



**Investing in What Will Really Matter  
(Investment Advice from a Mother)**

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**Text: Proverbs 31:1–9, NIV**

**Series Summary: Investing in What Will Really Matter**

1. Family Investments (Investment advice from a mother to a son)
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*The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his mother taught him.*  
(Psalms 31:1)

**I. Good Family Investment Advice From  
a Mother to a Son**

**1. Invest in Listening**

- 2 **Listen**, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers!

**2. Invest in Women Wisely (Do not give away your strength)**

- 3 Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.

**3. Invest in Sobriety (Do not invest in strong drinks)**

- 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel— it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, 5 lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and deprive all the oppressed of their rights. 6 Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish! 7 Let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

**4. Invest in Justice**

- 8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy

**II. Five Investments My Mother  
Made in My Life**

1. Time (She always had time for me all her life)
2. Confidence (She told me I was amazing all the time)
3. Instructions (She showed me how to do for myself)
4. Fear (She made me a believer and never lied to me)
5. Humility (She beat me running at 13 years old when she was 33)



**Note One Mistake:** She refused to talk about some things because she said, “I do not want that in your head.” I think it would have helped me avoid some things. But, I do not think she knew how to talk about certain things.

**Next Time:** Investing in What Really Matters (Your personal growth)

**Question:** What are you investing in?

- There are three investments in my life that will determine my life outcomes. Investments in my **personal growth, family, and the work** I do will determine my future.