



Family Investment

Listen! Do you realize that:

- ...if you invest \$1 a month at 8% interest you will have _____ in ten years?
- ...if you invest \$30,000 a month at 8% interest you will have _____ in ten years?

What does this have to do with my family? Answer: I want to show you today a big investment that would have huge returns in your family relationships.

The Question: What must I do to make a huge investment in my family?

The Answer: Based on the life of Joseph, Jesus' step-father, I must:

#1 Strive for personal righteousness. (Matthew 1:19a)

- Note: The focus of #1 is on me and my spiritual life.

#2 Cultivate a heart of compassion toward family members. (Matthew 1:19b)

- Note: The focus of #2 is on me and my spiritual life.

#3 Develop the habit of considering. (Matthew 1:20)

- Note: The focus of #3 is on me and my spiritual life.

#4 Practice immediate obedience to God. (Matthew 1:24 and 2:14, 21)

- Note: The focus of #4 is on me and my spiritual life.

#5 Practice long-haul self control. (Matthew 1:25)

- Note: The focus of #5 is on me and my spiritual life.

For Example:

Application: In your bulletin today is a card....

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

The Big Idea of this passage: Big investments in my family...result in big returns.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Take initiative to carry out the commitment you made on the commitment card at the end of the worship service today.
- **Monday:** What is one thing you will do in order to become a person of righteousness?
- **Tuesday:** What is one thing you will do in order to be more compassionate toward all your family members?
- **Wednesday:** What is one thing you will do in order to develop the habit of considering or reflecting?
- **Thursday:** What must you do today in order to practice immediate obedience toward God in some specific thing?
- **Friday:** What one area of self-control will you ask someone to help you with?
- **Saturday:** Pray, pray, pray for the services tomorrow!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are expecting many guests and we are aching to help them, impact them, and entice them to come back for our “Fresh Start” sermon series and small group launch on January 28th.

“Joseph was chosen to be the stepfather of Jesus because of the kind of person he was—you can be that kind of person too—it will yield high returns in your family.”