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Welcome to this second companion devotion for our blog series on investing. These Bible passages and thought-provoking questions are designed to help you engage with the Scriptures, as well as observe, understand, and apply God's Word to your life. I pray this devotion will inspire and motivate you to consider the benefits of applying the truth of each passage and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

LEAN IN

- When making decisions about money and investments, how often do you consult God?

God is interested in every aspect of our lives – including how we handle our investments. I firmly believe that everything we have is a blessing from the Lord – and therefore belongs to Him. In our investments and how we handle the money that passes through our hands, we are therefore called to be wise stewards.

LOOK DOWN

- What do the verses below teach us about our position on how to approach and handle our investments?

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 27:23

Be diligent to know the state of your flocks and attend to your herds.

LOOK OUT

- In the investment world today, many live by a standard of making a great return by 'any means necessary'. How does the advice given in the verses below compare to what we see in society today?

Proverbs 16:8

Better is a little with righteousness than vast revenues without justice.

Psalms 112:5

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

God is not only interested in how we steward what He blesses us with, but He is also interested in our choices and what we invest in. The verses above emphasize it is better to make a lower return the right way than it is to make higher returns unjustly.

LOOK IN

- Review your investment portfolio and think back through each investment made. With these verses in mind, are there any that you would have handled differently or not made at all?

1 Corinthians 3:8

He who plants, and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labour.

God calls us to a higher standard as investors; He calls us to consider the righteous implications of investments we get involved in.

LIVE IT OUT

- Moving forward, what changes can you make in your investment strategy to honor God with all that He has blessed you with?

Lord, may we bring you glory in our actions, words and even our investments. We submit everything to You and declare it all belongs to You. Please grant us wisdom and discernment to make choices that bring you glory. In Jesus name, Amen.