

Turn the Holidays into Your Best Investment of the Year!





EVERYTHING IS AN INVESTMENT

Most people do not look at the holidays as an investment, I try to look at EVERYTHING, literally everything as an investment. The holidays are one of the best times to make many investments that will give you yield forever.

- Emerson's Law of Compensation:
 - http://www.emersoncentral.com/compensation.htm

I would say your objective should be to invest the most of amount of money possible as long as it returns you more than what you put in.

TANGIBLE

(How to get out more than you put in)

Donate clothes and toys to charity - and potentially get a tax deduction: http://www.amazinggoodwill.com/donating/IRS-guidelines

- - http://www.shareyoursoles.org/
 - https://soles4souls.org/
 - http://giverunning.org/
 - http://www.dressforsuccess.org/supportdfs_donate_clothing.aspx
 - http://www.changepurse.org/donate.php
 - http://www.planetaid.org/find-a-bin
 - http://www.secondchancetoys.org/
- Sell Clothes & Toys on the internet

TIPS

- http://blogs.brighthorizons.com/familyroom/tips-for-selling-used-childrens-clothesand-toys-online/
- http://www.dailyfinance.com/2015/04/27/10000dollars-2months-months-sellingtoys-amazon/

SITES

- https://www.swap.com/
- www.ebay.com



IN-DEMAND TOY FLIPPING

(Pick a dollar amount say \$100 and assume a 10-20% holiday mark up)

POPULAR GIFTS 2015:

- https://flipboard.com/@vniven/hottest-selling-christmas-gifts-this-year-kqg7pm67z
- http://thecollegeceo.com/tis-season-buy-flip/

BEST CASH BACK CARDS

• https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/top-credit-cards/nerdwallets-best-cash-back-credit-cards/

CREATE A LEGACY

(The best investment)

What are your family values, your family mission statement, your family creed?

- http://www.artofmanliness.com/2013/08/21/creating-a-family-culture-how-and-why-to-create-afamily-mission-statement/
- http://www.legacyproject.org/guides/holidaygiftideas.html

BE SILLY AND HAVE FUN

Experience is the best gift

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/18/clever-christmas-photos_n_4455170.html

QUOTES ABOUT EXPERIENCE:

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earne	d, worn or consumed	. Happiness is the spiritu	ıal experience
of living every minute with love, grace, and gra	itude."		

— Denis Waitley

"I do not accept any absolute formulas for living. No preconceived code can see ahead to everything that can happen in a man's life. As we live, we grow and our beliefs change. They must change. So I think we should live with this constant discovery. We should be open to this adventure in heightened awareness of living. We should stake our whole existence on our willingness to explore and experience."

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"Wealth is the ability to fully experience life."

— Henry David Thoreau

"We can experience any kind of pleasure and pain either too much or too little. But to experience all this at the right time, toward the right objects, toward the right people, for the right reason, and in the right manner -- that is the median and the best course, the course that is a mark of virtue."

— Aristotle



MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

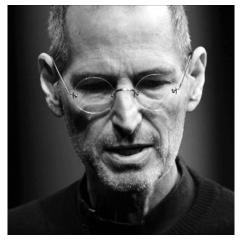
(Ideas to make your Holiday more memorable)

- Leaving presents or food on the doorstep of a less fortunate family
- Sing Carols or deliver cookies at a local nursing home or assisted living facility
- Write a family proclamation as parents and deliver it to family
- www.ancestry.com to find your family's lineage to include in your family mission statement

LETTER BY STEVE JOBS

I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is an epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to.

At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death. In the darkness, I look at the green lights from the life supporting machines and hear the humming mechanical sounds, I can feel the breath of god of death drawing closer...



Now I know, when we have accumulated sufficient wealth to last our lifetime, we should pursue other matters that are unrelated to wealth... Should be something that is more important: Perhaps relationships, perhaps art, perhaps a dream from younger days ...

Non-stop pursuing of wealth will only turn a person into a twisted being, just like me. God gave us the senses to let us feel the love in everyone's heart, not the illusions brought about by wealth. The wealth I have won in my life I cannot bring with me.

What I can bring is only the memories precipitated by love.

That's the true riches which will follow you, accompany you, giving you strength and light to go on. Love can travel a thousand miles. Life has no limit. Go where you want to go. Reach the height you want to reach. It is all in your heart and in your hands. What is the most expensive bed in the world? - "Sick bed" ...

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you. Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost – "Life". When a person goes into the operating room, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading – "Book of Healthy Life".

Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down. Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends... Treat yourself well. Cherish others.

