

“Investing Your Life Wisely”

Ecclesiastes 11:1-3

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I. Life is an _____.

“Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat... So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”

2 Peter 3:11-12, 14 (NIV)

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

Revelation 22:12 (NIV)

II. Wise investing of your life involves _____.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

“Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.”

Ecclesiastes 11:1 (NIV)

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

Matthew 16:25 (NIV)

“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

John 12:24-25 (NIV)

❖ It involves the principle of _____ and _____.

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)

“A wicked person earns deceptive wages, but the one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.”

Proverbs 11:18 (NIV)

1. You have to _____ in _____.

2. You reap in _____ with what you _____.

3. You reap _____ than you sowed.

III. Wise investing of your life involves _____ of self.

“Cast your bread”

Ecclesiastes 11:1 (NIV)

“Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life

will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.”

Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)

IV. Wise investing of your life involves _____.

“Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.”

Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NIV)

“In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ... But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

2 Corinthians 8:2-3, 7 (NIV)

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

“If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.”

Matthew 5:41 (NIV)

V. Wise investing of your life involves _____ in God.

“God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill? I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.”

Numbers 23:19-20 (NIV)

“If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there it will lie.”

Ecclesiastes 11:3 (NIV)