



The Danger of a Bad Investment, (Part 4)

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Big Question: What are you investing in that has brought you more harm than good?

Text: Psalm 39:4–6 (NIV):

- Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. 5 You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure. 6 "Surely everyone goes around like a mere phantom; in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth without knowing whose it will finally be.

I. Three Investment Insights

Three Simple Insights

1. Your days are numbered (Psalms 39:4-5)
2. Your life is fleeting (or brief, v4)
3. You can easily drown in the busy pursuit of wealth (v5-6)

II. Investing In The Right Questions

Note: I make a practice of always asking myself tough questions!

Three Questions I Ask Myself

1. How many days do you have left? (I keep my eyes on the clock)
2. How busy are you becoming? (I avoid unnecessary fatigue)
3. Are you investing your time wisely? (In hindsight, I have wasted some time)

Summary:

Because the days in this life are limited, it is essential to invest our time carefully. Wise investments now can lead to great opportunities. Investing in activities that make you busy does not guarantee you the future you desire. Mr. Busy demands a lot, but often does not deliver all he promises. Please slow down and think through the best plan to accomplish your specific dream and stick with it.

III. Investing In the Art of Saying Goodbye

Without the ability to end things, people stay stuck, never becoming who they are meant to be, never accomplishing all that their talents and abilities should afford them. In business, endings often are absolute necessities for a turnaround or for growth to occur. (Necessary Endings by Henry Cloud)

Closing Questions:

1. Historically, how good are you in your life at facing and leaving a bad investment?
2. Name one bad investment you departed from. (Try not to say a marriage)

Next Time:

New Series: Understanding the God We Love (How God Thinks)

Read Ahead: Romans 1:16