Invest Your Time and Talent

Pacific Heart Attitudes - part 4

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We pull the wagon.

Why should I invest my life?

1. Ownership: God _____ us.

Matt. 25:14 Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants....

*Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and **all who live** in it;*

*Psalms 100:3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and **we are his**; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

2. Stewardship: God _____ us with what is His.

*Matt. 25:14 Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and **entrusted** his property to them.*

3. Diversity: God gives _____ gifts.

Matt. 25:15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability.

How can I invest my life?

Invest your _____.

Ephesians 5:15-16 Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Invest your _____.

*1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

Invest your _____.

Matthew 6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. [20] But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Invest your _____. (conversations)

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised...

Invest your _____.

Matt. 7:12 In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the prophets.

Key: Pg. 1: owns; entrusts; different.

Pg. 2: settles; rewards

Pg. 3: Impact; Influence; Investment; Intimacy. removes;

Pg. 4: time; talents; treasure; tongue; thoughtfulness.

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*Exodus 3:11 ... (*Moses*) "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

*Judges 6:14 (*Gideon*) The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" [15] "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."*

*Jeremiah 1:5 (*Jeremiah*) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." [6] "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."*

4. Accountability: God _____ accounts.

Mt. 25:19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

Romans 14:12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

5. Reward: God _____ us for our investments.

Matt. 25:21, 23... "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

How do we benefit by investing our time and talents? Results?

♦ _____. Affirmation.

♦ _____. Appreciation.

♦ _____. Acquisition.

♦ _____. Affection.

6. Loss: God _____ what we will not invest.

Mat. 25:24 The man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. [25] So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

Matt. 25:26-30 You wicked, lazy servant!.... Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents....And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.