

***“Investing for Eternity”***  
*Amazed by Grace* • part 3

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INTRODUCTION

- the two things that last for eternity: God’s Word & people  
Isa. 40:8; Jn. 5:28-29
- goal of this message
- questions Paul anticipates

“If you’re planting for a year, plant grain. If you’re planting for a decade, plant trees. If you’re planting for a lifetime, plant people.”  
– Chinese proverb

***1. Be thankful*** (1:8)

- authentic spirituality
- thanksgiving to God  
Lk. 17:7-10
- thanksgiving because of God’s work in others



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***2. Be prayerful*** (1:9-10)

- Paul’s oath language
- Paul’s burden for those in Rome
- is it faithless to pray ‘if it’s Your will, Lord?’
- is there a frequency & intensity in your praying for others?

***3. Be an investor in others*** (1:11-15)

three reasons why Paul desired to travel to Rome:

- a. to give them a spiritual gift (1:11)  
1 Thess. 2:8  
Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 4:11
- b. to be mutually encouraged (1:12)
- c. to gather fruit (1:13-15)  
Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 6:22

CONCLUSION