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MAKING A GOOD INVESTMENT

While recently reading a chapter on financial investments from Ron Blue's book, "Master Your Money," I ran across some pretty interesting points. As I closely examined each point, I saw how these same investment principles could apply to my every day life. As I share them with you, I hope you will see practical ways to invest into your life. Let's face it, everybody wants to get paid, but not everyone wants to pay the price.

Did you know that you are supposed to invest into your life? The American Heritage Dictionary defines invest like this, "to spend or utilize for future advantage or benefit." So my question to you is, what are you doing today that is going to pay off or benefit you tomorrow?

As a student at ECSU, you are making an investment. You are spending the time and money to get an education so that you will have a good future. Now, if you are not taking your studies seriously, you are not going to do well. Partying and hanging out instead of doing homework and studying are going to hurt your grades. Do you want to get paid a good return on your investment of a college education?

Take a moment to think about where you want to be five years from now. Then ask yourself what investments you need to make to get there? Goals vary from person to person, but it is important to have them. You don't want to look back on your life 20 years from now and say, "I would have, could have, or should have done..."

Here are just a few of the points

mentioned regarding investing wisely. Remember, these don't just apply to financial investments. I encourage you to think about your life, where you are headed and what your purpose is in life.

1. Always maintain a long-term perspective. The longer the term of perspective, the better the decision is apt to be today.
2. Remember that you can't be an expert on everything. Be willing to trust others and avoid the pitfall of pride.
3. The personal time required to manage an investment must be considered as a cost. Many investments require personal time to ensure that they work out as they are planned.
4. Always invest from a strategy. Knowing what your strategy is and the steps to accomplish it will eliminate almost all investment alternatives that are proposed. Hearing about something good does not necessarily make it good for you.
5. Keep it simple. Enjoy the little things in life along the way.
6. There is no "free lunch." With no exception, a high return will exact a high cost.
7. Diversify, diversify, diversify. Never "put all your eggs in one basket." This is the time-tested rule of investing.

This is all good news. It is good news even if you have wasted time, goofed off or **have** been lazy. Just start right where you are. It is never too late to start again. As long as you have breath in your body, you can always make an investment into your life and see it yield many wonderful returns.

THE LIMIT

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There is a limit to you hanging around your old friends, especially if you are a born-again Christian. Jesus did not think of himself as all high and mighty when He was around everyday people. Jesus had a limit and kept His conversation clean.

Jesus said tye turn away from our wicked and unjust way. Our ways are not like His. Therefore, as a saved person, you should choose your company more wisely.

I have messed up so many times before because of the people that I chose to hang around or that I got involved with.

Mistakes do not stop me from living. You learn from your mistakes and keep on keeping on.

The word is your strength; it gives you joy and keeps your faith strong.

Having a close relationship with Christ is a must because it would not be hard for you to know your limit because God will let you know. To have that closeness with God, you have to have a prayer life. Prayer is the only way of communication when it comes to talking with God. God will never let your limit get to the point that you will sin because He will never tempt you to do anything that is not of Him. He will guide you out of any situation. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Christ will order your steps if you let Him. If you have friends that cannot respect the fact that you are a born-again Christian and that you are trying to let go of your old habits and wicked ways, then they are not your friends.

Pray for them so that they might one day want to change the ways of their lives. If you do not set limits, they will try and pull you back into your old ways: slowly, but surely.

MEASURE YOURSELF

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Brothers, it's time to break out the rulers, yardsticks and measuring tape...and measure yourself. Are you a better man than you were a year ago? Two years ago? Three years ago? Have you grown by leaps and bounds or in small steps? Compare yourself to your peers. Are you above, below or average? People give you advice and guidance, but you are your own man and make your own choices.

The things that you do and believe in make you the man that you are. Be true to yourself and to your heart. If you want to venture off into a new experi-

ence, take the chance and accept the risk, don't let something or someone hold you back from pursuing your goals and dreams.

Become the man you want to become by stepping up to the plate, taking responsibility and being a man of your word. Don't do it when it is convenient, make it your way of life. Be proud of all you do and accomplish. If you don't, who will? If you fall short use the setback as a setup for your comeback. Don't be anxious to pass through life, because life will pass you by. Remember to prepare yourself for the future because the future can't prepare for you.

CRYPTOQUOTE

Substitute the letters below with the correct letters.

LONGFELLOW =
BPADHTBBPE

EASZ ES WMIS
OASQTVAO OM DS
PTKKSQSZO, ES
WMIS OAS
RQTYTWSVS OM
DS KQSS.

- JAHQWSI S. ACVASI
hint: E = W

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below

- SEORT _ _ _ _ _
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- OKCCL _ _ _ _ _
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- LTETKE _ _ _ _ _
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- ERCTA _ _ _ _ _
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Now unscramble the letters above the * to get the answer to the question below.

In what feline family does Chester Cheetah, The Fonze, and the snow leopard belong?

The _ _ _ _ _ family

VIKING'S WACKY CHALLENGE

Find the words listed in the word bank.

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WORD BANK

JOHNSON
THORPE
GRIFFIN
JENKINS
BEDELL
LANE
BBS
TRIGG
VAUGHAN
WAMACK
MOORE
LIBRARY

THEATRE
INERMARY
COMPLEX
LESTER
HUGH CALE
COMMUTER
ROTC
DOLES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NEW RESIDENCE
MITCHELL LEWIS
BUTLER