

## INVESTING DEVOTION

Welcome to this companion devotion for our blog post 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

- What is the biggest investment risk you have ever taken?

Let us read the following passages:

#### ***Ecclesiastes 11:1-2***

*Send your grain across the seas, and in time, profits will flow back to you. But divide your investments among many places, for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.*

#### ***Matthew 25:19-21***

*After a long time, their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of gold said, 'Sir, you gave me five bags of gold to invest, and I have doubled the amount.' The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'*

***Ecclesiastes 11:6***

*Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.*

***Proverbs 24:27***

*Do your planning and prepare your fields before building your house.*

**LOOK DOWN**

- What do the above verses tell you about God's perspective on investing?

**LOOK OUT**

- How do the scriptures below compare with what we see taught and practiced today?

***Proverbs 13:11***

*Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.*

***Proverbs 21:5***

*Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.*

**LOOK IN**

- How well do you do at remaining focused and avoiding the pressure of immediate returns that the world offers?

## LIVE OUT

- What adjustments in your investment strategy can you make to reflect these Biblical principles?

As you reflect on your investment strategy, consider the changes that will help you steward God's resources more faithfully. Write down the necessary steps you need to take to implement these changes – and come back in a few months to see where you stand. May God grant you wisdom and grace as you invest with a Kingdom perspective. May the choices you make not only seek financial growth, but also reflect a heart aligned with His purposes.