For Your Consideration:   
 Share your ideas & desires concerning wealth and possessions. What might it look like for you to be a trillionaire? Be honest here.   
 Reread Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 5:1-17 and process how Solomon could end up jaded about such brilliant wealth.   
 Read Matthew 6:19-34. What was Jesus’ opinion about the desire for treasure? Speak about the connection between anxiety and money.   
 How might we invest in eternal things? Specifically explain how this might be taking root in your life.

Have a great week. We love you.

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“Spiritual Trillionaires” Pastor Jay Cave  
 Texts: 1 Kings 10:14-29  
 Ecclesiastes 2:1-11  
 Matthew 6:19-34 BPCC June 21, 2015  
 Sermon Notes:

For Your Consideration:   
 I want to be a trillionaire. Yep. I said it. I had a friend recently tell me he met one of the world’s very few trillionaires, and it reaffirmed my desire to be mega rich. I can only imagine what life would be like if I had unlimited wealth.  
I am certain that I would be the happiest person who ever lived. Or would I? Our sermon today takes a look at the life of Solomon as an object lesson of a life of unlimited riches.   
 Solomon was a trillionaire. No doubt about it. 1 Kings 10 give us a view of his extensive wealth. Verse 20 says the like of it was never made in any kingdom. The opulence was so great that silver was of no value, as common as stone. Even the armor was made of gold (vs. 16, 17). The whole earth was impressed by Solomon’s wealth and craved and audience with him. One would think that he would be totally, completely satisfied.   
 However, a glance into Solomon’s spiritual autobiography speaks otherwise. With all that money and treasure, Solomon considered his life as “vanity and a striving after the wind” (Ecclesiastes 2:11). Later in the same book, Solomon bemoans the fleeting nature of material treasure 5:13-15).   
 Isn’t it interesting that most of us desire treasure? We read about the mega-rich and often envy. It seems that deep within us is there is some indefensible desire for wealth and all it brings. What do we do with this?

Jesus helps. In his interesting teaching @ Matthew 6:19-34, the Lord says a few interesting things about wealth: -Money doesn’t cure anxiety. Money is neither good nor bad. It is a tool for accomplishing things in the world. However, the Lord assures us that it cannot cure anxiety.   
 -Wanting treasure isn’t wrong. We just need to invest in the right treasure. God wants us to have true wealth. However, we must adjust where we invest. Earthly treasure fades. It passes away. Heavenly treasure endures forever. The wise move is to invest in eternity: *The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field (Matthew 13: 44).* One of the great lessons of the life of Solomon is the limits of earthly existence. He was the epitome of earthly grandeur, but it wasn’t enough. However, the good news is that *Jesus is enough.* Jesus is greater than Solomon (Matthew 12:42). King Jesus exceeds Solomon in wisdom, wealth, power, influence, and fame. When we invest in him, we become as he is. In Jesus, we are indeed spiritual trillionaires!