

**Outline - May 17, 2020**

**Matthew 6:1-6**

**1 Peter 4:7-11**

## **Jesus Knows How To Push Our Emotional Buttons**

### **I. Jesus knows the two areas of life we treasure the most**

#### **A. Our finances**

1. Represents our security
2. Represents our success
3. Represents our stability
4. Represents our structure
5. So Jesus says "Give some away to what blesses God"
6. If so God will reward you
7. What if we really believed that
  - a. God blesses
  - b. Rewards those who invest in Him
8. If we really believed that, would it not change how we give
9. Giving is not a financial issue it's a faith issue
  - a. Mark 12:43
  - b. It's including God in one of your most intimate areas of life
  - c. Can't serve two masters
  - d. What are you trusting God or money

#### **B. Time**

1. Spending time with God
2. Taking time to pray
3. God sees and rewards
4. Prayer draws you into fellowship
5. It is saying how dependent you really are on God

### **II. The results of the one who gives God their time and finances**

#### **A. A new understanding of:**

1. Who they are
2. What's important
3. Life is about investing in what Jesus is about
4. Investing in what lasts: for eternity

#### **B. New anticipation of His return**

1. When you spend time with Jesus, you start seeing the world in the light of His return
2. Only when you see time in the light of his return does any of this make sense
3. New confidence
  - a. About your life
  - b. About your blessing
  - c. About your reward
  - d. About your eternity
4. A new affection
  - a. A new way of expressing love
  - b. Realization that love costs, cares, covers
  - c. Love is the greatest testimony, motivator, virtue
5. A new willingness to serve
  - a. Speaking gifts
  - b. Serving gifts
  - c. For good of humanity
  - d. For God's glory
  - e. Knowing blessings and rewards are ours

**As We Give What's Important To Us**

**We See God's Blessing**

**We Experience Reward**

**We Grow In Our Faith**

