

## Recession Proof Living

## Invest Your Values

Change or die!

*Today's megatrend toward spirituality brings us to a crossroads: now more than ever, we long to act on our beliefs and ethics. Investing With Your Values is your step-by-step guide to manifesting your values in the real world of business. It is a godsend. John Naisbitt and Patricia Aburdene*

Vision for investing starts with values!

- *Lack of vision, not greed, is probably the main reason most of us accumulate and spend in this world instead of laying up treasure in heaven. (The Eternity Portfolio)*
- *What is your vision for investing in the Kingdom of God? \_\_\_\_\_*

### CORE PORTFOLIO VALUES FOR ANY TIME

CORE VALUE #1: God owns the "company" and controls all distribution.

- *Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 1 Chronicles 29:12*
- *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it... Psalm 24:1*

God is a risk-taker: *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:31-33*

CORE VALUE #2: We must give an account because we are not self-employed.

- *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10*
- *From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48b*

How would God evaluate your Kingdom investments today? \_\_\_\_\_

**CORE VALUE #3:** The window for investing is short, but the dividends never end.

- *Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1*
- *You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath. Psalm 39:5*

Something to ponder: Five minutes after we die, we will know exactly how we should have lived and invested in the Kingdom of God!

**CORE VALUE #4:** The pursuit of wealth is a means to an end...never the "end."

- *I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11*
- *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17*

**CORE VALUE #5:** Invest in family and others.

- The value of investing in family: *If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8*
- The value of investing in others: *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16*

**VISION = VALUES + REWARDS**

- ✓ **VISION:** Hebrews 11:24-26
- ✓ **VALUES:** *One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:24-25*
- ✓ **REWARDS:** *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38*