

Will You Invest in Eternity?

Are you a person who plans and saves and strategizes for your retirement years? It seems that most people will take the time to invest in their future yet give little thought or consideration to investing in their eternal home.

The retirement years are few, but eternity is a long time. It would be prudent to have an eternal perspective and invest into your life beyond this temporal existence.

The most important investment we can make into heaven is to bring people with us. There is nothing we will take to heaven when we die except other people. Jesus said, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents" (Luke 15:10). Do we live our lives with the understanding that every soul is precious to God?

Jesus stated that if a man has one hundred sheep, and one goes astray, He will go after the one and rejoice much when the one is found. Jesus went on to say in Matthew 18:14, "Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." He was showing the importance of even one person being saved.

It takes effort to share the gospel with others but Proverbs 11:30 says, "He that wins souls is wise." The Bible actually says we are wise when we win people to Christ! God wants us to have His perspective and His heart for others, and try to influence as many people as possible for the kingdom. One of the ways we can naturally be a good witness for Jesus is to be aware of how we represent Him on our jobs.

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Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may

see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). If you want to be a witness to your employer, put in extra effort every day. Show up on time, refrain from negative talk and grumbling, and do your job with excellence. When the opportunity arises to share your faith, your witness in front of others will win you their respect and their attention.

It's unfortunate that it often takes a tragedy, a severe illness or a catastrophic event to have a conversation with someone about God and the afterlife. How wonderful it would be to see more people live their lives with the hope and joy of Jesus in their lifetime, and not just when their life is near its end.

Do you believe that having a discussion about God will be uncomfortable and possibly produce some difficult questions? If you said yes, you are right. However, in your procrastination, you may miss the opportunity to have a conversation with someone before it is too late. Would the potential discomfort be worth it if that person found their way to heaven? Of course, it would.

When a person does not know Jesus, there is usually an overwhelming fear that comes as their days draw near to the end. I have personally observed this so many times in visiting people in the hospital. They are suddenly ready to listen and be open to the truth.



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How beautiful and valuable to make an investment in eternity by changing the life of another.

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realities of hell, the afterlife and the urgency to live for Christ in your short time here on earth.

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