

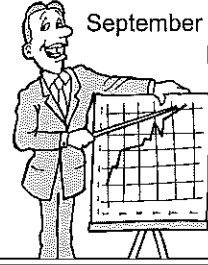
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# God's Investment In You

*Doing Your Best to Live a "Profitable" Life*

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1. Know \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-5)

2. Purpose to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-10)

3. Hate \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.11-16)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings that are meeting this week call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. The fact that God has, and is, investing in us in order to see a fruitful return is a weighty thought. It carries with it some obvious responsibilities. On the other hand, what encouragement do you derive from pondering the fact that God has chosen to invest in you?

It is always important to remember that God *doesn't* look for the "best" to invest in. David was a "nobody" when Samuel showed up to proclaim that he would eventually be the next king of Israel. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and explain why God chooses people like us to invest in.

2. The Bible tells us that every asset we possess comes from God. Take an honest inventory of your life and jot down some of the current investments he has made in the following areas:

- *Spiritually* (What level of maturity, wisdom, or biblical insight has God given you?)

- *Socially* (What level of influence, in what group of people has God given you?)

- *Intellectually* (What education, logic, memory, or reasoning capacities has God given you?)

- *Physically* (What skills, abilities, or monetary resources has God given you?)

3. First Corinthians 12 reminds us that what God invests in us should be used to benefit the people God loves most – his church. In what practical and specific ways can you put to work the things that God has invested in you, so that his people become more and more like the people he wants them to be?

4. What compromises in your life are threatening your "profitability"? In other words, what things are you doing that detract from God using you to the fullest?