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# Spiritual Investments

## *Taking Risks in Strategic Relationships*



1. See \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)

2. Count \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-6)



3. Ponder \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-6)



2 Timothy 2:1-6

<sup>1</sup> You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

<sup>3</sup> Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.

<sup>5</sup> Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. List a few of the people who have "invested" in your spiritual progress. Besides your biological family members, who has prayed for you, challenged you, corrected you and guided you in the Christian life?
2. What are some of the specific and costly investments that have been made to move you forward in your relationship with Christ?
3. How does it make you feel when you consider how people have invested in you? What responsibility do you feel when pondering their investment?
4. What are some of the excuses we use to avoid investing in other Christians? How would one set aside these excuses?
5. List the names of three people who have been walking with Christ less time than you, and who you think you might be able to positively influence, guide and encourage in the Christian life?

What specifically can you do to thoughtfully begin a more purposeful interaction with those three people?

6. Write out a prayer that expresses your resolve to be utilized as a coach, example and cheerleader to a strategic group of Christians.

*Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.*

CD # 0208 – **Enthusiastic About Teaching**

CD # 0206 – **Devoted to Encouragement**

CD # 0204 – **Preparing to Give More Than Just the Facts**

CD # 0017 – **In the People Business: Investing in God's Favorite Commodity**

CD # 0705 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

CD # 9536 – **Myths About Obedience: Familiar Lies Satan Uses to Keep Us Unrighteous**

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this week's schedule:

January 27<sup>th</sup>

*Ex. 5-6 & Mt. 27*

January 28<sup>th</sup>

*Ex. 7-8 & Mt. 28*

January 29<sup>th</sup>

*Ex. 9-10 & Mk. 1*

January 30<sup>th</sup>

*Ex. 11-12 & Mk. 2*

January 31<sup>st</sup>

*Ex. 13-14 & Mk. 3*

February 1<sup>st</sup>

*Ex. 15-16 & Mk. 4*

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Ex. 17-18 & Mk. 5*

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Ex. 19-20 & Mk. 6*

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)*

Adams, Jay. **Competent to Counsel: Introduction to Nouthetic Counseling**. Zondervan, 1986.

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Broger, John. **Self-Confrontation: A Manual for In-Depth Discipleship**. Thomas Nelson, 1994.

Bruce, A. B. **The Training of the Twelve: Timeless Principles for Leadership Development**. Kregel, 2000.

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Ganz, Richard. **PsychoBabble: The Failure of Modern Psychology and the Biblical Alternative**. Crossway, 1993.

Kuhne, Gary. **The Dynamics of Discipleship Training: Being & Producing Spiritual Leaders**. Zondervan, 1978.

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McBride, Neil. **How to Lead Small Groups**. NavPress, 1990.

Sanders, J. Oswald. **Spiritual Discipleship: Principles of Following Christ for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 2007.