



Investing Finances - Mid-Quarter Adjustments
Pastor Kevin
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MAIN SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:10-15

¹⁰ Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. ¹¹ Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. ¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. ¹³ Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. ¹⁴ Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal. ¹⁵ As the Scriptures say, "Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough."^[d]

Opening Discussion

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?
- When it comes to investing your time and money, have you ever experienced priority paralysis? How do you get through this?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – Occasionally, we all need encouragement to finish what we started!

Verses: 2 Corinthians 8:10-15

- What types of endeavors do you begin but find difficult to finish? Are you typically a stronger starter or a stronger finisher?
- What factors or occurrences typically keep you or distract you from finishing what you start?
- What is something in your life that you wished you would have finished?
- Read Paul's advice in 2 Corinthians 8:10-15. Why is Paul encouraging the reader to keep going and to finish strong?

Thought #2 – Our attitude matters in the way we invest!

Verses: 2 Corinthians 8:10-15, 22, 9:5b, 6-8

- Pastor Kevin said, "I have had a front-row seat to see this church begin to pick up speed and regain some life, energy, and enthusiasm. It's one of those things that – when it happens – you can feel the momentum shifting and that enthusiasm just multiplies."
1. How do you feel about this? Do you share Pastor Kevin's experience? How have you experienced this shift?
 2. When it comes to how you invest your time, energy, and money, why is attitude so important? How does 2 Corinthians 9:5 help us understand the importance of attitude?
 3. How do you see the effects (consequence) that having a good attitude or bad attitude from yourself or others has on your daily life?
 4. If our church began to pray for the Lord to grant us energy and enthusiasm to invest in the things that we need to be investing in, what do you think the result could be?

Thought #3 – Ultimately, we trust God knows what to do with what we invest and how to supply what is lacking!

Verses: 2 Corinthians 8:10-15, 9:6-8

- Read 2 Corinthians 9:8. What is the hopeful part of this verse? What is the scary part of this verse? From this verse, how can we see that God is the Lord of the outcomes? What helps you to trust the Lord for the outcomes?

OR keeps you from trusting the Lord for the outcomes?

- Share with the group? Where is it that God is refocusing your investments?

Closing Discussion

- Ask each group member how the group can be praying for them this week. Close in prayer.
- Share with the group? Where is it that God is refocusing your investments?

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller or Julie Burch regarding your REMIX group?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?
