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**THIS WAY**

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The crowd had all gather around. People were putting in very large sums of money and the people all gasped and commented as the collection container filled up. Everybody was so interested in how much everyone gave. Here came the rich man from the town he made a big thing of dropping in some money and the spectators were shocked by the amount.

Then suddenly as if out of nowhere came an old lady she opened her purse and dropped in a few coins. The crowd snickered and some even laughed. I mean who needed what she had to give.

One man stood out separate to the crowd. His eyes burned with the fire of passion. He stood and drew the attention of many. It seemed people were waiting to hear what He had to say. This was the man who always seemed to



see things different from other men. What was he going to say? Could it be he was going to rebuke the old lady for her measly gift?

They were right, He did see things different.

Everyone saw how much people put in but this man saw how much people still had in their pockets. He understood that the way man sees things is opposite to how God sees things. Man looks at how much went in God looks at how much money we still have.

The man, who was Jesus, understood the old lady had nothing left. She put in all that she had and was now dependent on a miracle to live.

Sure others had put in large amounts but compared to what they could have put in the amounts they gave meant nothing.

Jesus spoke and said surely this woman put in more than anyone. She gave all she had and others put in out of their surplus. Jesus understood you must give all to get. So that you can give all again.

Zechariah 9:7 ask the Lord for rain, In the time of the latter rain.

Today when we think of finances there are many different emotions that are stirred. It is a hot button of an area as there has been so much abuse and so much exploitation of the saints.

As we journey together in this little study may the eyes of your understanding be opened sufficiently for you to understand the areas God wants to change you in. Substantial growth and financial blessings will come if you can catch the principles of God in revelation knowledge towards finances and giving.

At the time of writing this home foreclosures are at the highest they have ever been in the USA and the economy is hurting. Recently after ministered in a meeting a young lady explained to me how she was earning \$10 000 a week and now her home is now in foreclosure. Obviously she did not understand Gods way of thinking on finances and change was needed.

I believe as we learn and apply Gods principles in financial areas we are free. We live debt free and are the head and not the tail. Many saints live a carnal understanding of finances. Meaning it is all about them and how much they can get. Scriptures like "*it is better to give than to receive*" are never lived by revelation. They do not want increased blessing so they can give more. They want increased financial blessing to help meet their needs. A change began in our lives when we asked for money to give rather than to use for our needs. I remember saying God I would like to be able to give thousands as an offering. We want to turn up at peoples houses with thousands and even tens of thousands. What a freedom to get out of the realm of our needs and wants to bless others.

In my experience as financial blessings increase the recipient tends to move from generous giving to tipping God and trying to control what people do with the financial gifts

they give. Looking at percentages of giving. The amount of money may increase but the percentage giving according to income reduces.

You may be faced with a huge financial mountain a massive debt, home foreclosure or just in need of an understanding of Godly prosperity. Then through the following pages we will touch on some of these things. This article is not meant to be a complete work on kingdom finances but God willing it will provoke thought in you that is God and will bring about change in your financial outlook.

I have always believed in sowing and reaping. Have always been active in giving but recently God showed me some principles that became revelation. Living out of a revelation supercharges what happens in your life. To fall into a pattern of giving that is religious or even a blind act of obedience does not bring the fruit in your life to its full potential. When we do not see the harvest in proportion to our continual giving it can be a little disheartening and an obstruction to our further giving.

As the verse in the beginning states ask the Lord for rain at the time of latter rain. I believe we are in that time where we can ask for rain, latter rain. It is time for the saints to as the bible says, collect the wealth of the wicked that is stored up for the righteous. Now when I say that, the receiving of wealth in the kingdom of God is never meant to be a self thing. When God blesses you there is great prosperity in your life but it is for the purpose of the kingdom. For the purpose of giving. As it says in Matthew seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.

Giving should never a selfish act and receiving should never be either. When you receive it is for enlargement and a time of growth. When it comes to giving amount less than \$100 it is fairly easy to give. Really we have

all given amounts less than \$100. When God starts to really bless you do you have the foundation in God and the understanding to give away \$20 000 just like it was \$20. God may tell you to give away \$20 000 when you only have \$30 000. Giving in large amounts is harder for many reasons and the primary reason is, when amounts increases we want to see more visible accountability and satisfaction for our giving. Never allow yourself to fall into this trap. Be as free with \$20 000 as you were with \$20 when it is in obedience to God. If you can stay free and loose sight of the numbers. God you will increase you to \$200 000 levels and so on. If I can give away \$200 000 then I am at place where God is bringing in those amounts and



what a blessing. A principle that needs to be mentioned here and will never change is the principle of the tithe. God requires ten percent of all our income to be paid to the spiritual authority in our lives which usually is the church pastor. Without thought or waiting to hear from God the tithe needs to be given straight away to build a foundation that all our giving is built on. You do not need to pray where to tithe as the bible tells you to tithe. Give your tithe and give it fast and willingly or you begin to erode the foundation of financial blessings in your life.

The next area of giving is offerings. Now offerings are a huge area and should never be locked down into one of giving. To bring all your offerings to the church is not a Godly principle. Offerings should consist of when God touches your heart to sacrificially give to a need. A very real danger with offerings is the temptation to give to receive. Meaning we give to people who we believe in, or believe in the direction in their life. If we do not see fruit that pleases us for our offering we stop giving. Bringing our offerings to a carnal level and anything carnal is never blessed. If God is

telling you to give then give and forget about where you gave it. God knows things you don't. Ask yourself the question could you stop and give \$20 000 to a person who you know little of and may never see again.

I remember returning from a ministry trip in the USA before we lived here. We stopped at a church in Japan where we had ministered and this particular night they were praying for a team who was being sent on a mission trip to Mozambique. I had \$1000 cash in my wallet and wanted to give it somewhere. As they prayed for the team God spoke into my heart and said give the \$1000 to a team member who was from England. Now I had never spoken to her and knew nothing of her. After the meeting I gave her an envelope with \$1000 cash in it. She paid no attention at first thinking my wife and I were giving her our contact details. Needless to say when she opened it she was amazed and gave the testimony later to us how she had booked the flights to Mozambique and had to pay the next day. She had no money and was praying for God to provide. Here came two strangers and gave her \$1000 which was what she needed. She could have spent the money on jelly beans for all I know. We gave the money to God not to her she was just the recipient. Her accountability for that money began when we gave to her, that accountability is with God not us. Once I gave I was free and her journey began.

#### Seeds that others have sown and abandoned.

When I think of these seeds I can see there is a kingdom principle here. You can abandon your seeds you have sown previously or you can forget about them. When this happens maybe you will see a blessing and maybe not. Faith like this becomes hit and miss and even carnal.

In faith you have to have a release point, when you are fortunate enough to have a release point you will see an answer. When we see a deaf ear open there is always a release point or a activation. Straight after we pray we have

them test for sound and there is always a healing PRAISE GOD! Faith is never meant to be passive it is an aggressive holding onto the promise God has given you. Like with healing it is no different with finances.

I know of a pastor who served many years in Boston. He believed there would be a revival in this area and prayed fasted and wept many times for this area I am sure. After time and many attacks from the enemy he took his family and left never to return. He once said to me Scott I will never go anywhere near Boston ever again. Now let me ask you what happened to the seeds he sowed here? He will never



return to harvest those seeds but the seeds he sowed have promise locked in them. Those seeds are bursting with life through a promise of God that must bear fruit. A promise of God that has to come to pass in the seeds planted in the ground here in Boston. I began to understand some of these seeds are locked away in the ground and need to be cultivated and watered to receive the ability to grow.

I was sharing this with a pastor friend of mine. He told me how he had pulled down his swimming pool. Now for many months there had been a dead patch on his lovely grass. A dead patch the size of a swimming pool and nothing grew there. He decided to re-seed the patch, water it and enjoy the grass. Much to his surprise three or four different kinds of plants grew. He had only planted grass but there were seeds locked away under the hard dry soil that came to life with the new act of faith in growing new grass.

It is the same with finances in the kingdom.

Now before you say how can I harvest someone else's seed lets look at John 4:35-38

*Joh 4:35 Do you not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes? Look! I*

*tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields and see how they are already white for harvesting.*

**Joh 4:36** *Already the reaper is getting his wages [he who does the cutting now has his reward], for he is gathering fruit (crop) unto life eternal, so that he who does the planting and he who does the reaping may rejoice together.*

**Joh 4:37** *For in this the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.*

**Joh 4:38** *I sent you to reap a crop for which you have not toiled. Other men have labored and you have stepped in to reap the results of their work.*

I always presumed this passage strictly referred to winning the lost. Upon further study you can see there is a principle of the kingdom here. You can reap that for which someone else has labored. Other people have prayed for revival in Boston and God has bought us from the other side of the world to help facilitate this. Others have sowed and we are reaping. To limit this passage is to limit a move of God in your life and in your finances. We began to see we can harvest fields we have never labored in, but how?

Now I am by no means a farmer but I do understand that everything needs water to grow. Soil needs to be aerated, fertilized and looked after for maximum yield. It is exactly the same in the area of finances or any area in God for that fact. Break up the fallow ground

**Hos 10:12** *Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.*

**Jer 4:3** *For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns.*

To break up your fallow ground identify where the ground is that you have sowed previously. Reseed and water, break up the

ground and watch your seeds grow by faith. When we first saw this we took money and started to give. We gave far above and beyond when was normal of us. It was above and beyond tithing and a small offering. You see we wanted to pour water into the ground, cultivate it and see it broken up. As we did this money started to turn up. In seven years of living with no visible means of income I cannot remember ever having money mysteriously arrive in the mail from someone we did not know. The day we started reseeding the soil and watering again a letter arrived from an unknown person with money in it. We have a period of great blessing and have used much of that blessing to continue to water and seed soil.

If you sow, water and cultivate the ground where you know your seeds are, then like my friend with his swimming pool other previously sown seeds will grow. There is a point where reaping will overtake the sowing and that comes because you are reaping not only your seeds but seeds others have sown and abandoned.

We discovered another key if you are used to sowing lots of \$10 then believe and sow lots of \$100. Then start to believe for lots of \$1000 to sow then lots of \$10 000 and so on. I am sure you get the point. Faith is an active living thing and should be ever increasing. If it is not then religion has crept in.

If you have not seen a growth progression in your giving then may I suggest you have not been giving in revelation faith. Faith

grows it is a living vital and active thing. True faith will never stop growing and a sure sign of faith in giving is that where once you gave in hundreds you now give in thousands. Religious giving or giving based in obedience only, can still yield fruit but nothing like giving in faith. We should give in a spirit of faith and trust in



Jesus, that results will come. So we can give more. It is easy to tithe and offer gifts regular to the church, stopping short of activating faith to it's potential in giving. Give and it shall come back to you

**Luk 6:38** *Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.*

Lift your giving out of the natural realm and place it firmly in the supernatural God promises of increase. Give above and beyond, not out of compulsion or reluctance. Give and give until you have a spirit of giving on your life in financial areas. Break up hard ground around your giving mentality that has been bought about by disappointment and abuse.

Disappointment in not seeing sufficient harvest for the gifts we have given and abuse from men or religious systems that have tricked, conned and begged giving from you. If you have allowed disappointments and abuse to oppress you. Then repent before God for allowing your attitudes to hold you back. If you know you have not reached the potential God wants for you financially then repent.

As God started to speak to my life about this area I had to repent. I had allowed an attitude to develop in my life towards prosperity preachers. Yes in my opinion many of them are out of balance but I had allowed an attitude to develop where I was not open to hear from them in anything. I had decided I did not need anything they had to say. In doing this I was cheating myself of the prosperity God wanted for me. Some of these men speak Godly principles but from a spirit that is not what I want to align with. Humble yourself submit to God and the devil will flee from you.

As we conclude lets mention a few actions that help us. The first thing is when you are worried about money go and give some away. Secondly before you can go up a level you must show you are willing to give as if you were on that level already. Remember faith is a growth in us. If you want to see hundreds of thousands then give hundreds of thousands away. You will have passed through the thousands and tens of thousands level and now hundreds of thousands is waiting for you. If you ever want to see millions then give away so much on the hundreds of thousands level the harvest takes you onto the millions level. Keep giving as your way of life in Jesus and you will constantly live harvest.

So pray about it and act. Remember if you always do what you have always done you will always be what you have always been.

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