

# Return on Investment

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# Falling Short

## 1 Cor 1: 4-8

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were **enriched** in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you **come short in no gift**, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless* in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# “Way of Life”

## 1 Cor 4: 17

17 For this very cause I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and trustworthy **child in the Lord**, who will recall to your minds my methods of proceeding and course of conduct and **way of life** in Christ, such as I teach everywhere in each of the churches.

# 1. Keep Humble

## 1 Cor 1: 26-30

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

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## 1 Cor 1: 26-30

29 that no flesh **should glory in His presence**. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

# 1. Keep Humble

## 1 Cor 4: 6

6 Now I have applied all this [about parties and factions] to myself and Apollos for your sakes, brethren, so that from what I have said of us [as illustrations], you may learn [to think of men in accordance with Scripture and] not to go beyond that which is written, that none of you **may be puffed up and inflated with pride and boast in favor** of one [minister and teacher] against another.

## 2. Keep Focused

### 1 Cor 2: 1

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 **For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.** 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God.**

# 3. Spiritual Wisdom

## 1 Cor 2: 6

6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery**, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.



## 4. Rightly Judge

### 1 Cor 2: 15-16

15 But the spiritual man tries all things [he [a] examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him].

## 4. Rightly Judge

### 1 Cor 2: 15-16

16 For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

# 5. Correction

## 1 Cor 3:1-2

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able;

## 6. Understanding Unity

### 1 Cor 3:5-9

5 Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 **So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.**

## 6. Understanding Unity

### 1 Cor 3:5-9

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.

# “Fathers”

## 1 Cor 4: 15-16

15 After all, though you should have ten thousand teachers (guides to direct you) in Christ, yet you do not have **many fathers**. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the glad tidings (the Gospel). 16 So I urge and implore you, be **imitators** of me.

# “Impart”

## Rom 1:11

11 For I am yearning to see you, that I may impart and share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen and establish you;

## 1 Tim 4: 14

14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

# “Son”

## 2 Tim 1:2

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# “Shepherd”

## John 10:11

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

## Mark 6: 34

34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were **like sheep not having a shepherd**. So He began to teach them many things.

# “Shepherd”

## John 21: 17

17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.”

**Ps 91: 4**

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;  
His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler.

**Ps 68: 5**

5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
*Is* God in His holy habitation