Biblical Stock Market Update: Bulls, Stimulus and Spending, Oh My!

The Issachar Fund (LIONX, BRI & ESG) is 20% invested in 20 growth stocks on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020. The S&P 500 Index hit an all-time high last Tuesday and slid lower into Friday as rumors of a stimulus compromise diminished. I believe stocks are extended in price, and P/E ratios are expanding in anticipation of a stimulus deal getting done before Friday. I think the market is factoring in a stimulus compromise before Congress heads home on , so the market could turn south quickly if talks fall apart. Many of the growth stocks in LIONX experienced some profit-taking last week, so I decided to lock in some gains. Software and medical stocks are still the most significant weightings in LIONX, and that is where I am currently finding the best stock opportunities with accelerating sales and earnings. Remember, bulls make money, and bears make money, but pigs get slaughtered. (There is no guarantee that any investment will achieve its objectives, generate positive returns or avoid losses.)

The Fed expanded its balance sheet by $20 billion last week to an all-time high of $7.2 trillion. The Fed's commitment to keeping rates low for the next couple of years gives me a great conviction that it is still on our side and will likely act as a back-stop to mitigate a prolonged market decline. I do not see a crashing dollar or rapidly rising yields flashing any warning signs at this time, but I believe it is just a matter of time before we see the flags start to wave. Could a falling dollar or a spike in yields be the next black swan event to rock the market as COVID did from Feb. 19 to March 23 when the S&P 500 dropped over 33%? Time will certainly tell! As long as the "market" allows Congress to spend money it does not have by letting the Fed create money out of thin air to buy bonds issued by the Treasury, Congress will keep doing what it does, which is kick the can down the road. I do not see how this irresponsible spending can end well. Imagine what would happen if you or I were to spend money like there is no tomorrow without any plans to pay it back!

Bottom Line: LIONX is 20% invested in 20 growth stocks, and I expect Santa to rally the market into Christmas. If Congress cannot agree on a stimulus bill before Friday, the market could take a turn for the worse and head south for the winter. However, I believe the Fed will step in and support the market with fresh liquidity in hopes of keeping the market afloat. I actively manage LIONX seeking moderate capital appreciation consistent with capital preservation, trying to avoid life-changing losses.

I want to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas, and I pray that you accept the love of Jesus and share it with your neighbor. May God's grace and peace be with you forever!

"This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

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