

“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX

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Scripture Verse Reference: Matthew 6:19-20 ***“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.”*** (NKJV)

Investing in Eternity

Most of us have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or a 401K plan. A lucky few workers have a work-sponsored pension. Almost all Americans pay into the Social Security and Medicare programs for our entire working lives. Others make shrewd investments and diversify stock portfolios to build up individual wealth. We use these tools and tactics to fund our future. A future when we no longer earn a living by applying our trade in return for income. The word most associated with savings and investing is *security*. I’ve often wondered, what is so secure about a monetary system that fluctuates wildly, and subject to winds of change and the whimsy of man.

Gold or silver is the basis for monetary systems of most nations. Governments print currency (paper money and coins) backed by those precious metals. At its core, money is nothing more than a bartering tool. We trade our time, energy, and talent for some amount of currency. We then use that currency to fund our lives and save for our future. Money helps others through humanitarian efforts. In all cases, we exchange money for needed, or desired, goods and services.

Have you ever stopped to consider what investments you make into your Spiritual Retirement Account (SRA) each day? These investments are most important for your long-term security and guaranteed never to spoil, rust, or decrease in value. We store our SRAs as treasures in heaven. For maximum return on investment in your life, increase your spiritual investments today.

What do SRA investments look like? How does someone make a deposit? We find the answer in Matthew 16:27; ***“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”*** Our works on this earth—done in God’s name, to glorify and bring Him honor—are the things stored up and rewarded in heaven.

We’ve heard it said *You can’t take it with you* or *You’ve never seen a hearse towing a U-Haul™ trailer*. There are many ways to invest in your SRA: tithes and offerings, prayer, helping someone, reading to children or the elderly, or taking the time to help someone learn about Christ. Often, we make our biggest investments in secret. You may not receive recognition here on earth, but remember God sees and records all. When we bring glory to God's kingdom, we make investments in eternity.

