

Kingdom wealth
and How to
access it

Prophetic Perspective

“If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land,” *Isaiah 1: 19.*

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous,” *Proverbs 13: 22.*

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thou soul prospereth,” *3 John 1: 2*

Prophetic Perspectives

Foundation (Psalm 11:3), 1Kgs 3:3; 1Corth 2:9;
Ex. 3: 21, 12: 35 & 36:

-love

-favour

Kingdom wealth and access

Some food for thought:

- Finance often serves as a temperature gauge.
- Something visible on the outside to use as a measure of the inside.
- Matt 6: 21.
- Looking for a change of mindset from keep it cheap, scrimp and save for a rainy day, try to operate without spending money. 'Can you do it on the cheap, it's for God'.
- Church is after your money mentality.
- Financial direction reflects the priorities we hold to.
- If you say you believe in people but invest all your effort in a new building you have a gap between your values and your reality.
- Luke 16: 8 – parable of the shrewd manager.
- People in the world should not be more shrewd than us in any area.
- We need to ensure that this is not a curse on us.

The Influence of Money

Money's negative influence

- Morals and behaviour – the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil – 1 Tim 6: 10
- Elisha's servant – 2Kings 5: 20.
- Others – prodigal son using money to gain friends and influence, but only for a short time. Luke 15: 13.
- Spirit – Luke 16:3 – serve God or Mammon

Money's positive influence

Extend the Kingdom of God.

- Investment used to extend the Kingdom. Laying it at the feet of the apostles.
- So money is no longer something dirty, but something pure and constructive.
- Acts 2:45, Acts 4:34.

Commend the Kingdom – e.g. Solomon

- Excellence the key word of Solomon's kingdom.
- We think poor and poverty as having some kind of holiness. This comes from a wrong understanding that money itself is unclean – therefore business must be unclean.

Exemplifying the Kingdom

- Show what God is like through generosity, sacrifice and cheerful giving.
- John 3: 16, Mark 14:3 – the heart of God is to give.
- Need to give rather than needs to give to.
- Don't function on a needs-based level.
- Always have to handle finance as He wants, regardless of any needs in our spectrum.
- 2 Cor 8 7. Giving present with faith, earnestness etc...

Attitude is everything

- Prov 11: 24, 25. God wants everything – the money and our lives. The money is an expression of ourselves.
- An attitude that in anyway holds back would be contrary to God.
- Giving connected to spiritual health. Not raising money...
- Not about simple exchange of money but handling finance.
- The HOW of giving is clearly more important than the AMOUNT.
- God's measure is cost.
- Ex 25:2 and 36:3,5. Freewill offering. This reflects God's heart more accurately.

- **Times and Seasons *Joshua 5: 1-12***
- *Egypt*. Poverty is part of the curse of not living right. Not about what we have but more about how we think.
- *Wilderness*. Miracle provision, just enough for the season. A different season.
- *Promised Land*. Purpose to live off the land. Accurately prosperous – successful.
- Poverty > Just enough > Prosperous through the journey from Egypt to Canaan.

Principles of Supply

- Willingness to suffer hardship – Egypt.
- Trusting God for supply – Wilderness.
- Sowing and reaping – Promised land.
Right living.
- Don't follow idea of keeping people poor as they're serving God.
- God as source, employer as channel.

Law of Reciprocal Giving

When we open the door and receive his promise we allow for an inward flow of grace and gifts to allow our outward flow. -Law of reciprocal giving or self-administered return.

- We enjoy forgiveness if we forgive.
- Freely give, for you have freely received.
- Give and expect to receive - right
- Give in order to receive – wrong

- Wealth of the wicked coming to the righteous – Proverbs 13:22; Prov 19:17; Eccl 9: 10
- Taking finance from Babylon into the Kingdom of God to assist the building of the Kingdom.
- No longer just about miraculous provision of God. Now we look to His provision actually from within the midst of Babylon.
- Our finance cannot take a missionary mind-set. It must be an apostolic mind-set.
- Missionary: “We give you what you need, we provide for you, that’s the way it will always be.”
- Apostolic: empowering. The Church, the Kingdom must show and enable how to do this. Equipping not dependency. Change way beyond finance into mentality, heart and operation.

Accessing the good of the land

- Isaiah 1: 19 – willingness and obedience
- Must possess the entrepreneurial mindset.

Entrepreneur: *somebody who sees opportunities others do not see and marshals the resources to capitalise on them. Who sets up and finances new commercial enterprises to make a profit.*

John 21: 1 ff- Not just about hard work, but God helping us to be obedient

Setting Up an Entrepreneurial Business

“Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.”

Proverbs 24: 3 and 4 (TLB)

Setting up an entrepreneurial business

- **The creative phase** – writing, philosophising, coming up with new ideas.
- **Productive phase** – just want to get the job done, doing tasks that don't take a lot of creative thought but require work and time.
- **Operational phase** – delivery/sales of the product or service. Cleaning floors or producing a brand of tea!
- **Organisational phase** – cleaning up after the solid production phase, organising files, planning new strategy, organising your time and your life.
- **Requires risk** – Phil 2: 30, Matt 25: 14 – Talents required diligence and risk not safety and security

Why we do not take risks

- **Reasons against risk:**
 - no expectation of increase. - Not enough to make a difference.
 - Focus on what we haven't got – God would prefer us to focus on what we have.
 - Paralysed by fear.
 - Poverty mentality.
 - Mendicant spirit.
- Parable of the Talents: 3rd Servant: honest, sensible, didn't run off with it, did what he thought right. He was SAFE. YET he did wrong. He didn't do what the master required of him.

Maturity Factor

Deuteronomy 11: 8 – 18

*The terrain of the 'land' is complex and vast
Requires highly developed complex minds:
Heart locked into divine instructions.*

***The necessary physical conditions for
increase and productivity are dependent
on the state of the heart in relation to
divine instructions.***

Maturity Factor

- Intense warning due to immense plenty
Deuteronomy 8: 1 – 14
- 1Timothy 6: 6 - 10

Practical Budgeting

- Live by faith, not by budget.
- But not to have a budget is unreal. Ostrich mentality.
- Live by faith, listening to God but using budgeting.
- God owns everything – Psalm 24, Psalm 100, Heb 1:3, Col 1:17
- We are all stewards
- All giving is to God – but has to be done through human agency. Matt 25:37-40
- Tithes, Offerings, Alms – the needs of the poor. Deut 15:11.
- Crucial position of the heart.

Investment

- Real Estate
- Shares
- Sales (Move stuff from where they are in large supply to where they are in short supply and add mark-up for your time and efforts)
- Partnerships/trust ventures
- Transport
- Education/Training
- Agroindustries – pure water, food, groceries packaging- ice cream, yoghurt, confectioneries, food deliveries, trspt logistics.

POSSIBILITY MENTALITY Romans 4:

¹⁷ (as it is written, “*I have made you a father of many nations*”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “*So shall your descendants be.*” ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.