GAMBLER *or* INVESTOR?

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL MINDSET.

A practical guide to investing your life
in God's eternal kingdom



Based on a message from Bishop Herbert Ward, Sr.

WHERE IT ALL BEGINS

Two Brothers, Two Mindsets

From the very first family on earth, Scripture shows us two ways of living. Cain — whose name pictures "can't" — invested in the cursed ground and lived for the moment. Abel — whose name pictures "ability" — invested his time, effort, and faith in what pleases God. One gambled. One invested. The same choice sits in front of every one of us today.

🎲 THE GAMBLER

- Lives for right now and wants results instantly
- Relies on self instead of God
- Gives God what *he* wants to give, not what God asks for
- Stands on shifting, quicksand ground
- Ends up angry, restless, and unsatisfied

🌱 THE INVESTOR

- Has patience and plays the long game with God
- Trusts God's timing over feelings or circumstances
- Brings God exactly what He asks for — obedience first
- Stands on a firm, multiplied foundation
- Walks in joy, peace, and lasting rest

"A gambler takes chances according to a moment of winning. **An investor takes chances according to the future.** *He accomplishes, and he wins." — Bishop Dr. Herbert Ward, Sr.*

This guide was created to help you move from a gambler's mindset to an investor's mindset — one practical step at a time. You'll find five biblical keys to kingdom investing, a personal self-check, and a simple 7-day challenge to put it all into action.

PRACTICAL STEPS

5 Keys to Becoming a Kingdom Investor

Investing isn't just about money — it's about where you place your time, gifts, thoughts, words, and company. Here are five places Scripture calls us to invest wisely.

1 **Invest Your Time** ECCLESIASTES 11:1,6

"In the morning, sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand." The investor sows consistently instead of waiting for perfect conditions. **This week: Give God the first 10 minutes of your morning before you check your phone.**

2 **Invest Your Talents** MATTHEW 25:14-30

God has deposited ability in you — "to each according to his own ability." Don't bury what He gave you. **This week: Name one gift God gave you and use it to bless someone else before Sunday.**

3 **Invest Your Thoughts** JEREMIAH 31:33 · PROVERBS 23:7

"So a man thinketh, so is he." Whatever you fed your mind yesterday, you are living out today. **This week: Replace one hour of scrolling with reading or listening to God's Word.**

4 **Invest Your Walk & Talk** 2 PETER 2 · PROVERBS 18:21

Abel was killed when he left the pasture for the field. Who you walk with and what you speak shapes your spirit. **This week: Choose one conversation to speak a blessing instead of a complaint.**

5 **Invest Your Worship** GENESIS 4:3-5 · 1 PETER 5:2-4

Cain offered God what he wanted to give. Abel offered God what He asked for. True worship is obedience. **This week: Ask God, "What are You actually asking of me right now?" — then obey it.**

TAKE AN HONEST LOOK

Are You a Gambler or an Investor?

Check any statement below that describes you right now. There's no judgment here — just an honest starting point for growth. God is giving you a chance, just as He gave Cain a chance.

- [ ] I often make decisions based on what feels good right now rather than what honors God long-term.
- [ ] I find it hard to be patient while waiting on God to move in my situation.
- [ ] I give God leftover time instead of my best time.
- [ ] I've buried a gift or ability instead of using it for God's glory.
- [ ] I let people or environments pull me away from my walk with God.
- [ ] I carry unexplained anger, restlessness, or anxiety.
- [ ] I spread my trust across many things instead of fully trusting God with my future.

WHAT YOUR CHECKS MEAN

0–2 checked: You're walking as an investor — keep sowing patiently and stay close to the fire.

3–5 checked: You're at a crossroads — this is the perfect week to shift from gambling to investing.

6–7 checked: Good news — God is giving you a chance right now, just like He gave Cain. Repentance is your first installment toward a new investment in Him.

*"By your patience, possess ye your souls." — **Luke 21:19**. Wherever you landed above, God isn't finished investing in you.*

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

7-Day Kingdom Investor Challenge

Small, consistent deposits compound over time. Commit to one simple investment each day this week.

Day 1	**Sow in the Morning**	Read Ecclesiastes 11:1-6. Give God the first moments of your day before anything else.
Day 2	**Name Your Talent**	Read Matthew 25:14-30. Write down one ability God gave you and one way to use it this week.
Day 3	**Guard Your Mind**	Read Jeremiah 31:33. Replace one negative or anxious thought pattern with a verse of truth.
Day 4	**Stay in the Pasture**	Read 2 Peter 2. Identify one "field" (relationship, habit, or place) pulling you from God and set a boundary.
Day 5	**Bless, Don't Curse**	Read Proverbs 18:21. Speak one intentional word of encouragement over someone today.
Day 6	**Give What's Asked**	Read Genesis 4:3-7. Ask God what obedience looks like for you this week — then do it, His way.
Day 7	**Rest in the Investment**	Read Matthew 25:21. Reflect: where did you invest this week, and what is God already growing in you?

"Well done, good and faithful servant… enter into the joy of your Lord." **— Matthew 25:21**

A FINAL WORD

You Were Made to Invest, Not Gamble

Your body right now is a house — but your investment in God is building you a mansion: a spiritual body with the capacity to dwell with Him forever. Every moment, gift, thought, word, and act of obedience you invest in His kingdom is multiplying toward eternity. Repentance is your first installment. Today is a good day to start.

> *Father, thank You for the gifts, time, and ability You've placed in me. Forgive me for the moments I've gambled instead of invested. Teach me to sow patiently, to use what You've given me, and to guard my heart, mind, and walk. Write Your law on my heart so I can draw closer to You more each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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