

DOLLARS AND SENSE - Part 5 "Where Best To Invest"

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . ." Matt. 6:19-20 (NIV)

I will enjoy in heaven whatever I invest in heaven

"Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good." 1 Tim 6:17-18 (LB)

I invest in heaven every time I use money for good

GOD'S FIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS

1. GOD'S GROWTH FUND: I can invest in eternity by using money to grow my character

"The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin." Pr. 10:16 (NLT)

"Invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense, and don't part with them!" Prov. 23:23 (CEV)

"Buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight." Prov. 23:23 (Message)

"It is better—much better—to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver." Pr. 16:16 (GN)

2. GOD'S MUTUAL FUND: I can invest in eternity by using money to encourage fellowship

"Love one another with mutual affection." Rom. 12:10 (NRSV)

"Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Show hospitality." Rom. 12:13 (NIV)

"Think of ways to encourage one another with outbursts of love and good deeds." Heb. 10:24 (NLT)

3. GOD'S SERVICE FUND: I can invest in eternity by using money to serve others

"Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night." Eccl. 11:1-2 (Message)

"When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and He will pay you back!" Pr. 19:17 (TEV)

4. GOD'S GLOBAL FUND: I can invest in eternity by using money to bring people to him

"Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Lk. 16:9 (NIV)

"You honor God through this genuine act of service in your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ through your generosity in sharing..." 2 Cor. 9:13 (GW)

5. GOD'S TREASURY FUND: I can invest in eternity by using money to worship God

"Honor the Lord by giving HIM the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns ... and overflow your barrels ..." Pr. 3:9 (LB)

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Mt. 6:21 (NIV)