



A GOOD INVESTMENT

- Guy Orbison, Jr. -
Durango, Colorado

The stock market has been rising and falling lately with people buying and selling. Recent months have brought mostly bad news to investors of various commodities, but there is always hope for the future. In the long ago, Solomon suggested something that we should all "buy into." Here's what he advised...

"Buy truth and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding" **Proverbs 23:23.**

Here are some spiritual commodities that God lays out for us in His market. **Truth** is the standard of right and wrong that God requires of us all. It is the reality of our existence. **Wisdom** is the ability to see this realm from God's perspective. It is necessary for us to live properly before Him. **Instruction** is the information that God gives in order for us to enjoy a relationship with Him. And, **understanding** refers to our comprehension of what God expects of us.

These are the investments that will reap eternal dividends if we buy them and never sell them. We **buy** by accepting through faith what God has offered us. When we believe and obey the words of God presented to us in Scripture, then we have bought into what he offers and we've made the best investment of our lives. When we fall away from the teachings of God by following the ways of the world, then we sell our investment. There is no retirement dividend for those who opt out of God's market of investing. When we come to the end and stand before the judgment seat, we'd better have our investment portfolio in order.

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Casual Christians become Christian casualties.

News & Notes

OUR MEETING: David Hinds of Pacifica, California just concluded a good meeting with us. His lessons dealt with culture issues, and were bold and positive. Thanks, David, for coming our way.

CONFESSIONS: Don & Kari Spencer.

SYMPATHY: To the family of Mabel Sprout at her passing; the children: Scott, Diane and Wade; and the grandchildren and their families. Mabel was a faithful member of this congregation for many years. God bless and comfort the family.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are urged to participate.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Money donations are needed to buy supplies to make the bears for children. Please give if you can.

SENIOR CHRISTIAN DAY: Saturday, April 18th, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Speakers: Roger Rush and Jim Smith. Lunch provided.

PANTRY: Canned fruit.

REMEMBER & ENCOURAGE: Bette Gentry. Bette is seriously ill.

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS: Weirton Medical Center: Wade Sprout. In Cleveland: Dan (Cleveland Clinic) & Sharon Williams. At Home: Bette Gentry, Tasha Hall (Southern Hills congregation), Docie Moore, Randy Beagle, Marie Jones, Barb Shafer is at her son's [Zane Cook] in New Cumberland, Dylan Heinselman, Beulah Rice, Crystal Baker, Ruth Brewer, Betty Carlin, Harry & Imogene Nice. **Remember others confined to their homes and in nursing homes. Check the bulletin board.**

MEETINGS

Belington	Apr. 5-10	F. Higginbotham
Southern Hills	Apr. 19-22	Will Montgomery
Weirton Heights	Apr. 19-22	Warren Kenney
West Union	Apr. 19-23	F. Higginbotham
Hanoverton	Apr. 26-30	Jeremy Main
Carrollton	Apr. 26-30	Rick Tincher

Our Refuge

When times are dark and dreary and no one seems to care
Our Savior is our refuge, if we go to Him in prayer.

He's always near to help us and make our burden light.
It's like a ray of sunshine even on the darkest night.

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