

NEXT *NOW* GEN

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INVESTING IN THE **NEXT GENERATION.**

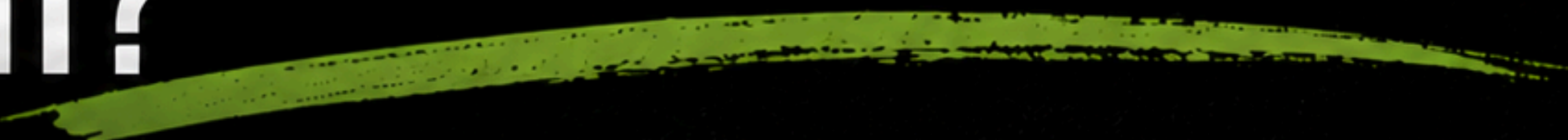
**WHAT HAPPENS
IF WE DON'T DISCIPLE
THE YOUNG PEOPLE
GOD HAS PLACED IN OUR
CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE?**



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IF WE **DON'T** DISCIPLE **THEM**

IN THE WAYS OF **JESUS,**
THE **WORD OF GOD** AND
IN **OBEDIENCE** TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE
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**INVESTING
IN THE NEXT
GENERATION**



**GOD ADVANCES HIS
KINGDOM THROUGH
PEOPLE INTENTIONALLY
INVESTING IN THE
BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP OF OTHERS.**

PSALM 78:5-8

“... (God) gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.”



Generational discipleship in the ways of Jesus, the Word of God and in obedience to the Holy Spirit can both lead people to deeper relationship with God and away from the broken ways of the world.



We aren't investing in the next generation because they are the "church of tomorrow"; we are investing in them because **generational discipleship** has always been **God's plan** of moving the Kingdom forward.



INVEST BY
LIVING OUT AN
INTENTIONAL FAITH



DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

“LISTEN, O ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE. AND YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH. AND YOU MUST COMMIT YOURSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THESE COMMANDS THAT I AM GIVING YOU TODAY. REPEAT THEM AGAIN AND AGAIN TO YOUR CHILDREN. TALK ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE ON THE ROAD, WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO BED AND WHEN YOU ARE GETTING UP. TIE THEM TO YOUR HANDS AND WEAR THEM ON YOUR FOREHEAD AS REMINDERS. WRITE THEM ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE AND ON YOUR GATES.”



THE **GREATEST** INVESTMENT 
YOU CAN MAKE IN THE NEXT GENERATION
STARTS WITH COMMITTING TO BECOMING
THE KIND OF **DISCIPLE** WHO PURSUES
LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOU HAVE AND
COMMITTING TO **HIS COMMANDS.**

**If people followed
Jesus exactly like **me**,
where would they end up?**



INVEST IN

PEOPLE,

NOT PROGRAMS.



2 TIMOTHY 2:2

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”



INVESTING IN THE **NEXT GENERATION**
ISN'T DOING A **FAVOR** FOR THE CHURCH;
IT'S **ADVANCING THE KINGDOM**
IN A **FORCEFUL WAY** BY OWNING
THE **RESPONSIBILITY**
THAT'S BEEN **PASSED TO US.**

**IF YOU VIEW INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION
AS DOING THE CHURCH A FAVOR,
YOU ARE MINIMIZING THE MAGNITUDE OF THE MESSAGE
OF THE GOSPEL, THE URGENCY OF THE RESPONSIBILITY
LEFT TO THE CHURCH, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE
GOD HAS FOR YOU TO PLAY IN IT, AND THE POWER OF
THE GIFTS, TALENTS AND PASSIONS HE HAS PLACED INSIDE YOU.**

INVESTMENTS

ALWAYS COST

SOMETHING



JOHN 12:24-26

“I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.”

WE **DON'T** INVEST
BECAUSE WE LIKE **GIVING UP**
THINGS TODAY; WE INVEST
BECAUSE WE KNOW **GIVING UP**
THINGS TODAY **PRODUCES**
A HARVEST THAT **MATTERS**
TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOR

GENERATIONS TO COME.

WHO'S NEXT?

THE NEXT GENERATION
DOESN'T NEED MORE PEOPLE
WHO BELIEVE DISCIPLING THEM
IS IMPORTANT.

THEY NEED PEOPLE
WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVE IT.

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I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT **HOW I CAN INVEST!**

