

## Kingdom Finance: 20 Principals behind Christian Prosperity (Part 2)

### Principal 13: The importance (and practice) of Renewing Our minds

- If we have grown up with the World's system of prosperity, we must unlearn certain things. Frankly, we need to renew (or make new) our minds. Consider:
- **3 John 2:** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
- Soul is our minds, will and emotions. A prosperous soul is filled with God's word but it doesn't start that way. Remember that we are made in God's image. We are tri-une beings. We have a spirit that has been perfectly regenerated when we are born again, we have a body representing our flesh, and a soul, which is our mind will and emotion. The soul is going through a process. It is being conformed to Christ.
- **Psalm 19:7:** The law of the LORD *is* perfect, <sup>[a]</sup>converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
- As we conform our souls we adopt God's laws of prosperity. Another way to say this is the less soulish we are the more prosperous we can be. Now adding to 3John 2, the next verse...
- **3 John 2-3 :** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. <sup>3</sup> For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth
- This passage further suggests that truth is critical for the soul to prosper. John 17:17 tells us where to find truth: in the Word. This is how we renew our minds.
- Put together, we will prosper under God's laws of prosperity to the degree we fill our hearts with these laws and obey them day to day. Meanwhile, our worldly traditions makes this tougher than it seems.
- **Mark 7:13.** making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."
- The traditions of men, which includes total reliance on self, the idea that one must win at ALL costs, or conduct business using bribes or other inappropriate behavior because "that's the way its done in this

industry or in this business” are exactly the kinds of traditions of men that will block us from prosperity!

- So part of renewing our minds, is replacing the traditions of Man with what the Word says. And, As Pastor Trisha would say, we must change our stinking thinking!
- God doesn't think about financial shortages and neither should we! That would be doubt and unbelief if we did. The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want; Declare it! Lean not on your own understanding! Unless you are starting to understand this!
- There are no problems that are impossible with God (Matthew 19:26). And Philippians as 4:13: I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. Fill yourselves with these scriptures and declare them over your life Church!
- God doesn't want us dwelling on financial problems either:
- **2 Cor 10:5:** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,
- Don't let external environment consume your thoughts! Focus instead on
- **Philippians 4:8:** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.
- **Selah!**

### More on how we renew our minds

- 1) *By studying the word.* 2 Timothy 2:15. The word for Study also translated as Labor. So study hard.
- Also 2) *meditate.*

- **Joshua 1:8. (NIV):** Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
- Only verse that has both prosperity and success in it! We meditate on it, speak it so that we own it and then we obey it! When we memorize scripture, it goes from our heads to hearts as we bring it up in our conversation.
- Echoed in **Psalms 1:1-3:** Blessed *is* the man  
Who 1) *walks not in the counsel of the [a]ungodly,*  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;  
2) *But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*  
And in His law he 3) *[b]meditates* day and night.  
3) *He shall be like a tree*  
Planted by the [c]rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And *whatever he does shall prosper.*
- Even if we face economic hardship in the coming days. We will be ok if we follow God's word. 4) study these principals. As Hosea 4:6 says, . My people are destroyed by lack of knowledge. And
- And Meditation is key.
- **1 Timothy 4:15:** Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.
- What we mean by meditation: What does the scripture mean? Are there certain Hebrew or Greek word definitions that can help clarify? What is the cultural context as well as the scriptural context? What is God telling me? What might I do differently both now and in the future as a result of it?
- Eastern mysticism says empty your minds! God's way is just the opposite. If you empty your mind you will open doors to unhealthy baggage!
- Head knowledge of God's laws for prosperity is not sufficient. Just like knowledge that Jesus Christ died for our sins is not sufficient for salvation. We must trust in him.
- It must move from head to heart. We must own these principals. Especially knowing the Word in our hearts.

- **Proverbs 23:7:** For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.  
“Eat and drink!” he says to you,  
But his heart is not with you.
- **Deuteronomy 11:18.** Therefore you shall <sup>[a]</sup>lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
- Through meditation, the laws of God move from the head to the heart.
- When the word of God is in our hearts, there is no fear. (Psalm 112) Fear results in things like hoarding, buying gold, etc. What if the so-called wealth transfer that everyone talks about will be manifest when we begin to adopt God’s principals for prosperity! I don’t think it will be sudden deposits in the bank. Strengthen and fortify your heart and as you fill it with God’s word I believe your bank accounts will be ready to receive what God has for you.
- Think of our minds like computers and our heart like data storage. When economic problems occur, pull scripture and God’s laws for prosperity out of your heart. Then we will act on faith based on what the word says, not what they tell you on late night television (to buy gold) or acting on fear.
- Imagine, think about, and speak to Financial Peace!
- **Philippians 4:6-7:** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- How do we know we are succeeding? It’s based on what comes out of our mouths. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.
- James 3:8 is a warning that it is tough to control your mouth, so there fore as your heart moves toward God, your tongue can reflect it.
- **James 3:8 (NIV):** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
- Remember, the word never returns void. Isaiah 55:11 says more. Worth looking at the whole verse:
- **Isaiah 55:11:** So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me <sup>[a]</sup>void,

But it shall accomplish what I please,  
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

- So, as we noted, don't speak of financial problems but proclaim and declare prosperity as you practice these principles. When it (wealth) happens though, don't proclaim it and provoke others to jealousy!
  - Know of a man who was going through bankruptcy and spoke many of God's promises every day. Especially I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me!
  - He came out of it and prospered mightily.
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#### **Review of Principals 1-13 – .**

- 1. Fear the Lord and Delight in His Commandments (Obedience)**
- 2. We have not Because we ask not!**
- 3. The Lord is always FIRST**
- 4. Pray into his promises not your problems**
- 5. Remember that the Lord owns EVERYTHING**
- 6. Do not be proud concerning any wealth you have**
- 7. Be a good Steward**
- 8. Rely on God for your finances!**
- 9. Don't Over-accumulate or hoard**
- 10. Plan for future generations**
- 11. Take care of others**
- 12. Watch for/Be wary of a poverty Spirit**
- 13. Importance of Renewing our Minds**

#### **Principal 14: Practicing/Doing God's Word (OK this is like Principal 1)**

- We can hear them. We can have them in our heart. But are we DOING them. Really deploying God's word in our lives.

**Matthew 7:24-27:** Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.

- Emphasizes the importance of DOING! When we fail to DO, we are building on a foundation of sand. When the economy trembles, we will not be able to stand.
- If we only hear the word we are deceived:
- **James 1:22:** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- when we fill our mouths and our hearts with the Word, we can DO the word or be obedient.
- There is also a concept of surrendering here. We are given a regenerated spirit and a soul or a new heart which is enabling us to walk in his statutes!
- **Ezekiel 36:26-27:** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

- This is a God enabled thing. Not on our own power but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Grace can be defined as God's enabling power!
- **Philippians 2:13 AMP:** For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure.
- As we do, we are blessed! Thank God for God. We cannot do this ourselves!
- **James 1:25:** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
- We must DO what God says in order to prosper: 1 Chronicles 22:12-13
- Over and over prosperity is connected to the word DO
- **1 Kings 2:3:** And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;
- **Isaiah 1:19:** If you are willing and obedient,  
You shall eat the good of the land;
- By the way, this is also the secret to long life (Proverbs 3:1-2 below). Length of my days AND long life. Difference? God makes room with the time we have. Our days lengthen! Pastor Peter is a great example
- **Proverbs 3:1-2:** My son, do not forget my law,  
But let your heart keep my commands;  
² For length of days and long life  
And peace they will add to you
- Obedience results in blessings which actually chase us according to
- **Deuteronomy 28:1-2:** Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and *overtake you*, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

- Are we convinced yet?
- OK, so what does God's law say about what we should **do** regarding Finances specifically?

### **Principal 15: The Law of Sowing and Reaping**

- Began with Genesis 8:22 speaks of seed, time and harvest. 5 principals here:
- Parable of the growing seed alludes to it....
- **Mark 4:26-27:** And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.
- Galatians 6:7 says for whatever a man sows he will also reap. Corn seeds produce corn. Apply this to every area of our lives!
- Want more love from your spouse? Plant seeds of love yourself. Works every time.
- Golden rule:
- **Matthew 7:12:** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- Verse 20 says By our fruits we know them. Another way of saying that from the harvest, we can tell what kind of seed was planted. Bad fruit, bad harvest.
- If we are angry or criticize others or are judgmental, we will find that that will be upon us. Either directly from others or even self directed by ourselves. Obadiah 1:15 says as you have done so shall it be done unto you.
- Seed time and harvest is a major part of sowing and reaping. Five key principals of Seed time and harvest.
  1. **The first principle of seedtime and harvest is this. You get what you plant or sow.**

The Bible states it, you reap what you sow. This is true both from a negative and a positive perspectives. If you plant discourse and trouble, you will reap discourse and trouble.

If you plant peace and harmony, you will see peace and harmony. Let me state the obvious. If you do not sow you will not reap. This should guide us in our lives. However, we begin with quite an advantage. Galatians 3:16:-30 explains that we are



blessed through the seed of Abraham which is also through Christ. Through our faith in Christ we are entitled to those blessings. We can own that promise! Having faith in Christ, which is the condition of Abrahams blessings as noted in Galatians, produces those blessings within our work environment. Every seed contains the DNA passed on through generations. As Isaac received his blessing through Abraham, we are entitled as well. Not by who we are but WHOSE we are – that is Christ. But we must NOT operate in the flesh, because that can block us.

**2.The second principle of seedtime and harvest is this: We reap the good harvest if we stay at it, if we persevere.**

If we plant seeds and do nothing, the weeds and animals quickly take over the garden and we reap nothing or very little.

But by being diligent and keeping the weeds out, the animals out, watering the plants, fertilizing and so on we worked towards the good harvest.

If you want to see your harvest, you have to stay at it. Keep working it. Isaac even sewed into famine. In Genesis chapter 26, Isaac planted seed and received 100 fold in that very year. He sewed into a bad condition so the condition would change. When things are not going well we can shift into extra service mode. .

In this modern age where everything is now. We don't have time to wait. We want what we want and we want it now. When we plant a seed, consider what actions you can take to cultivate it. For example, if we sow into a ministry, we should follow up with prayer. Is the Lord leading us to do something relating to it? We also need patience (time)!

**3.The third principle is this. You reap in a different season as you sow.**

Plant in the spring, harvest in the summer. There is time between planting and harvesting. It takes time for what you plant in your garden to become something you can eat.

**Genesis 8:22:**“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

This same principle is true with spiritual planting what you are reaping today was planted sometime ago. What you are planting today you will reap sometime in the future. Sometimes you have to wait years! This may be particularly true for people you minister to or invest in. This is certainly a financial truth too: It's called compound interest!

**4. The fourth principle of seedtime and harvest is this. We reap more than we sow.**

Again this principle like reaping what you sow has a negative and positive application. In the negative sense, we plant wrong motives, fleshly desires, SIN. It will always grow into more than we thought it would ever be. A little leaven works through the whole batch (Galatians 5:9). As frightening as that is, what a strong encouragement when seen from the positive side. What you sow for good, will also grow into more than you planted. More than you expect.

When you sow into your spiritual life, become diligent at maintaining it, God gives the increase and causes it to grow beyond your expectations! Remember, the original sewing happened when Adam and Eve failed and God declared that the seed, born of a woman (not where a seed would come from!), was going to crush the head of the serpent. (Why head? Satan had just gained the headship of the world and now through seed and the fullness of time, the world would be redeemed through Christ!) (Gal 4:4). And then when Mary is told she will bring forth a son. Bring forth is from the Greek "tikto" which literally means fruit produced from seed. As for time, it took 4,000 years! Keep going, stay at it it! We sow in life when we do the work Christ wants us to do.

**5. And last, the fifth principle is this. We reap in proportion to what we have sown.**

Same is true of our harvests. If you want to see a large harvest in your life both physically and spiritually then you sow accordingly.

[2 Corinthians 9:6 ESV](#)

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

- How do we apply this to our finances?
- **Ephesians 6:8:** knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free
- **2 Corinthians 9:8 (Amp):** And God is able to make *all* grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in *abundance* to you, so that you may *always* [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] *have complete sufficiency* in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him], and have an *abundance for every good work and* act of charity.

- Look at all the positive words in this scripture around All, always, abound, every. Note that it says God is able. What do we need to do to make it God “will” provide?
- Just read the two versus prior:
- **2 Cor 9:6-8).** But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows <sup>[a]</sup>bountifully will also reap <sup>[b]</sup>bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of <sup>[c]</sup>necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.
- We give or sow to allow God to multiply. He doesn’t need our money but he can only multiply what we sow, not what we retain. In a farm, do seeds in the bin grow and multiply? No. They must be sown. Same for us.
- The world says we should save. And I’m not saying we shouldn’t. But fear can cause us to save too much! This is where tithing can help you set a number to start with. That may grow later but this will allow God to multiply your seed.
- We actually never want to be tithing Christians! What? Meaning why would you only give 10% of your life to Christ??!
- Greatest example was Jesus himself. John 3:16! He gave himself for us. And by the way, the harvest was millions of souls!
- **JOHN 12:24: TLB:** I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.
- The only way for a seed to grow is to be buried in the ground and die! Even we have to die to self to live again.
- So our money must “die”. It must be given up. We have to let it go and plant it!
- People expect to make heavenly withdrawals without depositing in the bank of heaven
- If you have financial problems have you sown sparingly or plentifully? If a farmer has a bad crop, does he sow more seeds or less seeds the next year? Prov 11:24. And no farmer would “eat” all his seeds either.
- It’s also part of the great commission. To go to all the world and preach the gospel and make disciples may not be our calling although we are all

commanded to do so. I believe that through our sowing, our offerings we can fund others who can. Something to think about.

How much should we sow?

### **Principal 16: Tithes and offerings**

- Purpose is to put God first. Tithing is a 10<sup>th</sup> but it is the first 10<sup>th</sup> or firstfruits.
- **Deut 14:23** : And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.
- Also God began the cycle of giving at creation.
- **Proverbs 3:9-10**: Honor the LORD with your possessions,  
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;  
**10** So your barns will be filled with plenty,  
And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- Here is a verse that describes a cycle of honor and blessing that occurs between us and the Lord. Honor is from the Hebrew word Kabad – to be heavy, numerous, rich, honorable, to make weighty, to glorify.
- The word for possessions is Hone, which is wealth, substance but also the complete person as in a high status or honorable. And so this word is much more than wealth. It is who we are. We honor the Lord with possessions and who we are! Regarding possessions, the Lord has already provided them because he honors us by having given to us all that we possess in the first place!
- The root of the word possessions or ONE, refers to wealth but also to strength and substance. So in Luke 10:27 which is from (Deuteronomy 6:7) when we love the lord your God with all your heart soul and strength and with your mind and your neighbor as yourself, you are getting to the heart of that right relationship with God. When you give to the Kingdom, you are partnering with God to love your

neighbor. You are literally loving God when you give. And He loves us back with blessings. It is a beautiful love/honor cycle.

- The first word of the Bible, Bereshit is from the same root word that is translated as firstfruits. So God's very creation was His first fruits! He started this cycle of blessings and honor and love! We honor God with all that we have, all that we do FIRST. Then our barns will be filled with plenty. This is both warnings and blessings in Malachi 3:8-11

- **Malachi 3:8-11**: Will a man rob God?

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,

'In what way have we robbed You?'

In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse,

For you have robbed Me,

*Even* this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,

That there may be food in My house,

*And try Me now in this,*"

Says the LORD of hosts,

"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven

And pour out for you *such* blessing

That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*

<sup>11</sup> "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,

So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,

Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"

Says the LORD of hosts;

- First, tithing is the only place where the Lord says TEST ME! (v. 10) Can we test Him please? Watch what He can do!
- Some say this verse means if we don't tithe, we are robbing God. Some say we are no longer under the law. Let me give you a way to think about the law. Jesus summed it up as Love the Lord your God with all your heart soul and strength and love your neighbor as your self. Your heart is the key (no tattoos, also says don't shave your beard). What is ok? Are you obsessed with tattoos? Has it become an idol? What about a small cross. Read verse 10 carefully, why wouldn't we want to be under the law here!
- Well, are we under the law or not? Genesis 14:19-20 tells us that Abraham tithed, not because he had to but because he wanted to! We are all heirs of Abraham, through Christ: (Galatians 3:29.)
- And we should do the works of Abraham!

- **John 8:39 (AMP):** They answered, Jesus said to them, "If you are [truly] Abraham's children, then do the works of Abraham *and* follow his example.
- And Mat 23:23 implies Jesus favored tithing but again, not to the ridiculous degree the Pharisees did:
- **Mathew 23:23:** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, *without leaving the others undone*.
- This last phrase indicates Jesus did support tithing although he was rebuking the Pharisees for taking it to an extreme. Again, having a giving heart is the most important.
- By the way, why FIRST or First fruits? Doesn't take much faith to give after you see what's left over. We are to trust him and then live within the 90%! Our God does not deserve leftovers!
- By the way, Malachi 3:8 speaks of Tithes AND offerings. So we could look at that as tithes being the starting point!
- V. 11 is also the only place in scripture where God rebukes the devil to protect your possessions! That should tell you something about what God thinks of tithers!
- God loves a cheerful giver and that is the key here. Are you giving joyously, cheerfully, and anonymously?
- By the way, Churches sow too. If you see a church prospering financially, I promise you will see a church that is tithing! Yes, King of Kings Tithes. And then some!
- Should I tithe even if I am deep in debt? Well, you shouldn't be deep in debt and we will talk about this in the third session. But, yes, in sum, the same principals that will lead to abundance can get you out of debt. SO I would not use being in debt as an excuse not to tithe. More to come.
- Lets just say that in God's kingdom finance, tithes and offerings are better than any investment man can make in this world! Its not an investment out of fear but out of faith.

- **Luke 6:38:** Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full —pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.” (NLT)
- This verse repeats what we’ve been saying – the giving cycle returns blessing. But it also says you can’t outgive God! Picture a jar of oats. You press them down and now you can put more in them!
- Plus the fact that the gift is returned to you suggests that others can provide that gift. Your gift inspires others to give! Then they are in that blessing cycle. We can inspire others to give. That’s amazing!
- The giving of our money is important because it represents the giving ourselves, our abilities, our energy and our time. Money turns our employment into something that we can give to God. We spend a lot of time working. Yes, our work can be our called ministry but it can also be returned to the Lord through our tithe. By the way, God wants us to work (calling it good) but also to be able to give to those in need:
- **Ephesians 4:28:** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.
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- **Acts 20:35:** I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’
- Why is it more blessed to give than receive: 1) we put God ahead of our selfish interests (this obedience results in Him blessing us), 2) giving protects us from greed and covetousness (with the associated bad consequences of these sins – God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble (I Peter?)) 3) Giving shows that we trust God and are not living in fear, 4) when we give we start the blessing cycle. We open a channel where God can give back to us. If we withhold giving, we withhold blessing.
- I pray you will get to the point where giving a little hurts and giving more is actually easier!

## Principal 17: We should give Cheerfully and Quietly

- 2 Corinthians 9:7: *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of [a]necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*
- Let's remember that too! The word for cheerful there actually means noisy and full of fun and laughter! So be excited!
- Also remember that the word says to give anonymously. Or give quietly.
- **Matthew 6:1-4:** "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you [a]openly.
- **Principal 18: when Giving, give generously but sow carefully in good soil.** Directly or through the church.
- **Proverbs 22:9:** He who has a [a]generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.
- **Proverbs 28:27:** He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses
- Does this mean we should give to every beggar on the street? Money in some situations can hurt. [McDonalds gift certificate example]. But note, use discretion and seek the Lord's will in all giving situations:
- **Psalms 112:5:** A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.
- When we give to the poor we are fulfilling Galatians 6:2: Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- And also verse 7: which is whatever a man sows, he will reap.



- Can also help the poor by teaching him these principals of Kingdom Finance! And provide guidance on getting a job or even education or training.
- We should give even when it seems like we can't.
- **Principal 19: The importance of Proportional Giving**
- **Mark 12: 41-44:** Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. <sup>42</sup> Then one poor widow came and threw in two <sup>[a]</sup>mites, which make a <sup>[b]</sup>quadrans. <sup>43</sup> So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."
- It's not the amount that matters but the proportion.
- **2 Corinthians 8:12 (amp):** For if the eagerness [to give] is there, it is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

#### How to receive.

- **Principal 20: When you sow your seeds, cultivate and be patient!**

**Haggai 1:6-7:** You have sown much, and bring in little;  
 You eat, but do not have enough;  
 You drink, but you are not filled with drink;  
 You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;  
 And he who earns wages,  
 Earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes."

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

- Does the farmer plant seeds and ignore? No He cultivates, And he is patient. The law is Seed, TIME and harvest!
- Part of cultivation is prayer!
- TIME is important. Ecclesiastes says to every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens.
- **3 John2:** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- We discussed how The soul prospers over time through the sanctification process. Remember the spirit is regenerated but the soul is in a process of catching up. Good description of how we need to be patient for financial return as the Lord is patient, ever so patient, with us! See the parallel?
- **Galatians 6:9:** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
- Hebrews also ties faith to patience several times. The faithful and patient inherit the promises (Hebrews chap 6)
- **Hebrews 10:36(AMP):** For you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising], so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive *and* enjoy to the full what is promised. (AMP)
- While we wait, don't forget to declare that God has promised abundance! Speak the promises of Joshua 1:8, Psalms 1:1-3, Malachi 3:10 etc.!
- This is how we cultivate and water the seeds we have planted! all things are possible to him that believes (Mark 9:23)
- Doubtful words can block our faith and our abundance
- It is wrong to give for selfish reasons but it is not wrong to believe for receiving!
- Don't be afraid to believe for a specific amount to meet a need. That is part of God's Law of banking!
- James 4:2: says you have not because you ask not!
- Lets talk about
- **Mark 10:29-30:** So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother <sup>[c]</sup>or wife or children or <sup>[d]</sup>lands, for My sake and the gospel's, <sup>30</sup> who shall not receive a hundredfold *now in this time*—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

- This was said right after Mark 10:25: It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” We already spoke of the misconception concerning this verse
- but still, the answer is given in 10:28: Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.
- So we can enjoy a hundredfold return on earth and receive eternal life IF we are WILLING to leave everything and follow him! And that is not easy to do.
- Basically, we are back to the theme of putting God first.
- We must ask these questions: Have I really put the Lord first in every area of our lives? Have I studied the laws of prosperity and have I followed those laws?
- Do I really want Him to shower financial blessings on me not for my own selfish desires but to use these financial blessings to do His will?
- **Putting God first really sums up the entire message. Seel ye first the kingdom of God and all this will be given unto you.**

**Quick review of 20 Principals to Kingdom Finance:**

- 1. Fear the Lord and Delight in His Commandments (Obedience)**
- 2. We have not Because we ask not!**
- 3. The Lord is always FIRST**
- 4. Pray into his promises not your problems**
- 5. Remember that the Lord owns EVERYTHING**
- 6. Do not be proud concerning any wealth you have**
- 7. Be a good Steward**
- 8. Rely on God for your finances!**
- 9. Don't Over-accumulate or hoard**
- 10. Plan for future generations**
- 11. Take care of others**
- 12. Watch for/Be wary of a poverty Spirit**
- 13. Importance of Renewing our Minds**
  
- 14. Practicing/Doing God's word**
- 15. The Law of Sowing and Reaping/Seed, Time and Harvest**
- 16. Importance of Tithes and Offerings**
- 17. Giving Cheerfully and Quietly**
- 18. When Giving, give generously but sow carefully in good soil**
- 19. Importance of Proportional Giving**
- 20. When you sow your seeds, cultivate and be patient**