HOARDING MONEY. Vs. 19.
   A. Fine line between saving money and hoarding it.
      1. Hoarding suggests love of it. Concealing it. Also denotes selfishness, stinginess,
      2. Saving suggests laying away any remainder. Sure that God has not been robbed. Future use.
      1. Not condemned because of abundance of harvest.
      2. Criticized for laying up treasures for self only. Vs. 21.
      1. Principle of selfishness not involved. Fear is prob.
      2. Over-anxiety about future produces paralysis, doubt.
   D. If lay up treasures on earth only; all ever have!!
      2. If left, moths and rust will destroy. Matt. 6:19.

II. CHRIST TEACHES THAT TOO MUCH MONEY IS SQUANDERED.
   A. Definition of squander: Spend lavishly, wastefully.
   B. We Americans spend too lavishly and wastefully today.
      1. Spend $12 billion on liquor, only $6 to education.
      2. Spend $6 billion on tobacco, only $1 1/2 to church.
      1. He wasted his wealth on things in this life only.
      2. How is he any different to Prodigal Son from the standpoint of eternity? Both carnal. Lk. 15:13.
   D. Riches and Human Lust are blood brothers.
      2. Reason its so hard for rich folks. I Tim. 6:7-10.
      3. Not everyone is strong enough to handle great sums of money. I Cor. 10:13. Spares us grief.

III. CHRIST TEACHES TOO LITTLE MONEY IS INVESTED PROPERLY.
   A. All are forced to put emphasis somewhere. Matt. 6:24.
   B. Giving to the Lord's work is an eternal investment.
      1. Hoarding or squandering money best way to lose it.
      2. Widow invested her two mites. Her wealth. Mk. 12:41
      a. Do you think she starved to death? Ps. 37:25.
3. Early Christians invested theirs too.
   b. Later churches followed. I Cor. 16:1-2.
C. Christ urges Christians to invest wisely today also.
   1. Make friends with mammon of unrighteousness.
      (1) Use money to secure your future—lesson.
      a. Help preach gospel on radio, television, tracts,
         in pulpit, in revival meeting etc.
      b. Help supply needs of the hungry and unfortunate.

INV: How have you invested your life? Giving it to the Devil?
   Are if not giving it to Christ. Down payment: B-R-C-B.

Wayfaring Christians are not laying up treasures in Heaven. Be none there to go for. R-P.