

Wise Investments

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I. Introduction.

A. Investing our lives is more important than investing our money. (Psalm 71:18; 19:14)

II. People do not invest their lives because of...

A. Selfishness.

B. Not realizing the worth and potential of each individual.

1. Everyone is important to God. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

a. God created us. (Genesis 1:26-27)

b. Every person has a spiritual nature. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

c. God wants to redeem us. (John 3:16; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

d. God has selected us for a special purpose. (1 Thessalonians 1; John 1:42)

C. The feeling that we have nothing to give.

1. God uses people. (Ezekiel 42:30; Psalm 106:14-15; 53:2; 2 Chronicles 15:9; John 4:4; Mark 5; Acts 20:31)

2. Everybody has something to give. (Hebrews 2:4)

D. Not understanding the principles.

1. The principle of multiplication has power.

2. Multiplication is a long range program that requires a cost and accountability. (Mark 4:19; Matthew 6:33; 2 Timothy 3:10; Acts 20:27)

E. An unwillingness to pay the price.

1. Trainees must understand that their training is the will of God and that life is about what they can give. (Mark 10:45; 1 Corinthians 9:19; Philippians 2:5)

2. To get training you must be faithful, available and teachable. (Isaiah 43:4; 2 Corinthians 13:7)

III. Is it worth it?

Application questions:

1. Which excuse for not investing your life hits closest to home?

2. How does multiplication help to give perspective on life investment?

3. What do you need to do to make a greater investment of your life? Explain.
