

Series: Lessons from His Life
Message: A Guaranteed Investment
Text: Mark 4:26-32 (AM 2/03/08)

The prosperity of many is tied to the stock market. Inevitably Wall Street impacts our current employment, present income and future retirement. We intuitively search for secure investments. In reality there are none – they all carry with them a risk. Jesus reveals in kingdom parables the only guaranteed investment – *the Kingdom of God*.

I. I. The Operation of the Kingdom

God's Kingdom is an unexplored mystery in search of an explorer.

- • The Kingdom's particulars
- • The Kingdom's partner

II. II. Our Opportunity in the Kingdom

No one is disappointed who plants their life in the Kingdom.

- • Planting our life in the Father
- • Planting our life in His field

III. III. Our Objective in the Kingdom

The bounty of the kingdom harvest awaits those who plant.

- • We should be *faithfully* sowing
- • We should be *patiently* waiting
- • Then we will be *joyfully* reaping

IV. IV. Our Optimism in the Kingdom

The Father delights in the growth of His Kingdom.

- • His harvest is expected
- • His harvest is extravagant
- • His harvest is exhilarating
- • His harvest is exalting

Application to our lives: Have you invested your life in God's Kingdom? Are you actively investing your life in others? The Father will give the bounty of His increase to those who invest in His Kingdom.