

Message

Road to Financial Freedom

Application

"The Portfolio of a Generous Life"

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Key Scriptures

Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Romans 12:13, 2 Peter 3:18, 2 Corinthians 8:3-4, Isaiah 49:6

Start It

1. Financially speaking what was the best investment you have ever made? Worst? Most Rewarding?
2. Have you ever received a gift for no reason? What was the gift? Was the affect positive or negative? Why?

Study It

1. In I Corinthians 16:1-4 Paul instructs the church to set aside "a sum of money." What determines the amount? How often should we do this?
2. Paul directs us to "share" in Romans 12:13. What is he telling us to do? What are some ways that one might "share?"
3. In II Peter 3:18 he challenges the church to grow in grace and knowledge. How might one invest in this type of growth personally? For a church? For others?
4. Study II Corinthians 8:3-4. What do we learn about the Macedonians? In what ways am I similar? Different? What could I change to become more like them?

Apply It

1. In the spirit of Romans 12:13 invite 3-4 new acquaintances to your home for lunch, dinner, game night, etc. The only agenda for the event is to bless these new friends.
2. Reread II Peter 3:18. Invest in your own spiritual growth by purchasing a new Christian book. Read it slowly with looking up each Bible verse that the author cites. Allow this Bible teacher to invest the Word of God into your heart and mind. If you are not sure how to select a good Bible based book ask spiritually mature friends or one of the church staff for a recommendation.
3. Start investing in NCC weekly if you are not currently. This is referred to as "tithing." A tithe is 1/10th of your earnings from the previous week. If you can't make that level of a commitment, then start with what you can and build up to 10%. Read Malachi 3:6-12 for more insight into the value of tithing.

Live It

Take a few minutes to look at your check book and evaluate how well you are investing in GOD'S FIVE ETERNAL INVESTMENT FUNDS. Brainstorm one idea of how you might start to invest in each of these funds. Then begin to make these investments so by the end of six months you are investing in all FIVE FUNDS. Add to the blessing by doing all of this investing in secret!

Memorize It

Mathew 6:19-21

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