

My Eternity Portfolio Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Many listen to a message on money thinking that God or the church is after my money. What might lead people to feel that way?
3. How do you react to this statement: "God has a plan for your life including your money, and you will be held accountable for faithfulness to His plan"?*
4. Read Philippians 4:15-17. What are some of the ways that our faithful management of money leads to "fruit that increase to your credit"?
5. In today's society, what does a faithful manager look like? How does he or she live within our culture?*
6. Read Matthew 6:19-21. The emphasis in in verse 21 is that how we invest money shapes what is important to us. How have you seen this truth in your life?
7. What values drive your thinking and actions about possessions, family, work, investing, and giving? It there a disconnect between what you know to be the "correct" answer and the way you are actually are living? *
8. Consider the idea that investing in only a means to an end and all our earthly goals are truly short-term in light of eternity. How does that impact your financial priorities?*
9. Pastor shared five different Biblical truth that should encourage us to be a faithful manager rather than an owner. Which one stood out to you?

Digging Deeper

10. Pray about and take one specific step does being faithful manager this week.

(*Questions adapted from Eternity Portfolio)

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"And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again."

Philippians 4:15-16 ESV

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit."

Philippians 4:17 ESV

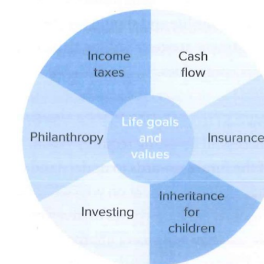
The Truth About Investing

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

What is Investing?

Definition: Investing money is the process of committing resources in a strategic way to accomplish a specific objective.



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Matthew 6:21 ESV

1. Investing Begins with My Values

“Investing is important as a means of accumulating money to be exchanged for something of value to you”

2. Investing is Only Meaningful in Terms of My Vision

“My Values become My Vision when I begin to grasp My Reward”

3. Investing is a Strategic Process

“As I become passionate about my vision I become disciplined to achieve it.”

Investing Like a Faithful Manager

1. God Owns Everything

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,” *Psalm 24:1 ESV*

“Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.” *1 Chronicles 29:12 ESV*

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” *Matthew 6:31–33 ESV*

2. I Must Give an Account for My Management

“For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.” *Ecclesiastes 12:14 ESV*

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” *2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV*

“Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” *Luke 12:48 ESV*

3. Time is Short, Eternity is Long

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.” *Proverbs 27:1 ESV*

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.” *James 4:13–14 ESV*

4. My Pursuit of Material Riches Alone is not a Valid Goal

“And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.” *Ecclesiastes 2:10–11 ESV*

5. God has Two Objectives For My Money

-My Family

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” *1 Timothy 5:8 ESV*

-Others

“Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.” *Philippians 4:17 ESV*