

How the Immortal, Glorious and Victorious Invest

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With a 1 Corinthians 15 perspective on their futures the immortal, glorious and victorious invest time and money in ...

1. people with needs a long way away

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

² On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

³ And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

⁴ and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

2. people who are messed up

⁵ But I shall come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia;

⁶ and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

⁷ For I do not wish to see you now *just* in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.

3. people who don't like them

⁸ But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost;

⁹ for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

and they encourage their friends and family to make the same investments

¹⁰ Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid; for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.

¹¹ Let no one therefore despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

¹² But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

Some passages which may be used as we consider #1.

("people with needs a long way away"):

Matthew 6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

³⁵ 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?

³⁸ 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?

³⁹ 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

⁴⁰ "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least *of them*, you did it to Me.'

Acts 2:44 And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;

⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Acts 11:28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and *began* to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius.

²⁹ And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a *contribution* for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.

³⁰ And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

Galatians 2:9 and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *might go* to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

¹⁰ *They only asked* us to remember the poor-- the very thing I also was eager to do.

2 Corinthians 8:1 Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

⁴ begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

⁵ and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

⁶ Consequently we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well.

⁷ But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

⁸ I am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ And I give *my* opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do *this*, but also to desire *to do it*.

¹¹ But now finish doing it also; that just as *there was* the readiness to desire it, so *there may be* also the completion of it by your ability.

¹² For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what *a man* has, not according to what he does not have.

¹³ For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality--

¹⁴ at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your want, that there may be equality;