

INVEST IN GOD'S KINGDOM

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Part 6 of 7

You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward. Matt. 10:42 (GN)

Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you. Luke 6:38 (NCV)

WHAT I NEED TO INVEST

1. INVEST MY _____

Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here. Col. 3:2 (LB)

Merely hearing God's law is a waste of your time if you don't do what he commands. Doing, not hearing, is what makes the difference with God. Rom. 2:13 (Mes)

Ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help you live as you should, and don't make plans to enjoy evil. Rom. 13:14 (LB)

Turn from all known sin and spend your time in doing good. Try to live in peace with everyone; work hard at it. Psa. 34:14 (LB)

2. INVEST MY _____

I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. Matt. 16:18 (Mes)

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing. Eph. 2:10 (NCV)

Train yourself to serve God. Training your body helps you in some ways, but serving God helps you in every way by bringing you blessings in this life and in the future life, too. 1 Tim. 4:7-8 (NCV)

3. INVEST MY _____

Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns... to overflow! Prov. 3:9-10 (LB)

Bring to My storehouse a full tenth of what you earn... Test Me in this," says the Lord. "I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need. Mal. 3:10 (NCV)

On the first day of every week put aside some of what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn. 1 Cor. 16:2 (LB)

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 will 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 Tim. 6:18-19 (LB)

REASONS NOT TO GIVE

1. DON'T GIVE OUT OF _____

The people rejoiced... for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. 1 Chr. 29:9

If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12

2. DON'T GIVE OUT OF _____

Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. Matt. 6:1 (NLT)

3. DON'T GIVE YOUR _____

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deut. 14:23 (LB)

The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you. Matt. 6:33 (NCV)