

he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Let men therefore count the cost. If we wish to be saved, the surrender of our possessions must be made in as good faith, as if we left them all and walked out penniless. Christ may require the sacrifice, as He did from John and Matthew. If so, it must be yielded. Or He may desire us to win and use riches for Him as His steward, as He did with Zacchaeus. If so, we must be faithful and not spend it for self while pretending to employ it for Christ. God's guidance should be sought and followed in all these things, and such practical submission is the only way to spiritual growth, to treasure in Heaven, and to the keeping of the heart right with God.

3. *Christ's message to the rich is to invest earthly wealth in heavenly treasure.* When a man believes that God has called him to service in any worldly occupation—and it is to such a sphere that the majority of men are appointed—he must further the interests of Christ's Kingdom by his methods and spirit in it, and by the results of his work. He must serve Christ as faithfully in his calling as a missionary does in evangelizing a heathen land.

They are to sacrifice the lesser for the greater. In Christ's mind, this world is poor and mean in comparison with the next. He insisted that when the claims of the two collide, the lower must give place to the higher. If it were even an eye or a hand that offended, it was to be sacrificed to avoid the destruction that the continuance of its offence would bring. It is possible to enrich ourselves for eternity, by a prudent use of our means in time. Therefore Christ commands us to lay up treasure in Heaven. This is the central thought of the parable of the unjust steward. As he had secured friends for the future by a cunning use of his master's goods, so we may make friends for eternity, who will receive us into everlasting habitations, by a judicious employment of whatever means we have. Every man who has anything at his command must choose between its retention for self with eternal loss, or its expenditure for Christ with eternal gain.

Next, men are to be faithful in earthly duty as a condition