

earthbound wealth : a means

On this side of the first death, an event common to the many, we can consider ourselves “earthbound”. Exceptions are rare ¹ and it is the second death that should concern us the more.² We should recognise that our earthbound resources are merely ours as stewards, and aside from keeping us healthy and safe, are meant to be invested for the sake of the Kingdom of GOD. Pouring some money into money pots at congregations may play a small part; however, investing is more about helping others one-on-one, sometimes with funds, but more with our time and love and small efforts to improve their lives, improving the value of our own lives as we do so. This becomes only the more natural with time, and we become blessedly forgetful about many things we have done. When, one fine day, we pass through the first death and head for heaven, we can look back on much investing during our first season of eternity and reckon it properly ...a good start!...

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HIS purposes to serve
HE makes us good investors
a blessing more than we deserve

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when letting go of earthbound life
it will provide immense relief ...

consider heavenly treasure
no moths nor rust attack ³
thieves no means of entry
for eternity, you have no lack

HIS days on earth so brief
no stores upon a shelf
for our eternal freedom
instead HE gave HIS HOLY SELF

look into eyes of hunger
lose a little sleep
you've pockets to dig into
a blessing that HE made them deep

while funds are nice for starters
much else you can provide
contemplate that treasure chest ⁴
HE built in you, so deep inside

as we are merely stewards here
and all is ever HIS
there is no point to argue
because that's just the way it is

delight in HIS abundances
but do investments tend
wander 'round HIS Garden 'til,
improving much, you reach an end

thus closing this first season
in your own eternity
fresh ways to grow await you
perfection there can truly be

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¹ see Gen 5:21-24; 2Kings 2:10-12; Rev 4:1

² see Rev 2:11; 20:6,14; 21:8

³ see Matthew 6:19-21

⁴ see Matt 13:51-52