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**2 Timothy 2:1-7 (NASB)** <sup>1</sup>You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>And if someone likewise competes as an athlete, he is not crowned as victor unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

#### **I. POWER TO INVEST IN THE NEXT**

- a. Your power to invest is not tied to what you are able to do.
- b. Your power to invest must be tied to what already has been done through the work of Jesus.

**TRUTH:** We invest because Jesus first invested in us.

#### **II. PHILOSOPHY FOR INVESTING IN THE NEXT**

- a. The philosophy behind *Invest in the Next* is the preservation of the gospel by passing it off to those who will in turn pass it off to the next generation.

#### **III. PROCESS FOR INVESTING IN THE NEXT**

- a. Allow what has been invested in us to overflow into the lives of others.

#### **IV. PRODUCT OF INVESTING IN THE NEXT**

- a. The product of investing in the next is warriors for the faith who battle for the hearts of men's souls.

**TRUTH:** The disciple making process is simply this: make disciples who make disciples.

#### **V. THE PRICE WE MUST PAY IN ORDER TO INVEST IN THE NEXT**

- a. Focus of a soldier
- b. Discipline of an athlete
- c. Hardworking like a farmer

#### **VI. CONCLUSION**

**QUESTION:** How will you live your life? As a spiritual consumer or spiritual investor?