

# FINANCIAL FITNESS

The Best Investment

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## KEY VERSES:

### Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## WHERE TO BEST INVEST

I'll enjoy forever what I invest in Heaven.

### 1 Timothy 6:17-18 (TLB)

17 Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

18 Tell them to use their money to do good. 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.

I invest in Heaven every time I use money for good

## GOD'S FIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS

1. God's Growth Fund: I can invest in eternity by using money to grow my character.

### Proverbs 10:16 (NLT2)

16 The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin.

### Luke 2:52 (NLT2)

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

### Proverbs 23:23 (MSG)

23 Buy truth—don't sell it for love or money; buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight.

**Proverbs 16:16 (MSG)**

16 Get wisdom—it's worth more than money; choose insight over income every time.

2. God's Mutual Fund: I can invest in eternity by using money to encourage fellowship.

**Romans 12:10 (NRSV)**

10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

**Romans 12:13 (NIV)**

13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

**Hebrews 10:24 (NLT2)**

24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

3. God's Service Fund: I can invest in eternity be using money to serve others.

**Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 (MSG)**

1 Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns.

2 Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night.

**James 2:15-17 (NLT2)**

15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,

16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

**Proverbs 11:24 (NLT2)**

24 Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

**Proverbs 28:27 (NLT2)**

27 Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to poverty will be cursed.

**Proverbs 19:17 (NLT2)**

17 If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD— and he will repay you!

4. God's Global Fund: I can invest in eternity by using money to bring people to Jesus.

**Luke 16:9 (NIV)**

9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

**3 John 1:8 (NLT2)**

8 So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth.

**2 Corinthians 9:13 (MSG)**

13 This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone.

5. God's Treasury Fund: I can invest in eternity by using money to worship God.

**Proverbs 3:9 (TLB)**

9 Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.

**Matthew 6:21 (KJV)**

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**Job 22:24-25 (NLT2)**

24 If you give up your lust for money and throw your precious gold into the river,  
25 the Almighty himself will be your treasure. He will be your precious silver!