

Daily Devotional, October 15, 2020 Our Most Important Investment

⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given. ⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:5-6 (NIV)

What kind of life do you want? Honestly, give it some thought. If money were not an obstacle and you had unlimited resources, what kind of life would you like to have?

Everyone has an opinion about your life and the ways you should live it. But most fortunately, the Bible shows us how to sort out the many voices that get in our head and to help us build lives that we'll be glad we had lived.

In God's Word, Paul tells us to choose quality over quantity. The world will judge you on how much you have, But God is more interested in knowing what kind of life are you living? We always hear that you can't take your fortune with you when you die, but the type of life you live will decide your eternal reward. So, the question we also need to ask ourselves is, what kind of life *am* I living?

Which leads me to an important question: What is your most important investment? Are your eyes focused on Wall Street above everything and everyone else, or is your vision focused on Heaven? Jesus commands us in Matthew 6:20 to "Store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven". Don't allow greed to get the better of you, for the only way to store up eternal investments is to give generously. We are to give both regularly and irregularly. Regularly in your tithing and irregularly in those moments when the Holy Spirit moves you to give more than the usual.

When we establish eternal values that take greater precedence in our lives, our priorities are in proper balance. Keeping things in proper perspective helps us to prioritize properly. Keep focused on the fact that, compared to eternity, your earthly life is infinitely shorter. The most irrational thing that we could ever do is to live as if this life on earth is our only goal, as if it were the only reality that matters. It would be ever so foolish for us to bank on this life when our focus should on the more important treasure that is reserved for us in eternity.

So, what's the point? The point is that we need to choose wisely how we live our lives, and an important component to that choice has to do with how we handle our money. Will we stockpile it, spending it selfishly on ourselves, with no concern for those around us who are in need? Or will we give it generously as the Lord tells us and allowing the Spirit to lead us?

Obviously the choice is yours, but I pray that will choose wisely. Don't allow the consequences of your choice to weigh in on your eternity.

Prayer: Lord, Thank You for granting me the wisdom and discernment to live my life in a way that is both generous and that prepares me for a life with you in eternity! I choose to listen to Your Word and follow Your Spirit as I give generously from my heart in gladness, knowing that my gifts can be used for others to experience your grace and your love through my heartfelt actions. In Jesus' name. Amen