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-Romans 13:12

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Return on Investment

I had a recent conversation with a very successful financial advisor. We invest our money where we trust our advisor. In many ways we invest in the advisor and hopefully that will pay dividends. But even if we do not "trust" our advisor, investing money is not rocket science. If you do your homework, you can predict with a fair degree of accuracy what the end result will be. You can look at the history of performance/return, the degree of risk, the prospectus, the leadership, the future development/projects, and then assess your comfort level with all of the above. This requires a significant degree of time, so it is nice to have an advisor that you trust with your best interests in mind. The advisor gets paid for his time, but even if we "invest" in the advisor, technically our investment and return are paid out in "cash." We are investing money to make money. People are merely catalysts.

What if we truly invest in "people"? What would that look like? What is the return? What is the risk? We have tangibles to invest: time, talents, and money. Putting our investment in "people" would mean our time and talents and money are spent on improving the lives of people we deem worthy of the investment. The returns are rather nebulous. The spectrum of return could be everything from a smile to a reciprocation of investment. But I would suggest if we truly invest in people, we, as Christians, should look for an eternal return, but we really have no way of knowing whether our investment paid off. Hence the risk is high and the investment is unrealized (while we are on earth). This makes investing in people high risk and slightly irrational. So why do it? Several reasons come to mind. One, "Jesus said so." Jesus specifically states, "Go and make disciples." Second, the return is invaluable/priceless and eternal. Heaven can be neither understated nor undervalued. It is an eternal difference-maker worthy of our investments. Third, it is the truest definition of being a Christian: Loving your neighbor. Investing in your neighbor's spiritual health and eternal wellbeing is being Christian. It is what we do and how we do it. It is counter-cultural and slightly irrational. Lutheran Schools are exactly that: counter-cultural and slightly irrational. BUT, the return on investment is priceless! Consider investing!

Come Lord Jesus, Amen!

Paul Steinhaus, Principal

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Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return.

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