

**INVEST IN WHAT LASTS**  
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- † Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (NIV).
- † 1 Timothy 6:17-18a, "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 richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good" (TLB).
- † 1 Timothy 6:18b-19, "They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. <sup>19</sup>By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in Heaven. They will be storing up real treasure for themselves in Heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well" (TLB).
- † Ecclesiastes 11:2, "Invest what you have in several different places, because you don't know what disasters might happen" (NIV).

**Store Up Your Treasure In The Following Funds:<sup>1</sup>**

**1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Fund > This fund is about growing my \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.**

- † Proverbs 10:16, "The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin" (NLT).
  - I can use my money to grow (a) \_\_\_\_\_, (b) \_\_\_\_\_, (c) \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- † Luke 2:52, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" (ESV).
- † Proverbs 23:23, "Invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense, and don't part with them!" (CEV).
- † Proverbs 23:23, "Buy truth—don't sell it for love or money; buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight" (MSG).
- † Proverbs 16:16, "It is much better to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver" (TEV).
- † Isaiah 55:2, "Why spend your money on food that doesn't give you strength? . . . Listen and I'll tell you where to get good food that fattens up the soul!" (TLB).

**2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Fund > This fund is about \_\_\_\_\_ others through \_\_\_\_\_.**

- † Romans 12:10, "Love one another with mutual affection" (ISB).
- † Romans 12:13, "Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Show hospitality" (GWT).
- † Hebrews 10:24, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works" (NLT).

**Using My Money To Show Love To Other Believers . . .**

- a. Proves that I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
  - † 2 Corinthians 9:12-13, "This service of giving not only helps the needs of God's people, it also brings many more thanks to God and it is a proof of your faith. <sup>13</sup>Many people will praise God because you obey the Good News of Christ, the gospel you say you believe and because you freely share with them" (NCV).
- b. Creates \_\_\_\_\_.
  - † Psalms 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (NIV).
- c. Is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - † 3 John 1:5, "When you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they're strangers, you make the faith visible" (MSG).

**3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Fund > This fund is about \_\_\_\_\_ others through \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.haikudeck.com/gods-growth-fund-inspiration-presentation-q34YwwR4Ak#slide7>.

- † Ecclesiastes 11:1-2, "Be generous; Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. <sup>2</sup>Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night" (MSG).
- † Psalms 72:12-14, "People who are in need will cry out, and He will save them. He will save those who are hurting. They don't have anyone else who can help them. <sup>13</sup>He will take pity on those who are weak and in need . . . <sup>14</sup>Their lives are very special to Him" (NIRV).
- † Matthew 9:36, "When He [Jesus] saw the crowds, He felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (NCV).
- † Proverbs 11:24, "The world of the generous gets larger and larger but the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller" (MSG).
- † Proverbs 28:27, "Give to the poor and you'll never be in need, but if you close your eyes to the poor many curses will come upon you" (PAR).
- † Proverbs 19:17, "When you give to the poor, it's like lending to the Lord, and He will pay you back!" (TEV).
- † Proverbs 21:13, "If you refuse to respond to the cries of the poor, then God will not respond to you when you cry out to Him" (PAR).

4. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Fund > This fund is about \_\_\_\_\_ others through \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Luke 16:9, "Jesus said, `Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings'" (TEV).
- † 3 John 1:8, "We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth" (GWT).
- † 2 Corinthians 9:13, "You will honor God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else" (GWT).

5. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Fund > This fund is about \_\_\_\_\_ God in \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Proverbs 3:9, "Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He'll fill your barns... and overflow your barrels..." (TLB).
- † Deuteronomy 14:23, "The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your life" (TLB).
- † Matthew 6:21, "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be" (NLT).

**There Are Two Things That Show What Is Important To Me:**

- a. Where my \_\_\_\_\_ goes and . . .
- b. Where my \_\_\_\_\_ goes.

**If I ever feel distant from God, there are two things that will fix that:**

- a. Share my \_\_\_\_\_ with someone and . . .
- b. Give an \_\_\_\_\_.

**a) share my \_\_\_\_\_ with someone and (b) give an \_\_\_\_\_.**

- † Job 22:24-25, "Give up your lust for money . . . <sup>25</sup>and the Almighty Himself will be your treasure!" (NLT).
- † Deuteronomy 8:11-16, "Make sure you don't forget God, your God, by not keeping his commandments, His rules and regulations that I command you today. <sup>12</sup>Make sure that when you eat and are satisfied, build pleasant houses and settle in, <sup>13</sup>see more and more money come in, watch your standard of living going up and up—<sup>14</sup>make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, <sup>15</sup>your God, the God who delivered you from all kinds of slavery; who led you through huge and fearsome troubling times, who helped you get through desert periods of your life and when life tried to strike you like a poisonous viper and scorpion, it was God who protected you. <sup>16</sup>Do not forget to remind yourself that everything good in your life, everything you have is a gift from God. All of this has been a test from God for you to see if you will invest in God's purpose as He invests in you. Don't waste God's investment in you because if you do, others will suffer and pay for it with their very lives" (PAR).