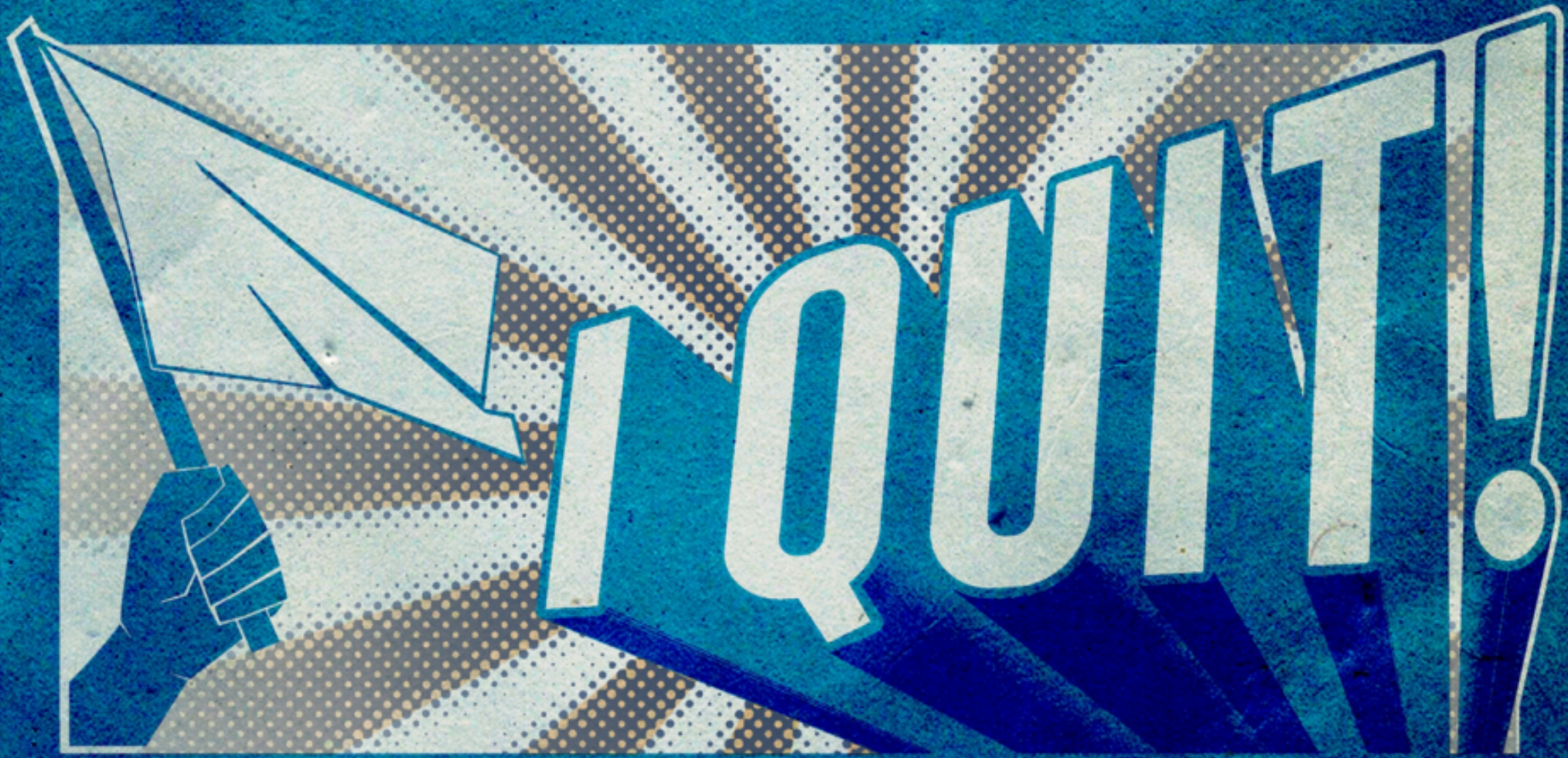


*Brewster's*  
**MILLIONS**

An American excess story.





# Squander

**Waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner**

**Allow (an opportunity) to pass or be lost**

**Waste: use or expend carelessly, extravagantly**

**Reckless: without thinking or caring about the consequences of an action**

**Foolish: Lacking good sense or judgment; unwise**



**This is about using the resources our life  
has been blessed without....**

**Considering your purpose**

**Accounting for Eternal Consequences**

**A wise plan**



# It's a Heart Issue

It speaks to the core of Christian faith and quite frankly **MUST** be fixed if we are to successfully live in a growing relationship with Christ.



# The Heart of the Issue

For where your **treasure** is, there  
your **heart** will be also.

Matthew 6:21



# **The Heart of the Issue**

**Jesus tells us the issue is not a resource issue,  
it is a heart issue**

**Where you put your resources (Treasure)  
is or will eventually become your love (Heart)**

**That which you love (Heart) is where  
you will spend your resources (Treasure)**



# Priority Issue

**“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”**

**Matthew 6:24**





# Paul Echoes

**Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

**2 Corinthians 9:7**



# To the Church

**PUT AWAY the GUILT MESSAGES**

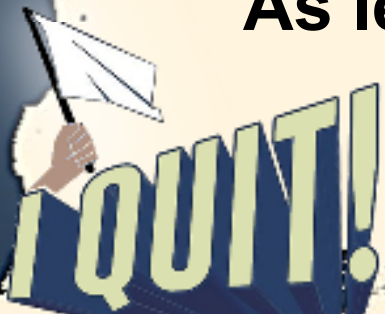
**Don't make people give under compulsion**

**Preach to the heart of the issue and then  
let them decide what is important to them**

**You can actually squander giving money and time  
to God if you don't do so with the right attitude**

**As leaders you can also squander resources  
given if they are hoarded and**

**opportunities to reach the lost are missed**



# Bad Doctrine

**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”**

**Luke 6:38**



# The Dangers of Poor Priorities

The man that served money (Luke 12:13-21)

He stuffed his barns full and still he had more

Thus he decided to tear down the existing barns and build bigger ones

What was the man's priorities?



 I QUIT!

# The Dangers of Poor Priorities

First it was work as hard as you can  
to make as much as you can

Then it was save as much as you can  
so you don't have to work any more

Then it was take it easy because  
you accomplished your goal

**BOOM!**

His Life is about the here and now!



# God had No Priority

**But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?” This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.**

**Luke 12:20-21**



# Understanding the Importance of Good Stewardship

**John 6:5-13**



# The Questions of Good Stewardship

Where did the food come from? ..... **God**

How many fish and loaves did Jesus need to perform the miracle? ..... **0**

How much did Jesus use? ..... **Everything that got offered**

Of all the people there that day who really had the story of a life time to tell? ..... **The Little Boy**

How many baskets were left over? ..... **12**





# Sharing in the Miracle

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:7





**Are your  
Priorities Investing  
or Squandering?**



**I QUIT!**