

# Following Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Investment Brings Happiness



<sup>4</sup> This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem:

<sup>5</sup> "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce.

<sup>6</sup> Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away!

<sup>7</sup> And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile.

Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

*Jeremiah 29*

**INVEST**

**INCREASE**

**INFLUENCE**

**INTERCEDE**

**'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life for his friends'.**

**John 15.9-12**

**‘For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete’. Deuteronomy 16.15**

**‘Strength and joy are in His dwelling place’. 1 Chronicles 16.27**

**‘They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the Lord’. 1 Chronicles 29.22**

**‘For the joy of the Lord is your strength’. Nehemiah 8.10**

**‘You will fill me with joy in your presence’. Psalm 16.11**