

Multipliers

Week 1 Devotional

If you've ever dabbled in the stock market, you're probably aware that Wall Street uses various multiples. These multiples are used as metrics to assess a company's value relative to its financial performance, but they can also be useful to the everyday investor to help determine if a company's stock is undervalued (a bargain) or overvalued (not a bargain). Regardless of the multiple being used, they can be invaluable tools for both the corporate and retail investor to provide insights into a company's value and growth potential.

What if, in a spiritual sense, we spent half the time we spend on evaluating an investment, evaluating ourselves? How much better off might we be? How much better off might our church be? ...our family? ...our friends? ...God's kingdom? Honestly, it wouldn't be that difficult. What if we evaluated the time we spent on our knees, our time reading from, or meditating over the Bible, the days we withheld food, or whatever it might be? What if we routinely evaluated the positive, and maybe not so positive, effect we have on our family, our friends, our brothers and sisters in the faith, and maybe more importantly, those brothers and sisters outside the faith? Then we might start to see our spiritual value, and not only our growth potential, but our growth.

So, maybe take a few minutes and think about developing your own multiples, your own metrics to evaluate your performance and your growth in God's Kingdom.