

19 SEPTEMBER 2021

Series: Advent Conspiracy

Message: Spend Less - TIME

Scripture: Matthew 10.16-20 NIRV



Theme: Spend Less - and free your resources for things that truly matter.

This Sunday we are encouraging you to consider spending less time this Christmas on sourcing the perfect gifts or resourcing the perfect Christmas.

Four measures of a good investment:

It was worth the *MONEY*

It was worth the *TIME*

It was worth the *ENERGY*

It was worth the *EFFORT*

The place where your treasure is,
is the place you will most want to be,
... and end up being.

Matthew 6.16. MSG

Our Vision (*Specifics*)

To meet the rapid challenges of COVID 19 along with the regular predictable challenges for shifting a deeply embedded culture (Church, Childcare, Family Day Care), to a missional culture.

Create connection and sustainable enterprises aimed at the common good of our community. Working cooperatively with UE, UCO and WMO

Equipping future leaders, entrepreneurs and church planters. Helping them gain experience and develop key skills in social enterprises, theological and biblical training, and coaching in connecting with strategic partners within the community (Synod's Priority Directions 2016 - 2020).

Our Mission (*Specifics*)

To grow and develop everyday leaders IN mission rather than FOR mission.

Putting Discipleship and Mission back into the hands of everyday people.

Our Mission Statement

Follow Jesus; teach others to follow Jesus (John 13:15)

Is 'Time' A Blessing Or A Curse?

Time is a 'commodity' to be used.

It is a blessing if ...

It is used to grow in our faith

It is used to leave others encouraged, stronger and loved

It is used to enjoy creation and marvels at life

It is used to love, care and console others

It is a curse if ...

It is wasted on acquiring

Trying to impress others

It uses others for selfish reasons

It is used to hate and harbour bitterness

How you spend your time determines if it is a blessing or a curse!

Much Grace

Orrell

**My favorite things
in life don't cost
any money. It's
really clear that
the most precious
resource we all
have is time.**

Steve Jobs

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday
26th September 2021
1.30pm Gympie

BOOKS

5 Love Languages for Men
\$22 - Available from the CE Room
ADVENT CONSPIRACY ~ one copy
left - \$16 - See Cherylie

HELP WITH YOUR COMPUTER

Struggling with your computer? Help is at hand! In connection with Mike Timperon's role with the Church Council, he's available to help you with your computer issues. The only cost to you would be any out of pocket expenses incurred. To discuss and arrange a time, phone Mike on 0403 271 413.

CAFÉ GET-TOGETHERS

Come along to our café mornings for a great time together.
Tuesdays & Fridays → 9.30am D'Café (Southside)
Mary Valley → 9:30am, second Wednesday of each month.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ~ Thursday 30th September, 9am

We'll start with a picnic on the lawn (food provided). Wear your favourite HAT - old, new, whatever. Please bring along a mug from home to use for morning tea.

FROM OUR BOOK OF LIFE ♦ This week please pray by name for ...

Alex, Daniel, Timothy, Ashleigh, Annabelle, Ryder, Tanny, Bruce, Penny, Karen.

Capital Investment

Jesus has a specific way of looking at capital and the realities of economics.

As usual He takes us beyond our normal ways of thinking and teaches us how life and capital work in the bigger picture of life with God (or, as the Bible calls it, "the kingdom of God").

We normally think of capital as money, but it's quite a bit more than that.

Financial Capital (12th September 2021)

This is simply the money we have available to invest, measured in *dollars and cents*.

We are most familiar with this one, because we work with it every day.

It's neither good nor bad, it's simply a resource we have available to invest. Jesus talked about money quite a bit, recognizing its place in the world as a form of capital.

We can turn it into an idol, of course, if we are *relying on it* for significance or security, but when it is in its right place, it is simply a form of capital that we can invest in the Kingdom.

Intellectual Capital (19th September 2021)

This is the creativity and knowledge we have available to invest, measured in *concepts and ideas*. This is of higher value than financial capital, because you can't create ideas and creativity simply by spending a lot of money.

Jesus possessed an astonishing level of intellectual capital and creative capital, which He used as investments in His mission (our salvation).

Jesus wasn't just a great teacher who prayed a lot—He was sharp and innovative.

As Dallas Willard has said, "Jesus wasn't just nice, he was brilliant!" It's our God given, intellectual and creative capital that helps us save *money and time*.

**INTELLECTUAL
CAPITAL WILL ALWAYS
TRUMP FINANCIAL
CAPITAL.**

- PAUL TUDOR JONES -



UNITING
So we can be one

Our primary purpose is to fulfil our calling ... the calling of exhibiting the character of Jesus, spirit of humility, love, and unity, coupled with resurrection power, proving that the church is truly 'The Body of Christ' inhabited by God Himself!

DATES TO NOTE:

29th September: National Police Remembrance Day Service. 10am, St Peter's Anglican Church (cnr Amy St & Lady Mary Tce)

2nd October: Mary Valley Trailblazers Bushman's Carnival

5th October: BIBLE SOCIETY Favourite Hymns & Morning Tea. 9.30am, Gympie Community Church (Cnr Pine & Myall Streets). Please bring a plate to share. Contact Narelle Towner for more details on 0418 729 268.

18th October: Concert supporting The Community Bus. Brad Sorensen will be performing. \$10 includes morning tea. Wesleyan church Hall, 9.30am.

7th November: Our AGM - 1.30pm, Gympie.

LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

For the time being, we will livestream only the message component of our 10.15am Worship Service, on both our Facebook and YouTube pages.

GYMPIE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH - HOW YOU CAN FIND US ...

WORSHIP

Gympie: 15 Red Hill Road - 8.30am & 10.15am

Imbil: 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

Church Office

P: 5482 2985 E: office@gruc.org.au

www.gruc.org.au F: www.facebook.com/guchurch

Office Hours

Mon & Tue 8:30am to 12pm - Thur & Fri 9am to 3pm

Live-streaming

Gympie's 10:15am message is livestreamed

Go to 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church' on Facebook / Youtube

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Adults 115 ♦ Children 6 ♦ Total Week's Offering: \$3913.00

Livestreamed audience: 142 views on facebook and 18 on YouTube

Thank you for your contributions to the Lord's work in our midst.

Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.

Tithes & Offerings by Bank Transfer: Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101

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