

Living Upside Down
“Kingdom Investments”
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Review: “Upside Down” – Living in Christ’s Kingdom is so counter-culture it often seems like it’s *flipped* 180 degrees upside down. **Acts 17:6**

* God must TRANSFORM our hearts and minds.

Principle #1 – GOD IS THE OWNER AND EXTRAVAGANT GIVER OF ALL THINGS!

Psalm 24:1 “*The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.*”

SQ...give yourself back to God.

Principle #2 - GOD’S GRACE TRANSFORMS US INTO GENEROUS GIVERS.

2 Cor. 9:11 “*You are made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion...*”

SQ...experience and pass on God’s provision and blessing. *Spiritual DNA*

Principle #3 – WE ARE THE INVESTORS OF ALL GOD’S ASSETS.

Gen. 2:15 “*The Lord put man in the Garden to work it and take care of it.*”

SQ...invest well and trust God for the dividends!

Principle #4 – PEOPLE ARE GOD’S GREATEST ASSETS.

Deuteronomy 7:6 *For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.*

SQ...invest in people as your first priority.

Obstacles: sin, selfishness, fear, insecurity, insignificance, our worldview, beliefs, etc.

Today’s Text: **Matt. 6:19-21, 24, 33** “*Treasures in heaven*”

“Upside Down” Kingdom Investments:

Short Term: provide “dividends” here on earth; meeting the needs of others now.

Long Term: provide “dividends” for eternal destiny.

A. Transforming Truths:

1. “Treasures” on earth are temporary! Hold them loosely. Vs. 19 (control factor)
2. So prioritize (store up) *treasure* in heaven. Vs. 20
Seek first the kingdom...vs. 33
What are “treasures in heaven”?
 - a. Eternal “rewards”.
 - b. Souls of women and men.
3. Treasure - Heart connection. Vs. 21
Security & Significance –
Protection and purpose / love and worth.
Cannot serve two masters! Vs. 24

Matt. 13:44-45 “*Treasure / Pearl*” Greatest VALUE! Joy!

Where is your treasure “field”?

Transforming Questions:

1. How can you make spiritual deposits in people?
PRAYER!

Humanity is God’s greatest treasure.