

Living with Eternal Perspective: Investing in the Kingdom of God

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? As Christians, we are called to live with an eternal perspective, keeping our focus on the Kingdom of God. This means that we should prioritize the things that have eternal significance and invest our time, talents, and resources in building up God's Kingdom here on earth. Let us dive into this topic, drawing inspiration from biblical examples and teachings.

1 The first step towards living with an eternal perspective is to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author, and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). He is our ultimate example of living a life fully invested in the Kingdom of God.

2 Jesus taught that we should seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things will be added to us (Matthew 6:33). This means that our primary focus should be on building God's Kingdom rather than pursuing worldly desires.

3 Jesus challenged His disciples to leave everything behind and follow Him (Luke 14:33). This demonstrates that our commitment to God's Kingdom should take priority over any worldly possessions or ambitions.

4 The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) reminds us that we are entrusted with resources and talents by God. We are called to invest them wisely in building His Kingdom, rather than burying them in fear or selfishness.

5 The story of the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-27) teaches us about the dangers of being too attached to worldly wealth. Jesus encouraged the man to sell everything he had and give to the poor, thus prioritizing the Kingdom of God over material possessions.

6 The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) compels us to go and make disciples of all nations. This is a call to actively invest in the Kingdom of God by spreading the Gospel and making a difference in the lives of others.

7 In the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), Jesus teaches us about the importance of loving our neighbors and showing compassion. Investing in the Kingdom of God means caring for those in need and reaching out with God's love.

8 The widow's offering (Mark 12:41-44) demonstrates the significance of giving sacrificially. We are called to give not just out of our abundance but also from our poverty, trusting that God will multiply our small offerings for His Kingdom purposes.

9 Jesus taught that we should store up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy (Matthew 6:19-21). This reminds us to prioritize spiritual investments over earthly possessions, as only what is done for God's Kingdom will last.

? Living with an eternal perspective means seeking to glorify God in everything we do (1 Corinthians 10:31). Whether in our work, relationships, or daily activities, our aim should be to honor God and bring Him glory.

11 Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). Loving God and others is central to investing in the Kingdom of God.

12 The apostle Paul urged believers to be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that their labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). Even when the results may not be immediate or visible, our investments in God's Kingdom are never in vain.

13 Living with an eternal perspective requires us to trust in God's provision and timing. The story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22) demonstrates the faith and obedience required to surrender everything to God and trust His plans.

14 The book of Proverbs teaches the importance of seeking wisdom and understanding, which are foundational for making wise investments in the Kingdom of God (Proverbs 2:1-6).

15 Finally, let us remember the words of blessing from the apostle Paul: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21).