

**Invest this Christmas**  
**“INVEST in *Eternity*”**

**Matthew 6:19-21 & I Corinthians 16**

**12.28.14**

**1. Investing Eternally Has Become . . .**

- An \_\_\_\_\_ instead of a \_\_\_\_\_
- An emotional \_\_\_\_\_ instead of a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Living With Eternity In Mind . . .**

I Corinthians 16:5-24

- Doesn't mean there are no \_\_\_\_\_ marks  
“perhaps” vs 6 and “if” vs 7
- Doesn't rid the believer of \_\_\_\_\_  
“...and there are many adversaries.” vs 9
- Doesn't mean there are no \_\_\_\_\_ struggles  
“So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace...” vs 11
- Doesn't mean there are no differences of \_\_\_\_\_  
“Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him...” vs 12

**3. What Next?**

- Know the \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 19:2-3
- Seek the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 20:24
- Seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of a mature Christian Proverbs 19:20
- Walk where you believe God is \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 16:6-10
- Make \_\_\_\_\_ through dependency on God  
James 4:13-15

**4. Living With Eternity In Mind Gives Us . . .**

- The ability to face our adversaries with \_\_\_\_\_  
I Corinthians 16:8-9
- The security to know we will always end up in the \_\_\_\_\_  
of His \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Timothy 4:16-18

**FURTHER STUDY**

1. Our generosity usually flows from the perspective of our possessions.  
⇒ How might a person balance saving, retirement, and the attitude of the man in the parable found in Luke 12:13-21?  
⇒ What are one or two decisions this man could have made that would have demonstrated a wiser outlook?
2. How might the following verses help you develop a healthy perspective about your finances and the spiritual discipline of generosity?

Deuteronomy 8:10-18  
Proverbs 13:11  
Ecclesiastics 5:10

Psalm 46:10  
Proverbs 15:22  
Matthew 6:19-21

3. How might each of the following passages impact your decision about whether God is opening or closing a door in this New Year that you should pay attention to?

Colossians 3:17  
2 Peter 1:5-8

I Thessalonians 4:11-12

4. How might an understanding of the following verses build our confidence even in the midst of life's storms?

Psalm 33:6-11

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

5. What do the following verses suggest it takes to grow in wisdom and to become effective in making good decisions? Write down your thoughts.

Proverbs 3:7  
Proverbs 16:1

Proverbs 13:20  
Proverbs 19:20