



# **INVESTING LIFE!**

## **ECC. 11:1-6**

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**Ecclesiastes 11:6** In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

This is not a text to teach us how to invest in the stock market!

It's about what we don't know!

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## **Investing:**

- **Bread**
- **A portion**
- **Sow & reap**
- **Seed**

**Investing what matters in life**

**Investing life *itself*!**

**Although we don't know many things...including the future!**

**But we CANNOT withdraw / live for ourselves**

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# 1. Invest!

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## **2. Invest for the future!**

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### 3. Invest widely!

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#### 4. Invest **With** limited knowledge & limited control!

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## **2 competing ideas:**

- 1. We don't know what evil will happen**
- 2. We do know basic ideas / principles**



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## 5. Just invest!

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## **The paralysis of analysis!**

- **There are things we don't know**
- **Spending a lifetime figuring it out / trying to figure it out → is not helpful!**
- **Caution is good**
- **Absolute caution **strangles!****

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## 6. Always be investing!

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2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; **be instant in season, out of season**; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

**2 Timothy 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

**2 Timothy 4:4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

**2 Timothy 4:5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.



**Think upstream please!**



**Matthew 5:21** Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not kill**; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

**Matthew 5:22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is **angry** with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever **shall say** to his brother, **Raca**, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever **shall say**, **Thou fool**, shall be in danger of hell fire.

**Murder**

**Words / language → beware of the language you use  
/ listen to.**

**Anger**

**Sources:**

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