

# God Is Making an Investment in You!

by David Wilkerson

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*David Wilkerson emphasizes that God uses our afflictions as an investment to prepare us for His kingdom work.*

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## Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that God is making a significant investment in each believer through their afflictions and trials, much like a parent invests in a child's education or a military offers training to soldiers. He explains that these challenges are not meant for our detriment but are divine lessons designed to prepare us for service in God's kingdom. Just as students progress through different levels of education, Christians experience varying degrees of trials that shape their spiritual maturity. Ultimately, God desires to raise veterans of faith who can testify to His faithfulness through their experiences. Each trial is a step towards becoming a stronger witness for the next generation.

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## Transcript

When a parent sends a child to college, it requires a great investment. Obviously that parent hopes his child will apply herself to the rigors of her training. Why? Does he hope she will graduate, come home, hang her diploma on the wall, then sit around the house watching television? No! That parent hopes his child will make his investment pay off by starting a good career.

Likewise, when the U.S. military offers a free education to an enlisted soldier, those years of education are considered an investment. The soldier is told, "After you're educated, your nation and government want a certain amount of your time." That trained soldier is expected to serve in the armed forces for a number of years in order to justify the investment.

So it is with the Lord and our afflictions. Everything you go through as a Christian is a training exercise behind which God has a divine purpose. He did not save you so that you could cruise into paradise on a luxury liner; He saved you to prepare you to be of use in His kingdom. The moment you were born again, He enrolled you in His school of suffering. And every affliction, every trial, is another lesson in the curriculum.

Some Christians are in kindergarten. Their afflictions are not difficult to understand and their tests are much easier to endure. Others are in grade school, and they quickly learn that their tests have become a little tougher to face and harder to understand. Others are in college, and their afflictions are much more

severe and more difficult to figure out. Still others are in postgraduate school, with years of hard afflictions behind them and many difficult tests looming before them. Their afflictions are the toughest of their lives, and they realize they need Holy Ghost strength to deal with them all.

My point is, God wants veterans of spiritual warfare -- people who have been through many afflictions -- to prove His faithfulness to the next generation. And every affliction we endure is an investment He is making in us as His veterans.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

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