#### **Ethical Investments**

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Beautiful

Productive



#### 1. Gospel Worldview

The investor seeking to live out their faith will begin with a Gospel Worldview whereby scriptural wisdom influences the way they invest.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31



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"God could easily give you grain and fruit without your plowing and planting. But He does not want to do so....What else is all our work to God—whether in the fields, in the garden, in the city, in the house, in war, or in government—but just such a child's performance, by which He wants to give His gifts in the fields, at home, and everywhere else? These are the masks of God, behind which He wants to remain concealed and do all things." Martin Luther



#### 2. Stewardship

The investor seeking to live out their faith will view their assets as entrusted to them, recognising a responsibility to act as God's steward.

"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule (*or steward*) over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:28



#### 3. Creation Care

The investor seeking to live out their faith will recognise the value of Creation.

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." - Isaiah 11:6



#### 4. Duty of Care

The investor seeking to live out their faith will acknowledge their duty of care and responsibility to prevent harm.

Duty of care ('dju:tɪ əv kεə) – a mandate to maintain a <u>standard</u> of care for those in <u>proximal relationships</u>, based on <u>reasonable</u> foreseeability.



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#### 5. Human Flourishing

The investor seeking to live out their faith will invest so as to promote human flourishing.

"Thus says the Lord of hosts... Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease." Jer 29:4-6

#### 6. Relational Holiness

The investor seeking to live out their faith will demonstrate Christian distinctiveness while operating in the world.

"Make every effort to live in <u>peace with everyone</u> and to <u>be holy</u>; without holiness no one will see the Lord."

Heb 12:14



#### 7. Unjust Reward

The investor seeking to live out their faith will reject unjust accumulation of wealth.

"You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them... For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins." Amos 5:12



#### 7. Unjust Reward

#### Inappropriate acumination of wealth

		Theft
	Inappropriate accumulation of wealth	Fraud
	Improper exercise of wealth and power	Bribery
		Exploitation



#### 8. Excellence

The investor seeking to live out their faith will pursue excellence in investment.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Col 3:23-24



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## Investing

Positive & Negative Screening

Corporate Engagement

> Impact Investing

# Spending

Conscious Consumerism

Social Engagement

Donations, Gifts, and Philanthropy





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