

FINANCIAL FITNESS

Where Best to Invest

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"Tell people to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they'll be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well."

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19 (LB)

GOD'S 5 ETERNAL INVESTMENT FUNDS

(Purpose Driven Giving)

1. GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN HIS TREASURY FUND.

"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."

MATTHEW 6:19-20 (NIV)

"Give up your lust for money...Then the Almighty himself will be your treasure!"

JOB 22:24-25 (NLT)

HOW?

By using some of my money to: EXPRESS WORSHIP.

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income..."

PROVERBS 3:9 (LB)

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

MATTHEW 6:21 (NIV)

WHAT KIND OF GIVING IS "WORSHIP GIVING"?

• It is UNDESIGNATED GIVING.

“You may not take back what you have unconditionally dedicated to the Lord.”

LEVITICUS 27:28 (TNV)

• *It is given **WHEN AND WHERE** I worship.*

“On every Sunday, put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you to earn.”

1 CORINTHIANS 16:2 (LB)

“The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first.”

DEUTERONOMY 14:23 (LB)

2. GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN HIS MUTUAL FUND.

“Love one another with mutual affection.”

ROMANS 12:10 (RSV)

HOW?

*By using some of my money to **ENCOURAGE FELLOWSHIP**.*

“Share what you have with God’s people who are in need. Show hospitality.”

ROMANS 12:13 (GN)

“Think of ways to encourage one another with outbursts of love and good deeds.”

HEBREWS 10:24 (NLT)

WHY?

“This service of giving not only helps the needs of God’s people, it also brings many more thanks to God and it is a proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because you obey the Good News of Christ—the gospel you say you believe—and because you freely share with them.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12-13 (NCV)

“When you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible.”

3 JOHN 1:5 (MES)

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”

PSALMS 133:1 (NCV)

3. GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN HIS GROWTH FUND.

“Grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 PETER 3:18 (LB)

HOW?

By using some of my money to: ENHANCE MY CHARACTER.

“The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin.”

PROVERBS 10:16 (NLT)

*“Buy truth and don’t sell it for love or money;
but wisdom, buy education, buy insight.”*

PROVERBS 22:23 (MES)

*“Why spend your money on food that does not give you
strength... and does you no good? Listen, and I will tell
you where to get food that is good for the soul!”*

ISAIAH 55:2 (NLT)

*“It is better—much better—to have wisdom
and knowledge than gold and silver.”*

PROVERBS 16:16 (TEV)

*“Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping,
eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and
place it before God as an offering. Embracing what
God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.”*

ROMANS 12:1 (MES)

4. GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN HIS EQUITY SERVICE FUND.

*“They gave as much as they were able and even more than
they could afford. No one told them to do it. They pleaded
with us to let them share in this service for God’s people.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-4 (NCV)

HOW?

By using some of my money to: EXPAND MY MINISTRY.

“... I want you to excel in this gracious ministry of giving.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7 (NLT)

"We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

ACTS 20:35 (NRSV)

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller."

PROVERBS 11:24 (MES)

"Give to the poor and you will never be in need. But if you close your eyes to the poor, many will curse you."

PROVERBS 28:27 (TEV)

"When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back."

PROVERBS 19:17 (TEV)

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say, 'God bless you! Stay warm! Eat well!' but then you don't give them any food or clothing. What good does that do? Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all—it is dead and useless."

JAMES 2:15-17 (NLT)

5. GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN HIS GLOBAL FUND.

"The Lord said '... I'm setting you up as a light for the nations so that My salvation becomes global!'"

ISAIAH 49:6 (MSG)

By using some of my money to: EXTEND MY MISSION.

“Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”

LUKE 16:9 (NIV)

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN GLOBAL P.E.A.C.E. PLAN

WHAT? HOW?

<i>Plant & Partner w Churches</i>	<i>Purpose Driven</i>
<i>Equip Servant Leaders</i>	<i>Led by Small Groups</i>
<i>Assist the Poor</i>	<i>Attacks the global giants</i>
<i>Care for the Sick</i>	<i>Networks church to church</i>
<i>Educate the Next Generation</i>	<i>Sends to the whole world</i>

“We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth.”

3 JOHN 1:8 (GW)

“You will honor God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing...”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:13 (GW)

God says, “Ask, and I will give you all the nations; the whole earth will be yours!”

PSALM 2:8 (TEV)