

Life Changers! **Part 2: "Investing in Our Values!"**

What's in a logo? Choose Your Path: The World Way! Your Way! God's Way!

The World Way: "The whole world lays in wickedness 1John 5.19, Enter not onto the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. **Pr 4.14**, The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord **15.9** The way of the wicked is as darkness **4.19**, The light shined into the darkness **Jo1.5**, and the people who sat in the darkness saw a great light **Mt 4.16**, but men loved the darkness more than the light because their deeds were evil. **John 3.19**

Your way: "When I was a child I spoke, understood, and thought as a child... For now we see through an obscured glass **1Cor 13.12**, there is a way that seems right to a man but the end of that way is death **Prov 14.12 16.25** Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way? **20.24** The way of man is willful and strange **21.8** Your ways are not My ways, says the Lord, **Is55.8** Your ways are not equal! **Jer 18.25,29**

The man that wanders out of the way of understanding will remain in the congregation of the dead.
Pr 21.16

The LORD gives wisdom! Out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He lays up soundness for the righteous: He is a shield to those that walk uprightly. He maintains the paths of judgment and guards the way of his saints. Then will you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; and every good path. **Pr2.6-9**

God's Way: "For the Lord knows the way of the righteous **Ps 1.6**, His way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried **18.30**, Who is the man that fears the Lord? He is the one the Lord will teach which way to choose. **25.12**, Teach me Your way, Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies. **27.11** "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delights in his way. Though he falls, he will not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholds him with his hand. **37.23,24**, Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land: **37.34**, Teach me Your way, Lord, I will walk in Your truth: unite my heart to fear Your name. **86.11** The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction will be to the workers of iniquity. **Prov 10.29** In the way of righteousness is life; and in that pathway there is no death. **12.28** The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. **15.24**

What I taught your children and grandchildren! **Last Time... Preparing for and getting a Job!**

World way: Getting a job to make \$\$\$ and buy stuff for myself/future family! "But life does not consist in the abundance of things we own!"

My way: Getting a job to make \$\$\$, show my parents I am coming of age, begin doing good things, family things! "Tell them to not be highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches but to always trust God, to do good, give liberally, laying up a good foundation for the time that is coming!"

God's way: Getting busy in your mission field, providing for family, laying up treasure in heaven! "Don't lay up treasures for yourself only on earth where moth and rust and thieves can take it away, but lay up treasures in heaven where nothing can take it away – for where your treasure is there will be your heart!"

"Be anxious for nothing... it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!"

Getting the Job!

World Way: Do as little as possible... don't let work get in the way of unlimited talk, text and data sharing!

Your Way: Work hard when you're being watched!

God's way: work as unto the Lord knowing He is the One who is going to reward you! "Promotion is of the Lord!"

Getting the Job! Born with a social security number! Can begin working legally/legitimately at 14 yrs. old! The business world has never been more desperate for quality workers... Real life is not too far out ahead – can get started early/right... Cardinal rule of financial success! Pay God! Pay yourself! Live on the rest! 10%, 10%, 80%

The Tithe!

"All of the tithe is the Lord's... it is holy unto the Lord! It is consecrated, devoted, dedicated, accounted as given to the Lord..." "Will a man rob God? How have we robbed you? By withholding the tithe and the offerings. Because of it you are cursed with a curse – even your whole nation. Bring it all into the storehouse and prove Me!"

The Savings! "Gather up in the good years and the supply will be as storage for the lean years... so that none perish!" "If any provides not for their own, especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel!" Caring for your parents in old age! "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children..." "Houses and riches are an inheritance from father's..." "Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren..." And given while alive! (Prodigal Son) Caution: "An inheritance received too early in life is not a blessings in the end!"

The Money Treadmill! "Those who strive to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction, for the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some have coveted after they have been seduced from the faith and have pierced themselves thru with many sorrows!"

"Godliness with contentment is great gain! We're not taking anything with us when we go out of this world..."

"So, make for yourselves friends with the mammon of unrighteousness so that when you leave here there will be people there to receive you into eternal life!"

Teaching them to get ready for and inve\$T in their future!

Investing in our Values

World Way: Let them grow up "naturally," to find their own bend. Don't recognize: "foolishness is bound up in the hearts of children!" **Pr 22.15** There is a "natural" depravity of man apart from the mercy and grace of God!

R3.10 "a walk according to the course of this world, governed by the prince of the power of the air, the spirit actively at work in disobedience... which we all shared in times past..." **Eph 2.2,3**

Your Way: The way of the bulk of the church: "Give them good stuff to do, keep them happy, bring home the artwork, but let's not forget who pays the bills!" Rising gen's important, but not central... Church "now" vs. Kingdom "coming!" My comfort vs. their conditioning! "Is it not good if peace and truth be in my days?"

2K20.19

God's way: YOU, ME, US! With all our time, energy, talent, resource and love! "Initiate the course of discipline for a child; infancy through adolescence (puberty to maturity) on the pathway of life he should go and when he has grown old you will see he has not departed from it!" **Pr 22.6** Not as much a promise of return after the rebellious years... As it is a confirmation that if you do your work up front it will bear much fruit!

"Rule well your own house, having your children in subjection with all gravity..." **1Tim3.4** "Commanding them to not let any man despise their youth, being an example of the believers in speech, in lifestyle, in love and faith

and purity..." **4.12** "Teaching them to treat older men as fathers and younger men as brothers and older women as mothers and younger as sisters... **5.1,2**

"Teaching them piety at home and to requite their parents love and shelter and security... to provide for those of their homes, not denying the faith and living as one unsaved!" **5.4,8** "Instructing them regarding work ethics and money..." **6.1-21** "Modeling a life of power, love and soundness, holding fast the word of God and committing that word to them to be teachers of others too! **2Tim1-2.2**

"Mentoring them to be good soldiers for Christ, unentangled, good students of God's word, getting them ready for the perilous times ahead; times of selfishness and deceivers and persecutions by evil men..." **2.3-3.13** "And don't provoke your children to wrath with inconsistencies: but bring them up in the tutelage and warnings of the Lord." **Eph 6.4**