



## MONEY IS YOUR SLAVE!

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*And you will have knowledge of what is true, and that will make you free.*

**John 8:32**

*For where your treasure [wealth] is, there will your heart be also.*

**Matthew 6:21**

*The point is, before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to.*

**Romans 10:17**

Manifestation of financial prosperity does not happen automatically- nor is it an overnight experience. But there is a wealth of wisdom that when we seek the Kingdom first and co-operate with Wisdom, that will release money and it will find its way to you.

Let us give ourselves once-and-for-all for God's way of doing things!

*If you will give ear to my word and do it, the good things of the land will be yours (Basic English)*

*If you'll willingly obey, you'll feast like kings. (Message)*

**Isaiah 1:19**

## **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST: SOWING AND REAPING**

There are two sides to the principle of giving and receiving. Before you have authority over the receiving side, you must first have authority over the giving side.

When you take authority over you're giving; when you get to the place where money does not control and dictate you anymore and you are obedient to the Spirit of God in your giving—then only can you give attention to the reaping part.

## **MULTIPLICATION**

*He will bless those who reverently and worshipfully fear the Lord, both small and great.*

*May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children.*

*May you be blessed of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth!*

**Psalms 115:13-15**

The Lord multiplies your seed, favour and wisdom! Why would the Lord multiply? So you can give more and more! As you obey, He can on His part honour His Word by giving you more and more abundantly!

## **REMEMBER THE LORD**

***But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.***

**Deuteronomy 8:18**

In need people like to remember the Lord in their prayer and to quote their favourite scriptures, but we need to remember the Lord - being mindful of Him in our relationship with money.

**Why do we do this? For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).** We need money to preach this Gospel so that people can be saved.

The Bible also tells us in **1John3:8, The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]. Jesus said, I came that they may have life and abundance (John 10:10).**

In Christ, God the Father established 3 things:

1. To save the lost.
2. To demonstrate that the works of the devil is destroyed.
3. So His children can live the abundant life.

***But how are people to call upon Him Whom they have not believed [in Whom they have no faith, on Whom they have no reliance]? And how are they to believe in Him [adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him] of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?***

**Romans 10:14**

## **YOUR MONEY IS YOUR MEASURE STICK!**

***Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions.***

***One poor widow came up and put in two small coins-a measly two cents.***

***Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together.***

***All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford-she gave her all."***

**Mark 12:41-44 (Message)**

Jesus did not sit and watch the people praying. He has not watched the people in the sincerity of their worship. He did not listen to their word confessions or declarations. No, **Jesus looked how much they gave!**

God measures your love for Him through your money-your wallet.

**In verse 24 Jesus answered him, after the man became very sad, how hardly shall they that have riches enter in the kingdom of God. In the next chapter (chapter 19), we see a sinful man Zacchaeus, a sinful man who gave half of his wealth to the poor. Luke 12:34 says, for where your treasure (wealth) is, there will your heart be also.**

## **ARE YOU MONEY'S MASTER?**

<sup>24</sup> ***When they arrived at Capernaum, the tax men came to Peter and asked, "Does your teacher pay taxes?"***

<sup>25</sup> ***Peter said, "Of course." But as soon as they were in the house, Jesus confronted him. "Simon, what do you think? When a king levies taxes, who pay-his children or his subjects?"***

<sup>26</sup> ***He answered, "His subjects." Jesus said, "Then the children get off free, right?"***

***27 But so we don't upset them needlessly, go down to the lake, cast a hook, and pull in the first fish that bites. Open its mouth and you'll find a coin. Take it and give it to the tax men. It will be enough for both of us."***

**Matthew 17:24-27 (Message)**

Jesus tells Peter to do something extraordinary. Peter was a successful businessman, yet I think he never heard of such unheard thing! But when you commit your money and subject your business to Jesus; it moves from the ordinary to the extraordinary - supernatural!

God will give you favour, wisdom and strategy when you take authority over money and in obedience start sowing in God's Kingdom. When you take authority over your giving side; God will help you to have authority in the receiving.

***The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.***

**Proverbs 10:15 (Amp)**

## **ONLY GOD IS GOOD!**

Money is not evil—neither good. Yet so many people quote from **1 Timothy 6:10:10; for the love of money is a root of all evil: and some whose hearts were fixed on it have been turned away from the faith, and been wounded with unnumbered sorrows.**

It is the “love of money” that’s evil, not money in itself! Similarly, the lack of money is also evil because it is not from God.

The people, who will put God first in every area of their life, including their finances, don't have a love for money—they **RULE OVER MONEY.**

### **The Ethical Principle Of Character:**

It is based on the fundamental law that God has written principles that determine human behaviour.

*God wants you to be a Millionaire, but not if it is going to destroy you. God wants to take you through a process to develop fruit.*

**-Joyce Meyer**

***<sup>10</sup>Switching price tags and padding the expense account are two things GOD hates.***

***<sup>11</sup>Young people eventually reveal by their actions if their motives are on the up and up.***

***<sup>12</sup>Ears that hear and eyes that see- we get our basic equipment from GOD!***

***<sup>13</sup>Don't be too fond of sleep; you'll end up in the poorhouse. Wake up and get up; then there'll be food on the table.***

***<sup>14</sup>The shopper says, "That's junk-I'll take it off your hands," then goes off boasting of the bargain.***

***<sup>15</sup>Drinking from the beautiful chalice of knowledge is better than adorning oneself with gold and rare gems.***

***<sup>16</sup>Hold tight to collateral on any loan to a stranger; beware of accepting what a transient has pawned.***

**Proverbs 20:10-16 (Message)**

***The rich think their wealth protects them; they imagine themselves safe behind it.***

**Proverbs 18:11 (Message)**

***Luxury is not fitting for a [self-confident] fool-much less for a slave to rule over princes.***

**Proverbs 19:10 (Message)**