

GUARANTEED INVESTMENTS

(You can take it with you.)

We hear a lot these days about the stock market, and how people have become rich off of their investments. Some say it will continue to make people rich. Others say the get rich quick times are over. People go to the casinos, play the lottery, etc. so they can get rich and do what they want to do with their lives. Proverbs 13:7 says, "There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches." Mark 8:36 says, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

When making investments we need to keep in mind that whatever we gain in this life is very temporary. James 4:14 says, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." As far as this life is concerned we should remember, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all the things we need will be given to us (Matthew 6:33). As far as investments are concerned we need to know where to invest so we are guaranteed a return. Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our investments are an indication of our heart. We may say we love Jesus, but our investments show if we really do. We're not just talking about money, but time and talents also.

What are God's guidelines for investing? Work with your hands what is good, that you may have something to give to him who has a need (Ephesians 4:28). As you have opportunity, do good to everyone, especially to those who are Christians (Galatians 6:10). Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). What are the results of following God's guidelines for investing? He who overcomes shall inherit everything, and I will be his God and he shall be My son (Revelation 21:7). God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Where have you been investing your life? If you invest in this world so you can do what you want to do, you will lose it when you die. If you invest your life in Jesus, and His kingdom you will keep it forever.

If you would like to know more about how to invest your life in God's kingdom, please contact us.

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