## **FAITH-BASED POLICY**



## ANSWERING THE CALL OF CHRISTIAN INVESTORS

As Christians, our faith guides how we live. It should also guide how we invest. Scripture teaches that our financial resources are a gift from God, and our stewardship of them carries eternal consequences (Ecclesiastes 5:19; Luke 16:10-12).

GuideStone® was founded in 1918 as a ministry to provide financial assistance to retired ministers and their widows. Today, we are a diversified financial services firm serving evangelical churches, ministries and individual Christians.

Today, GuideStone Funds® offers a comprehensive lineup of diversified mutual funds that integrate Christian values with fundamental investment analysis.

# OUR VISION: A WORLD TRANSFORMED BY CHRISTIAN INVESTING

We live in a world broken by sin and in need of restoration. While we know this world will only be fully transformed when Christ brings his Kingdom to earth, GuideStone believes Christians are called to be a light in a darkened world. One of the ways we let our light shine is by investing our financial resources in a way that honors Him by investing in what He cares about – life, guarding society's most vulnerable members and caring for His creation.

Christian Investing is an approach in which Christians intentionally connect their faith with their investment decisions. We want all believers to honor the Lord with their investments and their lives, Christian ministries and individuals to have all they need to grow the Kingdom, and the Gospel to be heard throughout the world. With GuideStone, Christians can invest according to their values and make a meaningful difference in the world around them while preparing for their financial future.

GuideStone has developed a multi-faceted approach to Christian Investing.

#### **EXCLUSIONARY SCREENING**

GuideStone strives to avoid investing in companies that provide products and services that demean, harm or inhibit the image of God from thriving.

Specifically, we do not invest in any company that is publicly recognized as being in the alcohol, tobacco, gambling, pornography or abortion industries. We also exclude investments in any company whose products, services or activities are incompatible with our moral and ethical posture as Christians.

#### CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT

GuideStone engages with those companies in which we are invested to encourage and guide them in developing practices that contribute to a World Transformed.

GuideStone dialogues with corporate leadership to urge positive change in their products, services, standards and practices that aim to benefit consumers, employees and the communities in which they operate.

We have also partnered with ISS – a leading proxy advisory firm – to develop proxy voting guidelines to pursue even more active engagement with companies guiding them towards more Christ-honoring and responsible practices and influencing outcomes that align with our mission to advance God's Kingdom on earth.

#### **IMPACT**

To broaden our scope of Christian Investing, GuideStone has developed investment strategies that seek out and invest in companies and organizations that align with our three impact themes: the Sanctity of Life and Spreading the Gospel, Human Dignity and Advancement, and the Stewardship of God's Creation.

Through investing in the right organizations, our Impact Funds can create a positive impact in the world for Christ through such projects as funding church growth, providing low-cost health care to those often overlooked in society, supporting technology and services that can help reduce abortions and enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of life-sustaining resources such as water and land.

#### **OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

We believe attractive risk-adjusted returns can be achieved through a long-term, fundamental approach that identifies best-in-class managers and allocates capital among them — all while remaining committed to Christian values.

### Our faith guides how we LIVE. It should also guide how we INVEST.

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**GuideStoneFunds.com/Impact** 

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There can be no guarantee that any strategy will be successful (risk management or otherwise). All investing involves risk, including potential loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Funds invested in accordance with the faith-based investment restrictions of GuideStone Financial Resources may not be able to take advantage of certain investment opportunities due to these restrictions, which may adversely affect investment performance.

You should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the GuideStone Funds® before investing. For a copy of the prospectus with this and other information about the Funds, please call 1-888-GS-FUNDS (1-888-473-8637) or visit GuideStoneFunds.com/Funds to view or download a prospectus. You should read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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