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Part 2 – Purpose Driven Giving

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✓ I'll enjoy forever what I _____.

(1 Timothy 6:17-18 LB) 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.

✓ I invest in heaven every time I _____.

(1 Timothy 6:18b-19 LB) 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. By doing this 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.

God's Five Eternal Investment Funds

1. God's _____ Fund: I invest in eternity by using money to _____.

(Proverbs 3:9 LB) Honor the Lord by giving HIM the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns...and overflow your barrels...

(Matthew 6:21) Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Job 22:24-25 NLT) Give up your lust for money...Then the Almighty himself will be your treasure!

2. God's _____ Fund: I invest in eternity by using money to _____.

(Romans 12:10) Love one another with mutual affection.

(Romans 12:13) Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Show hospitality.

(Hebrews 10:24 NLT) Think of ways to encourage one another with outbursts of love and good deeds.

• It proves _____.

(2 Corinthians 9:12-13 NCV) 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. 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.

• It creates _____.

(Psalm 133:1 NCV) How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

• It's a _____.

(3 John 1:5 Mes) When you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible.

3. God's _____ Fund: I invest in eternity by using money to _____.

(Proverbs 10:16) The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin.

(Proverbs 23:23) Invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense, and don't part with them!

(Proverbs 23:23 Msg) Buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight.

(Proverbs 16:16) It is better—much better—to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver.

(Isaiah 55:2) Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength...and does you no good? Listen I and will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul!

4. God's _____ Fund: I invest in eternity by using money to _____.

(Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 Mes) Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others...

(Proverbs 19:17 TEV) When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and He will pay you back!

5. God's _____ Fund: I invest in eternity by using money to _____.

(Luke 16:9) 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 GW) We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth.

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