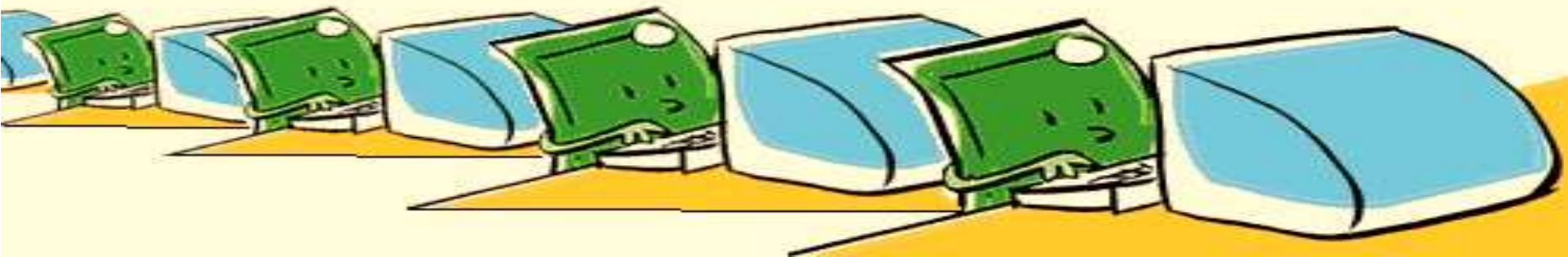



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Put your money to work

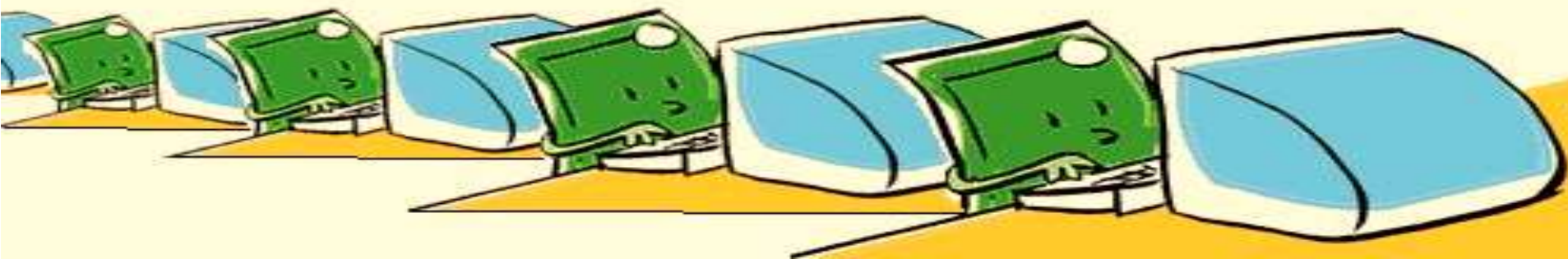




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finding joy in what we do

Put your money to work by investing



⁶ But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

2 Corinthians 9:7_b

GOD  **LOVES**

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CHEERFUL

 **GIVER** 





All too often we assume that God has increased our income to improve our standard of living, when his stated purpose is to improve our standard of giving.

Great Investments!



2 Corinthians 9:6~9

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INVEST IN PEOPLE

Relational Investors



A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm up, holding a rectangular piece of aged, yellowed parchment. The parchment has a rough, torn edge. The background is a soft, warm gradient of yellow and orange. The text on the parchment is arranged in three lines: 'FRIENDS' in a large, bold, serif font; 'of' in a smaller, italicized serif font; and 'JESUS' in a very large, bold, serif font. Below 'JESUS' is the text 'john 15:14' in a smaller, italicized serif font.

FRIENDS

of

JESUS

john 15:14



INVEST IN RELATIONSHIPS

1. It is a great investment because it brings personal blessings.

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

The Generosity Principle

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

**What you put into relationships
you will get out of relationships.**



LUKE 6:35 NKJV

... do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

Matthew 6:2 NKJV

Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.





“What is often called generosity is usually only the vanity of giving; we enjoy the vanity more than the thing given.”

(François de La Rochefoucauld)



INVEST IN RELATIONSHIPS

2. It is a great investment because it contributes to personal growth.

HELP

YOURSELF

 **BY**

HELPING

OTHERS

DRAW NEAR
TO GOD,
AND HE WILL
DRAW NEAR
TO YOU.

James 4:8 ESV



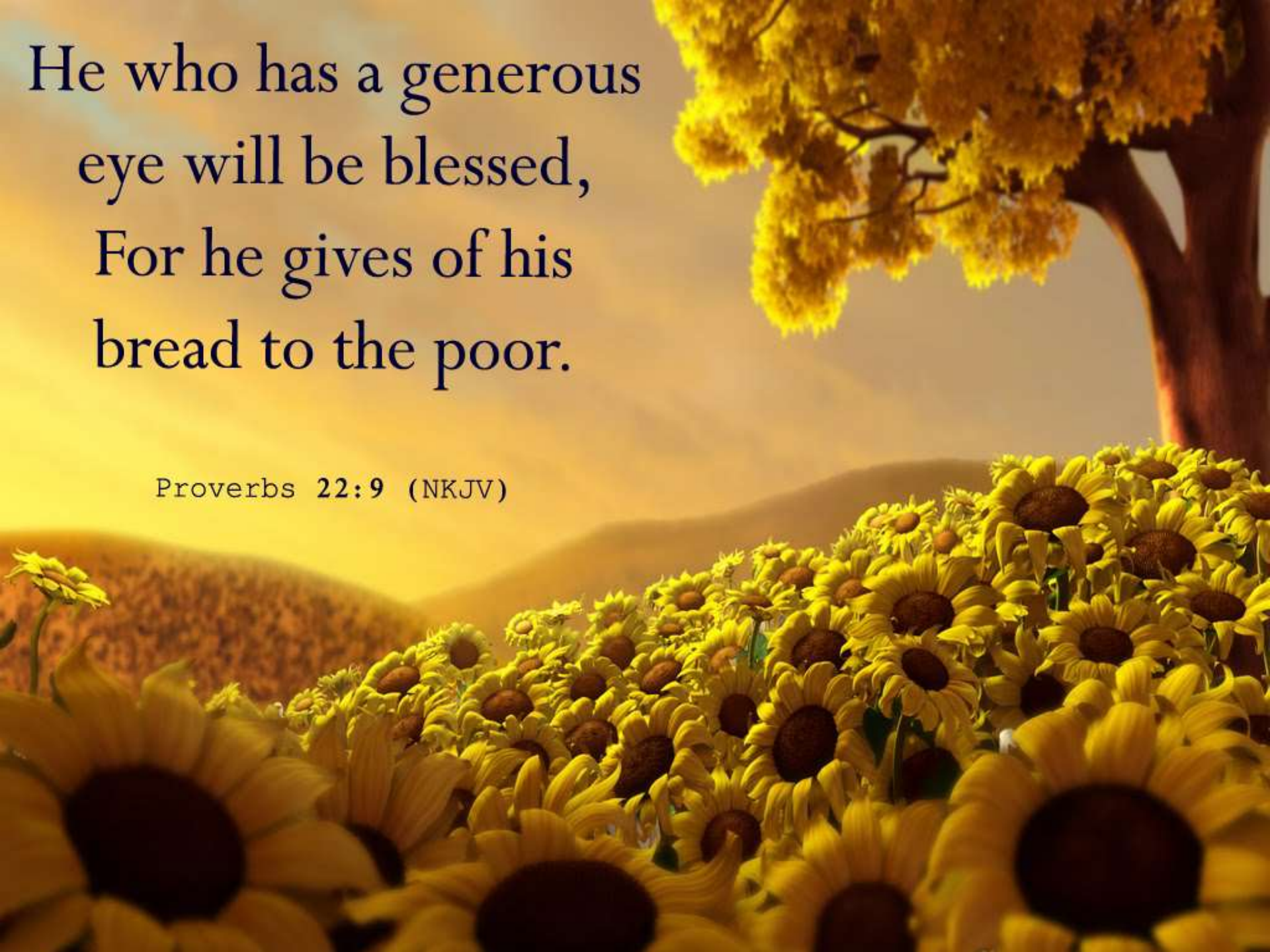
Givers Grow!

PROVERBS 11:25

**THE GENEROUS MAN WILL
BE PROSPEROUS, AND HE
WHO WATERS WILL
HIMSELF BE WATERED.**

He who has a generous
eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his
bread to the poor.

Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV)





A PROMISE

He that **GIVETH** *unto the poor*
SHALL NOT LACK
BUT HE THAT HIDETH HIS EYES
shall have many curses

1 This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. 2 May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. 3 By his divine power, **God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.**



2 Peter 1:1-4

We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, **he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.**



2 Peter 1:1-4



I DON'T UNDERSTAND CHRISTIANS
WHO DON'T INVEST IN THE WORD OF GOD



*The Promises
of God*

Name a couple of promises



"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

2 Peter 1:4 (KJV)



“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

1 John 4:4 (KJV)



Come to Me,
all who are
weary and
heavy-laden,

and I will
give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

"Never will I leave you,
Never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

—talk about a
promise. —



Jeremiah 33:3

CALL UNTO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE,
AND SHOW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY
THINGS, WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT.

BUT
SEEK YE FIRST
THE KINGDOM OF GOD
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND all these things
shall be added
unto you

MATTHEW 6:33

“Ask, and it will be given
to you; seek, and you
will find; knock, and
it will be opened to
you. For everyone
who asks receives,
and he who seeks
finds, and to him
who knocks it will
be opened.”

-Matthew 7:7-8





“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)

R. C. SPROUL

The
PROMISES
of
GOD



DISCOVERING THE ONE WHO
KEEPS HIS WORD

KING JAMES VERSION

The
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ONE THOUSAND PROMISES
FROM GOD'S WORD



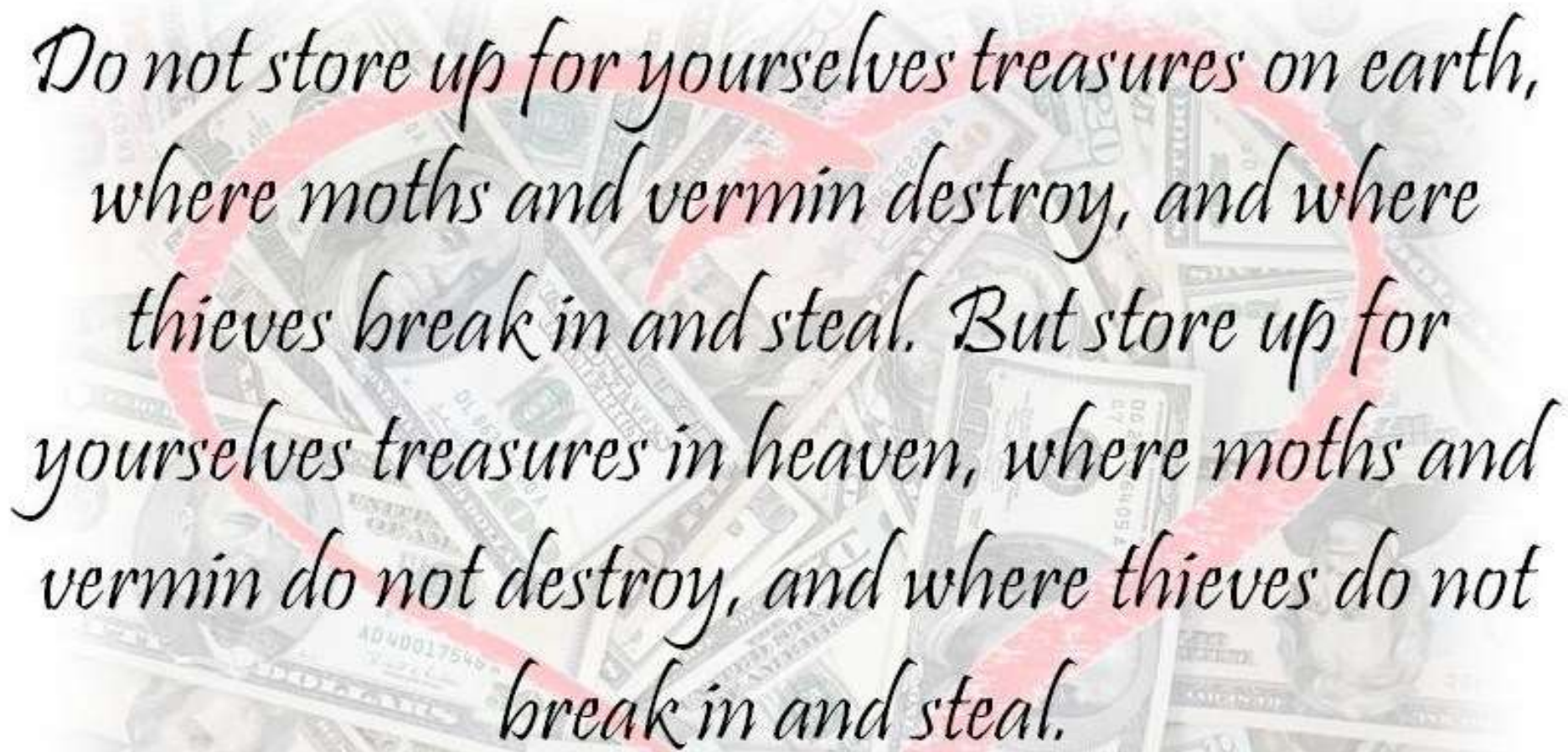
INVEST IN RELATIONSHIPS

3. It is a great investment because it has the promise of eternal rewards.



As thunder follows lightening,
generosity follows grace.”

- Randy Alcorn

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*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moths and vermin destroy, and where
thieves break in and steal. But store up for
yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and
vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not
break in and steal.*

**FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.**

Matthew 6:19-21

As surely as the compass needle follows north, your heart will follow your treasure!



"I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life"

Matthew 19:28-29

To him who overcomes I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God (Rev. 2:7). To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it (Rev 2:17). To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne (Rev 3:21).

Revelation 2:7, 17; 3:21

Invest In

People

Not

Things



*'Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for
one of the least of
these brothers and
sisters of mine, you
did for me.'*

Matthew 25:40

