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Where Best to Invest

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“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, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal!” Matthew 6:19-20

I'LL ENJOY FOREVER WHAT 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 Timothy 6:17-18

I INVEST IN HEAVEN EVERY TIME I USE MONEY FOR GOOD

“They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in Heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity!” 1 Timothy 6:18b

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.” Proverbs 10:16

“Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52

“Invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense, and don't part with them!” Proverbs 23:23

“It is better—much better—to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver.” Proverbs 16:16

“Why do you spend your money on food that doesn't give you strength and does you no good? Listen and I'll tell you where to get food that is good for the soul.” Isaiah 55:2

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

“Love one another with mutual affection.” Proverbs 12:10

“Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Show hospitality.” Romans 12:13

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

“This service of giving not only helps the needs of God's people, it also brings many more thanks to God. 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)

“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.” Psalm 133:1 (NCV)

“When you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible.” 3 John 1:5 (MSG)

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." Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 (MSG)

"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 works, by good deeds, is no faith at all, in fact it's dead and useless." James 2:15-17

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger but the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24

"Give to the poor and you'll never be in need. But if you close your eyes to the poor many will curse you." Proverbs 28:27

"When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and He will pay you back!" Proverbs 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." Luke 16:9 (NIV)

"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

"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 Corinthians 9:13

5. **GOD'S TREASURY FUND: I can invest in eternity by using money to **WORSHIP HIM****

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

"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

*"Give up your lust for money ... the Almighty himself will be your **treasure!**"* Job 22:24-25 (NLT)