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## Chapter 1 : Olin Corporationâ€™Global Scale, Integration and Diversification

*3 From Small Beginnings: Growth and Diversification Although a considerable amount of research on modern self-help has been undertaken during the last three decades, studies have tended to.*

So, like John the Baptizer, I have but one message right now. John was sent with one message: Message after message, John preached: For the Kingdom of God is at hand! Nevertheless, the words of Jesus concerning John should put all of our misgivings to rest. Jesus said in Matthew Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. The Greek scholar, A. All those that come after John stand upon his shoulders. John is the mountain peak between the old and the new. Turn with me to Zechariah 4: Before we read this text, let me give you the background and the context. That brings us the prophecy that Jehovah gave through Zechariah. Zechariah is the longest and the most obscure book among the Minor Prophets. Minor Prophets are called Minor Prophets because of the length of their prophecies, not the importance of their prophecies. As we come to the fourth chapter of this prophecy, we encounter the fifth vision, which includes a golden lampstand, two olive trees, and accompanying oracles or prophetic sayings. Now, the thrust of this fifth vision with its accompanying oracles is clear. Its purpose is to assure Zerubbabel that he will complete the temple through the Spirit of Yahweh, even though the details of the vision and oracles are unclear at times. Now, would you notice with me Zechariah 4: Let me read this aloud for us, in the NLT. Please follow along in what ever translation you have. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me. For these seven lamps represent the eyes of the Lord that search all around the world. We gather this from a very familiar verse of Scripture, in Zechariah 4: Likewise, Pastor Bennett, the work that you are doing can only be finished through the power of the Holy Spirit, which is the manifest presence of Jehovah God! The opposition is referred to as a great mountain 4: Whatever the opposition and regardless of its size or power, Zechariah assured Zerubbabel that he would finish the temple. I am worried about delivering this word that the Lord has given me. Moreover, Pastor Bennett, when it comes to past, then you will know that the Lord of Hosts has sent me tonight! Nevertheless, we now come to the major word for tonight. However, the NLT has captured the true import of the statement. Zechariah, through the word of the Lord, 1. Reproves their ungrateful unbelief, which they felt because of the humble beginning, compared with the greatness of the undertaking; and 2. Encourages them with the assurance that their progress in the work, though small, was a down payment on the great and final success. Those who despised the day of small things may have been older Jews who thought this temple was insignificant compared with the former temple. God speaks of this through Haggai in Haggai 2: And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison? They may despise or think little of what God doing for you right now. What is a major church? It is not important that you are a mega church, measured as to in average attendance on a Sunday morning, but it is important that you are a healthy church. Christian Schwarz, in the book Natural Church Development, gives the results of a worldwide survey of churches, which identifies eight characteristics of church health:

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## Chapter 2 : - NLM Catalog Result

*Although a considerable amount of research on modern self-help has been undertaken during the last three decades, studies have tended to concentrate on individual groups and tertiary movements such as the cancer survivors movement or the recovery movement, their function, and constituents. 1 In fact.*

Q3 October 18, Domestic equity markets rallied, posting the best quarterly results so far this year, fueled by robust corporate profits and encouraging economic data. Although tariffs and trade war rhetoric continued to dominate the news, trade war fears subsided somewhat toward the end of the quarter after trade deals were signed with Mexico and Canada. Trade negotiations with China came to a halt instead, with the current administration escalating the stand-off and China announcing retaliation. US real gross domestic product grew by 4. As expected, the Federal Open Market Committee announced another 25 bps rate hike in September, bringing the target interest rate to a range of 2. While the US engine continued to operate at full speed, others did not. In Europe, the soft patch registered in the first half of the year persisted in the third quarter, while emerging market stocks and currencies remained under pressure. More specifically, domestic large cap equity outperformed all other asset classes, with commodities and emerging market equities struggling the most. Fixed income finished the quarter almost flat. Within fixed income diversification helped as high yield corporate bonds, emerging market debt, and bank loans outperformed the Barclays U. Moving into the fourth quarter, it may be worthwhile to review previous fourth quarters to get a better sense of the value of diversification. The fourth quarter of was a particularly strong quarter with positive returns from almost all asset classes. Furthermore diversification added value as international equity posted strong relative returns and US treasury inflation protected securities TIPS and global bonds outperformed the broad fixed income market. Looking at the average of five years of previous fourth quarters, we see that a diversified approach to investing added value as small cap stocks outperformed large cap, and value beat growth across the entire market capitalization spectrum. As such, holding a diversified portfolio becomes even more important in periods of uncertainty and gives investors the best opportunity to successfully navigate any market environment. Domestic large cap growth stocks were the greatest contributors; with mid and small cap equity also contributing. High yield, bank loans, and emerging market debt, contributed despite the increase in interest rates. Growth continued to outperform value, with mid cap growth stocks posting the greatest outperformance relative to their value counterparts. Real estate ended the quarter up, on the back of a strengthening US economy. Investment grade fixed income was up for the quarter, as short-term bonds fared better than their longer-term counterparts. Commodities struggled as gold and other precious metals sold off over the quarter. While international developed equity generated positive returns, it significantly tailed its domestic counterpart. Value stocks continued to struggle relative to growth, marking nearly two years of underperformance.

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### Chapter 3 : Zambeef: Feeding a nation | Andrew Daniel Slot

*Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many.*

Hollywood Video and Blockbuster put all their eggs in the local video rental business. Recently, Crumbs Bake Shop closed its doors because it put all its eggs into cupcakes, so to speak. You need to strap the thinking cap on tightly for this one, and tap the most creative minds in your small business. Here are some seeds for your brain storms. Diversify your product lineup. Adapt. Tweak your product or service so it appeals to a new group of consumers or users. Add features that will make your product or service appealing to a different group of consumers. Springer Equipment sells forklifts. They recognized a market for salvaged forklift parts so they started to disassemble gear in their bone yard and add the spare parts to their parts department inventory. Are there products that go along with what you sell or do that your customers or clients purchase from a different vendor? Perhaps there are training materials that you can offer as well. A medical equipment company, for example, found a new niche in providing ongoing training and support for its equipment. The most aggressive version of this strategy is to buy a company that makes products related to yours. If you can swing it, this can be a very smart move. You diversify your lineup and remove a potential competitor from the playing field. Offer an integrated solution. Are technological changes beginning to erode your base? If you already sell online, sell online more. Consider opening an eBay store, especially if you have miscellaneous overstock items in your warehouse. Rather than marking them down to next to nothing and undercutting new products, sell them on eBay. If you have one physical location, consider opening a second. Not every small business has the wherewithal to launch an overseas operation. Right now the big players are eyeing Africa the way they eyed Asia 10 years ago. Network in your community, and see if any businesses are exploring overseas ventures. You might find a project where your company fits in. Look at the South, Texas, and North Dakota. Would one of these areas be a good candidate for a branch office? Smart business owners, like the smart investors, place a high value on diversification. Take time to draw up a good game plan for your company. The opinions expressed here by Inc. Aug 11, More from Inc.

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### Chapter 4 : I & H Brown - Maggies Penguin Parade

*The story of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s growth from a chain of small, rural discount stores to its current position as the world's largest retailer and private employer is the stuff of business legend. Analysts cite numerous reasons for the company's growth, ranging from its logistical prowess and.*

Some of these stories are designed to warn us of dangers. And some, like the two parables we look at today are meant to teach us about the nature and work of God. Both parables set out to teach us, "What the Kingdom of God is like. In fact these are truths I think you are going to find very freeing. Listen to these words one more time from Mark 4: A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come. It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade. This farmer goes out into the field each year and plants his seed. He prepares the ground and tends the seed but he has no idea why or how the seed grows to produce a crop. The fertile soil and a healthy seed combine to do something that the mind does not understand. You and I share the truth of the gospel with those who are around us and then that seed begins to grow. We see it in our own lives as well. As we expose ourselves to the truth we find ourselves being changed by it. Leave the issue to him. Consider those who seek to advance the Kingdom of God by their military force. Christians sought to bring the Kingdom to others through the Crusades and Muslim extremists try to advance the Kingdom through their holy wars. Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom does not advance by the force of men, but by the power and grace of God.

Three Important Lessons There are a couple of implications from this parable. First, The growth of the Kingdom does not depend on us. I hope you hear this clearly. If you do, it takes a great load off your shoulders. The growth of the Kingdom of God does not depend on you living a perfect life, or on your ability to proclaim the gospel message. We are called to do our part. But our job is to plant the seed. God is the one that makes it grow. Second, in light of this fact, we should rely more on prayer than technique. Since God is the one who brings change and transformation we should spend more time asking God to change hearts and lives and less time trying to find a gimmick that will get a person to do what we want them to do and say what we want them to say. How much time do you spend praying for your friends and relatives who have no desire for the things of God? How much time do you spend asking God to change the hearts and lives of the people you know? How much time do you spend asking God to work through this church and through your own life? If you want to see more people come to faith, you should spend more time with the one who can bring faith to life in a heart. Third, we should be patient. The farmer plants the seed and then has to wait many months before the harvest. They must wait in the dry times, they must wait in the wet times, they must wait even though there are predictions of great storms. So it is with the unbeliever. We should plant seeds. We should seek to answer any questions that the person has. We should work hard at living consistent lives as an example to our friends. But when all is said and done we must wait for the harvest. When a crop first begins to grow you do not even notice it. The growth begins in the soil. And the same is true of a new believer. Let God do His work. You remember the story of the lad who went and bought some seeds. He followed the directions and put the seeds in the soil and faithfully watered the seed. After several weeks he returned to the place where he bought the seed and wanted to get his money back. The dealer was confused and asked for details about how the seed was planted. Everything sounded right until the boy shared that every morning he dug up the seed to see if anything was happening! When we badger, nag, harass, and push others we are digging up the seed! Our job is to prepare the soil, plant the seed, and water it. And then we must let God do what only God can do in a human heart. The passage does not begin with the words, "and a farmer went to sleep". The farmer cannot produce growth but there are some things the farmer can and needs to do to encourage growth. Like the

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farmer, there are things we must do. First, we must prepare the ground. We do this by building bridges with people. We must prepare the soil by showing people the effect of the Kingdom of God in our lives. We can help prepare the hearts of those around us by our acts of kindness, by our enduring love, by the way we treat our enemies and by our involvement with those who hurt. He healed people, He extended compassion, He showed that He was the one to meet their needs. This helped the people receive and believe the message of salvation. You and I prepare the soil when we get out into the world and love as Jesus loved. If you have no non-Christian contacts, you need to expand your circle of friends! You need to be trying to build bridges with others. You do this in the hope and prayer that somewhere along the way you will have the opportunity to tell this friend the most important news they will ever hear. Second, we do need to plant the seed. The seed may automatically grow when it gets into the ground but it does have to get into the ground! If Jesus had only extended compassion and love to those around Him He would have probably still become famous, like Mother Teresa, but no one would have seen Him as the Savior who could set us free from our past and our sinful nature. Our job is to share the message of salvation. You and I should be working diligently to plant seed wherever we go. When there is an opening to share the good news of grace we should do so and then pray that God causes the seed to grow. Any farmer knows that not all seed is alike. If you want a good crop you must start with a good seed. This is also true as we share the gospel. We must make sure that we understand the gospel and that we can explain it to those who ask us. One of the things I encourage you to do is to develop a concise explanation of what the message of salvation is. Peter said, But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3: If someone asked you what Christians believe, could you explain the basic tenets of the faith? You could get involved in a Sunday School class, you could take our class, you could read some appropriate books, you could get involved in a Bible Study, you could read through messages on our website. There really is no excuse for not having the seed ready when it is time to scatter that seed. Third, we can and must care for the growing seed. We must eliminate the weeds of faulty understanding. In other words we must help a new believer or someone who is interested in the faith to think clearly. We must defend against the parasites of false teaching. As we have said before the best antidote to false teaching is solid instruction. God brings the growth but He depends on us to plant and care for the crop. Only God can change a human heart. We must entrust the work to Him. We do not create the Kingdom of God. We do not create the Kingdom by our goodness, by our hard work, by our faithfulness. Our job is to scatter the seed. It is a small seed that results in a large bush. Some have said that the resulting "tree" can be ten or twelve feet high. The bush grows quickly.

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### Chapter 5 : "Small Beginnings" Mark ; Rev. Bruce Goettsche

*This is a true Swazi success story: from small beginnings to a truly multinational, Inyatsi is a company to be reckoned with in Africa South of the Sahara. The company has operations in Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia, and Mozambique as well as registered companies in Botswana and Namibia.*

At this time, the Zambian economy was in tatters and had both high inflation and an ever increasing amount of debt. This state of affairs was partially due to the failed nationalisation policy of the Kaunda regime. Thus, when Frederick Chiluba entered presidency in , he introduced privatisation and with this came many opportunities. Two gentlemen, Francis Grogan and Carl Irwin, recognised these favourable conditions, especially those that existed in the beef supply market. Grogan and Irwin came from exceptionally different backgrounds. Grogan was Irish and had a background in agriculture, whereas, Irwin, originated from Zambia and was a qualified chartered accountant. The unique characteristics of both founders added to their entrepreneurial savvy and this led to the incorporation of Zambeef in the August of Small Beginnings. Zambeef was started from the ground up and did not grow from the acquisition of any existing company. At first, it was a small company and Grogan ran the farming division, whilst Irwin controlled all the other business domains. They had a staff of approximately 60 workers and their transportation fleet consisted of a Land Rover that served as their sole delivery truck. Their beef was delivered to the public through their single butchery. The beef was sourced from the open market, and they only paid the producer once their product had been sold from their shelves. Between , ZRC approached Zambeef to become the outlet for its cattle produce. This resulted in Zambeef becoming a subsidiary of the ZRC. The two companies divided their tasks in that Zambeef was made responsible for ensuring that the beef reached the public and the ZRC managed the marketing arm of the beef resource from growing to eventually selling the produce. At a similar time in , Shoprite decided to enter the Zambian market. Shoprite was looking for a company that would run the butcheries in their stores. Although Zambeef was still small at this stage, they had leverage because of their relationship with the ZRC and the very little competition that existed in the market at that stage. Lusaka Stock Exchange In the first years of the new millennium, it became apparent that Zambeef was expanding at a much faster rate than the ZRC. Eventually, the growth of Zambeef the subsidiary surpassed that of ZRC the parent. Once this had happened, the board of the companies decided that it would be most beneficial if the organisations switched roles regarding their presence on the open market. This was the beginning of vast expansion and great successes. Zambeef conceded and in the same year they moved into Lagos, Nigeria. In , the two companies also assembled stores in Ghana. This expansion continued and in , Zambeef had a positively challenging year that involved acquiring four companies. They further invested in and expanded the Chiawa Farm and assembled a new stock feed plant. Demand Dilemma Demand in most of the product segments within which Zambeef operates is increasing rapidly due to a rising middle class and GDP growth per capita. In an attempt to expand their operations and value chain control, Zambeef has made several strategic acquisitions and grown to such an extent that they have come under some scrutiny. Some may even view Zambeef as a monopoly. However, the competition commission saw that this was not the case and all subsequent market-related acquisitions have had to be approved by the competition authorities. Competitors have the opportunity to sell to their customers and from time to time Zambeef need to buy from the smaller operators when in short supply. Competitive companies like Best Beef, owned by a previous employee of Zambeef, are able to supply to the same retailers as Zambeef. Zambeef do have the sole right to supply to the Shoprite butcheries due the partnership agreement but other suppliers of meat products can sell their products in the meat sections of the Shoprite stores. Zambeef prices seem to be in line with competitors products and no preference is obvious in terms of shelf position and space. Reports show that the higher demand for beef, pork and chicken products is at times is difficult to meet. There are challenges with supply of livestock as demand fluctuates. On occasions, Zambeef have to supplement this lack of supply from local farmers with stock from

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other neighbouring countries including South Africa and Tanzania. Local pig farmers found this to be a contradiction in terms as they have had stock that Master Pork, a subsidiary of Zambeef, has not needed in the past. The problem with meeting the demands of Zambeef is that there is no formal agreement between small farmers and Zambeef. It is very difficult for the smaller commercial farmers to give accurate forecasts as there are no set order books. The business model that Zambeef has is better suited for their own needs than those of the local livestock farmers. The population of cattle has also plummeted in the last few decades due to the lack of disease control in Zambia. There have been several cattle disease outbreaks since In the Kaunda period, the government used to run dedicated vet services around the country. They provided dipping medicines and services for free to local farmers. As a result, various livestock diseases set in and dismantled the cattle population. Since the new government was put into power, a few initiatives have been put in place but it has been difficult to pick up the deficit and the impact has already been felt. Zambeef are trying to help the situation by providing mobile dipping tanks. Geographic diversification in terms of their abattoir locations has helped to mitigate the risk of diseases by ensuring that the disease is isolated into a specific region. They never wanted to get into ranching as it is not part of its current business model. The economic climate was ripe for change, presenting numerous commercial opportunities for astute entrepreneurs. The failure of Zambian Cold Storage, a parastatal which was responsible for the distribution of meat products amongst other things, resulted in a huge gap in the market for meat products. Zambeef plugged into this market, providing local farmers a ready platform to sell their meat through their butcheries. Sales were done by way of consignment sales allowing the company financial muscle to expand rapidly by opening up more butcheries in Lusaka. The founders of Zambeef took advantage of the environment by constantly reinvesting in their business ensuring continued growth. A liberalized Zambia presented a multitude of opportunities; opportunities which the founders identified and upon which they were quick to act. At the height of privatization in the early years of the new millennium, an abattoir became available in the Western Province. This was the biggest abattoir in Zambia and thus allowed Zambeef to significantly grow its beef producing business. They continued to grow by acquiring farms and traditional land and in the process started growing maize, wheat and soya beans, allowing them to diversify their portfolio and thus develop their business model. They expanded their portfolio further by venturing into the poultry as well as pork businesses. Theirs was not merely a product diversification strategy. It was primarily a strategy of vertical integration. Zambeef acquired a mill for instance to grind wheat into flour. This flour was used internally to make bread which was then distributed through Zambeef retail stores. The tannery business was born out of a need for instance to add value to a by product of the meat producing business, hide. The backward and forward linkages developed by Zambeef allow the company to benefit from synergies enabling them to remain competitive thus increasing its market share not only in the beef sector but also in its other products. There are currently eight Zam Chicken outlets for instance “ fast food outlets providing the sale of internally sourced chicken. In Zambeef underwent an aggressive expansionary plan. The company acquired four different targeted companies “ keeping to a business model of vertical integration and product diversification. They acquired Master Pork a company which allowed it to produce pork products, which is complementary to the beef producing business. They also acquired Zambanita an edible oil producing company. The edible oil is sold in retail chains. The company also invested in the creation of an inhouse stock feed division called Novatek which makes use of internally sourced soya beans and maize, further benefiting from vertical integration the stock feed is used internally to feed farming animals; excess produce is sold through retail stores. Zambeef also increased its agricultural producing capacity by purchasing a farm, Chiawa on which maize, soya beans and wheat is grown. Crude palm is normally imported from Malaysia and is not produced in other African countries. This has numerous challenges particularly foreign exchange fluctuations and increased costs imposed by tax and duty officials. With respect to bottling operations for their milk products, the company has plans underway to open their own bottling division “ further vertical integration and widening of scope. In terms of export trade, the company is not actively engaged in expanding into this market as their produce does not yet sufficiently outstrip

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Zambian demand for products. The focus is thus on meeting local demand; to the extent that there are excesses export market is used with the exception however of leather goods which are primarily exported. The partnership agreement affords Zambeef the opportunity of running their own butcheries from Shoprite retail stores. Zambeef is responsible for all aspects of the meat business such as transportation and packaging of meat products and in-store staffing. There are certain commercial responsibilities which are shared, such as price setting, store refrigeration and equipping, however the bulk of activities are Zambeef managed and thus butcheries run out of Shoprite are viewed as wholly owned Zambeef businesses. Given this seemingly symbiotic relationship, it is perhaps no wonder that these respectable giants have been in partnership for over two decades, having come together in 1997. When asked what it attributed its success to, Zambeef did not categorically mention its relationship with Shoprite. Given tight regulatory import restrictions on meat products, Shoprite was forced to source meat locally. Determined not to stray from their retail business model, Shoprite had to find a local supplier " and so the search for a reliable partner commenced. Although Zambeef was a small retailer at that time, the Shoprite team liked the ambition and zest of the owners, Carl and Francis, who had a good work ethic, a solid understanding of the Zambian market and strong relationships with local cattle farmers. Shoprite made use of a middle manager responsible for managing their Western Cape butcheries to assist in the training. In addition to this, they provided Zambeef with machinery equipment used in butcheries , which was leased with the option of purchase. This arrangement inadvertently allowed Zambeef to access financing at a time when a formal market for business financing had yet to be created in Zambia. This relationship strengthened over the years allowing both parties to benefit from each others success. Having rapidly expanded in Zambia, Shoprite, in keeping with their aggressive Africa expansion strategy, expanded into West Africa, specifically in Nigeria and Ghana. They offered Zambeef the opportunity to service the meat hungry consumers of these markets, using a similar model to that used in Zambia. This allowed Zambeef the opportunity to geographically diversify its business by setting up a base in Nigeria and Ghana. From the start, the Zambeef-Shoprite partnership was regulated by way of a concession agreement, according to which Zambeef had full autonomy of all Shoprite butcheries including full discretion on the setting of prices ; Shoprite in turn received commission for all meat product sales. Thus despite not having terms governing exclusivity, right of first refusal and various other commercial terms on paper, the two market leaders in their own right, continue to honour an agreement made decades ago; a point which is indicative of a true partnership " a relationship built on trust. The realisation that the founders will not always be closely involved in the business operations this dawned on the group when Carl moved to Australia has made the group cognisant of the need to preserve this relationship by way of a legal document. Two points are worth noting: Retail " Zambeef owns and manages its own retail stores independently of Shoprite Exclusive rights " the partnership agreement with Shoprite does not preclude Zambeef from supplying its produce or meat to other retailers.

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## Chapter 6 : TOP 25 SMALL BEGINNINGS QUOTES | A-Z Quotes

*From small beginnings, we have worked purposefully to build a company and a reputation that our customers can depend on to provide distinguished customer service. Our company motto is also our commitment to our employees and customers.*

Not managing, that is, not responding to changes. The portfolio mix automatically changes each time a stock price rises or falls. Similarly, if you sell a stock, the balance changes unless the replacement comes from the same space. Beware the greed factor, when hot stocks tempt you to increase that allocation. As many of us recall, that happened with tech stocks in the late s and housing and financial stocks in the mids. No risk awareness, even though it always exists. This is important to remember in bullish markets, including the one currently in progress. Ineffective levels of diversification, which refers to doing too little or too much. If this is not a feature of your portfolio, then you have not yet achieved diversification. Buying too many of any one type of security – whether equity, fixed income or real estate – an investor ends up with near-equivalent of an index fund, but at a much higher cost, thus nearly guaranteeing a suboptimal return. More on the use of mutual funds and ETFs While it is easy to say mutual funds provide diversification, picking a specific fund or ETF is less easy. Wyatt made these recommendations: Has the management team earned its fees by outperforming the market over several years? Based on your personal objectives, choose growth, income, large-cap and so forth. Smaller funds, like smaller-caps, are more likely to produce capital appreciation than larger funds and especially mega funds. Again, based on personal objectives, choose the appropriate type, whether growth, income or anything in between. Start by avoiding front-end or back-end commissions. Wyatt also recommends the use of fund cost calculators, many of which can be found online. For more on the importance of mutual fund costs, see this article. ETFs are a variation on mutual funds. They are often based on indexes, allowing them to incur minimal fees and charges and making them passive rather than active investments. But think for a moment about what risk really means. It is the exposure to danger in some form. So in the market, are you content to having all of your capital exposed to the same market risk? Apply the concept individually and not universally. Investors should create a formula that reflects their risk considerations. Include real estate in the asset allocation mix. This might include your own home or the purchase of real estate investment trusts or real estate ETFs. While stocks may be classified as one asset class, it makes more sense to think in terms of subclasses. This would include market capitalization or other distinctions. This article is one in a series of chapter-by-chapter digests. To read more and see digests of other important investing books, go to this page.

## Chapter 7 : Marbon Industries Sdn Bhd

*From Small Beginnings June 18, Mark Sometimes things are not as they appear to be. This parable has long been used to describe the amount of faith one would need to be used by God.*

## Chapter 8 : Our History: Trusted Since | About Us > Timberland Bank

*Many small companies are one-trick ponies, betting their entire futures on a single product, a single service, a single location or even a single customer.*

## Chapter 9 : Diversification | Envestnet PMC

*After decades of rapid rural population growth and relative prosperity circumstances conspired to dismantle small family farms. The mechanization of agriculture, the rise of industrial cities, boom and bust economic cycles, and the*

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*deployment of young people during the First and Second World Wars all gradually depopulated the countryside.*