

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NASB) “*Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*”

### 1. God wants you to invest in His **TREASURY** Fund.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB) “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 neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

#### How do I invest in this first fund?

Use some of my money to **EXPRESS** worship.

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV) “Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income.”

Matthew 6:21 (NASB) “For where your treasure is there your heart will be also.”

#### Worship giving is **UNDESIGNATED**.

Leviticus 27:28 (NASB) “Nevertheless, anything which a man sets apart to the LORD out of all that he has, of man or animal or of the fields of his own property, shall not be sold or redeemed.”

#### Worship giving is given when and where I **WORSHIP**.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NLT) “On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned.”

Deuteronomy 14:23 (NLT) “The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives.”

### 2. God wants you to invest in His **MUTUAL** Fund.

Romans 12:10 (NLT) “Love one another with genuine (mutual) affection.”

#### How do I invest in God’s Mutual Fund?

Use some of my money to **ENCOURAGE** fellowship.

Romans 12:13 (NASB) “When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.”

Hebrews 10:24 (NASB) “Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.”

Ephesians 4:28 (NASB) “He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.”

Proverbs 19:17 (NASB) “One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.”

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 (NASB) “For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ.”

### 3. God wants you to invest in His **GROWTH** Fund.

2 Peter 3:18 (NASB) “You must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

#### How do I invest in the Growth Fund?

Use some of my money to **ENHANCE** my character.

Proverbs 23:23 (NASB) “Buy truth, and do not sell it, *Get* wisdom and instruction and understanding.”

## The Necessity of Investing Wisely

Isaiah 55:2 (NASB) ““Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good And delight yourself in abundance. “Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live.”

Proverbs 16:16 (NASB) “How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.”

### 4. God wants you to invest in His **EQUITY SERVICE** Fund.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (NLT) “For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in this service for the believers in Jerusalem.”

#### How do I invest in His Equity Service Fund?

Use some of your money to **EXPAND** ministry.

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT) “Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us - I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.”

Acts 20:35 (NIV) “We must support the weak remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT) “Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”

Luke 6:38 (NASB) “Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

### 5. God wants you to invest in His **GLOBAL** Fund.

Isaiah 49:6b (NASB) “ I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

#### How do I invest in God’s Global Fund?

Use some of your money to **EXPAND** global mission activity.

Luke 16:9 (NLT) “Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends.”

#### So when should you start investing for the future?

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT) “Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.”

#### Application:

What is the Spirit saying to you this morning?

How should you be investing?

- Treasury Fund
- Mutual Fund
- Growth Fund
- Equity Service Fund
- Global Fund

Does your giving honor God?

Do you excel in generosity in such a way that God is praised?

What will you do to adjust your life to obey what God has said?

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