

Investing Accurately (In the Kingdom of God)

“It would be a shame for an entrepreneur who is a (financially blessed) believer, with the God-given ability for reaping great financial harvests, to invest inaccurately in the kingdom of God, particularly when it is this very same God who has blessed him (them) with those finances. This would be a waste, because that entrepreneur (blessed believer) would have missed the purpose for which God blessed him (them) with those finances. It would qualify that believer as an unwise steward of the Master's resources.

There are many works in the world today that qualify as "good works", both in the secular world as well as in the church world. You could actually give finances into any of these good works, and be doing well. **But the issue is not about throwing money into the realm of good works. Rather, it is one of investing in those particular projects that are foremost on the mind and heart of God, for the Now!** Everyone who invests in the stock market understands the importance of timings and seasons and trends and demands.

There is a wise time to buy and a wise time to sell, which is usually, determined by market trends and product demands. **Investing accurately is absolutely related to timing. It is the same with investing in the kingdom of God. As God unfolds His kingdom advancement strategies, we should invest accordingly.** In I Chronicles 12:32 it is stated that the sons of Issachar had understanding of the times, and therefore knew what Israel ought to do. Doing the right or accurate thing depends on understanding the times. Investing into kingdom works, also depends on discerning the times (and people and projects) and seasons of the Lord. If you invest religiously (like tithers, offerers, alms and first-fruiters), because it is the right thing to do, then you will still not be investing properly into the kingdom of God.

Many believers are not aware that **God is building something very strategically, and (very) deliberately,** according to ancient plans, which mean that at present, the kingdom-building project is in a certain phase, with specific needs and emphases and operations unlike any other time. There is a present kingdom product in demand, by God's timetable. There are present needs that are new and different from those of yesteryear. **If you simply give to be doing something good, without understanding the kingdom demands, the kingdom market trends, the kingdom timings and seasons, you will invest inaccurately. If you give to churches that are not building according to the timings and seasons of the Lord, but are involved in traditional religious activities, you will invest inaccurately.**

Accuracy in the area of kingdom activity is totally dependent on a proper discerning of the times. The times reveal to us where God is currently active in advancing His Kingdom. Jesus said he would only do what he was seeing the Father do, not what he saw the Father do at some former period. Many financial investments end up in works that God is no longer emphasizing. God has moved on, and **man must constantly discern His migration and move with Him,** in order to be spiritually accurate. You have to become a Prophetic believer to know where God is currently building. You need to develop an ability to hear God and to receive revelation truth.

A great example could be found in the context of the early church. When the Apostles were teaching new revelation in the midst of an old and well-established religious centre, people had to choose between the two, and commit to the right one, in order to be accurate. If believers at that time continued to sow their finances in the old Jewish Temple, and not in the new Apostolic church, they would have been investing wrongly. They could not know the difference apart from a Prophetic ear, or an ability to understand truth non-traditionally.

Giving into traditional religious good works is not investing accurately in God's kingdom. It might still accomplish some earthly good, and it might still earn you some points in the records of heaven, but it will not advance the invasion of God's kingdom on the planet in the present season. It will not be supporting His eternal purpose for the present. **God's kingdom advancement on the earth can only be funded by a people who can discern the timings of God.**

Kingdom accuracy is not equal to every good, religious, well-established work. There are a lot of religious works that have built worldly kingdoms, instead of a house, for God to dwell in. Not everything we see with our physical eyes that look like church is in fact church according to God's design. **The need for discernment in these last days, to know the true church and the current speaking and workings of God, is great.** Ecclesiastes Chapter Three is a worthy passage to meditate on, to appreciate the value and importance of understanding the times, in relation to doing things. Verse 17(b) says; "...there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." Accuracy in kingdom investment is in knowing what God is doing at the present time.^{1 2}

Proverbs 15:21 – *Foolishness is joy to him who lacks sense, But a man of understanding walks straight.*

Hosea 14:9 – *Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; Whoever is discerning, let him know them For the ways of the LORD are right, And the righteous will walk in them, But transgressors will stumble in them.*

1 Samuel 16:7 – *But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

Isaiah 30:21 – *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.*

Romans 8:14 – *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Romans 8:19 – *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*

Romans 12:20 – *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

1 Corinthians 13:11 – *When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

1 Corinthians 2:6 – *Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;*

1 – Michael Scantlebury (2000) "Five Pillars of the Apostolic: Towards a Mature Church" (self-published) p:122-125

2 – Much of the content of Scantlebury's notes in this chapter come from an article written by Eric Vlaugh of Acts 29 Caribbean Resource Center and International Ministries in St Maarten, N.A. (No other details were supplied in his book)

1 Corinthians 14:20 – *Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.*

Ephesians 1:17-18 – *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

Ephesians 4:14 – *As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;*

Philippians 1:9-10 – *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;*

Colossians 1:9-10 – *For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

Hebrews 5:14 – *“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”*

James 1:5 – *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”*

James 3:17 – *“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.”*

2 Peter 3:17-18 – *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

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