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# Discipline of Investment

## Investment

The definition of investment is “an act of devoting time, effort, money or energy to a particular undertaking with the expectation of a worthwhile result.”

We want to invest in others in expecting of a worthwhile result. Now, we don't focus on the worthwhile result. Investment is an act of selfless love, because the worthwhile result is for others. We do it to love God and love others

### Read

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matt 28:16-20

“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”

-John Wesley

Jesus gave his disciples a task that extends all the way to us: “Go and make disciples.” A disciple is a follower or a learner. We are to make followers of Jesus, baptize them and teach them to obey all that He has commanded us.

## Making Disciples

“Making disciples isn't about gathering pupils to listen to your teaching. The real focus is not on teaching people at all - the focus is on loving them.”

-Francis Chan

One of the ways we make disciples is by telling others the Good News, “The Gospel.” Jesus told his disciples to become his “witnesses” around the world. They were to share what they saw Jesus do and say. We share The Gospel in the same way. What has Jesus done in your life? What did he say concerning himself? Tell others. If other's believe, then we teach them what Jesus taught and then help them obey His teachings and commands.

We also make disciples by encouraging, serving, giving financially, and through many others ways. Truly, this investment is what gives our lives purpose. Nothing gives us more satisfaction than doing what God has asked us to do by investing in others.

## Putting it in action

Think of someone in need or who you could help. How could you invest in their life?

Are there ways that you need to reorder your life to invest in others? What needs to change? Make a list of small changes to create space to invest in others.

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## Discussion Questions

What keeps you from Investing in others?

How are you can currently investing in others?

What can you do this week to invest your life into others?

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## Go Deeper - Resources to develop a Discipline of Investment

### Watch

[Consumer vs producer lifestyle](#)

### Books

[Contagious Disciple Making - David Watson](#)

[The Master Plan of Evangelism - Robert E. Coleman](#)

### Read and Meditate on

[2 Corinthians 9:6-15](#)

[Romans 10:14-15](#)