Christians and Dirty Money? Why We Need Financial Revival

I had no idea that I was making money from abortions. I also had no idea I was making money on the sale of pornography. But every time someone used an abortion drug or bought an X-rated movie from Amazon or their TV provider like AT&T, Verizon, Dish Network and DirectTV, I was making a cut of that profit. With God’s money.

I was just like hundreds of millions of other Christians in this world who have the wool pulled over their eyes by the great Babylon of Wall Street. For some reason, it had never occurred to me that the companies that I owned in my mutual funds, ETFs and stock and bond portfolios were the very same companies that were manufacturing, selling and promoting the vilest products of immorality and unholiness that the depraved human mind can conjure. But there it was plain as day, the truth that I was ignorantly profiting from the nails in my Savior’s hands, the thorns on His glorious brow and the spear through His broken heart.

And most likely, so are you.

Take for example the most heavily traded index fund in the world, the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (ticker: SPY). This fund has $ billion dollars in assets and trades an astonishing 18 million shares, or roughly $4.3 billion, *per hour*. Chances are that you are invested in this fund, or some other fund like it from Vanguard, iShares, American Funds or other company. The chart below shows the information that changed my life forever and details exactly what owners of these funds are profiting from?

The question is, do you care?

Believe me, I know this is a difficult question to answer because the ramifications of “yes” mean a complete and total departure from the so-called financial wisdom of this world. My personal “yes” cost me all the financial security this world has to offer. And yes, I have also heard the attempts by some to sidestep this issue by saying that buying stock in the secondary market (as is done on the stock exchange, mutual funds and son on does not actually support the company or give them any money. But they miss the point completely. The issue is not about some kind of financial boycott to withhold our money from “evil companies,” the issue is the unavoidable truth that as an owner of that stock, you and I are profiting from the most grievous of sins. Instead of “do not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; instead, expose them” (Eph. 5:11), we are pocketing the cash in the name of the Lord.

Hear the merciful appeal of God in His holy Word, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind…” (Rom. 12:2). Set aside for a moment the questions and doubts of *how* to invest in a way that is not “conformed to this world”, and instead ask God to give you the faith to trust Him, to believe that His ways are better than our ways, whatever they may be. Ask your Lord to give you ears deaf to the commentators of this age who point fingers at you and yell “Fool! Bigot! Intolerant!”, but attentive to the voice from heaven that calls, “Well done, you good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter the joy of your master” (Matt. 5:21).

Pray for personal, spiritual, financial revival. {eoa}

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