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The real source of lasting wealth

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WEALTH CONVERSION

Let me wrap up on the subject "Financial Fortune is my Heritage in Christ". I believe very strongly that reading through this material, you will not be disappointed in the name of Jesus.

I understand that I have mentioned some keys in part 1 of this subject, we can preach about tithing from today till the end of a generation, but until you have a revelation and conviction on the subject, nothing is going to change.

So, I am encouraging you today to switch your heart and your conscience to the point of deciding on how you want to live your life and how you want your financial journey to look like. The truth is this, most of us want things from God but we do not even know what we want them for. I said, if you want to have money, you must first answer the question of why do I need money? Is it to make somebody's life comfortable or make somebody's life more difficult?

In Luke 12, there was a man that had money, which led to his death. His crops had produced, his farms brought a lot of harvests. Then he sat down and looked at the harvest, and said, now I can relax my soul, eat, and be satisfied. And the Lord said to the man, you have missed the essence of this wealth and the essence of this increase- today, I'm going to take your soul.

You see, until you answer the question of why you need financial prosperity, getting wealth is not going to serve a good purpose. When money enters the hands of a man without a purpose for it, that is what is going to lead to his end. Every time money comes without God being involved in it; it takes the soul of a man away. The devil said to Jesus "I will give you wealth; I will give you all these things you can see if only give me your soul".

And that is why the Bible says, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

Every time money comes into your hands without purpose, the first place it attacks in your life is your soul. So please make the kingdom of God the purpose of your wealth. Let the kingdom of God be the essence of what you want to have. God's servant, Bishop Oyedepo was sharing; he said one day he was in his village and he saw a church building that was not completed for many years and he said to God, I don't like this. God if you bless me this is the kind of things, I want to foot for you, so he said. Today, Bishop Oyedepo has built many churches outside the Winners' family.

My dear friends, when it is in your heart to serve the purpose of God, He will put it in your hands. *Proverbs 19:17 says: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again"*

You see, When you are giving unto the poor, when you're serving the interest of God and when you are paying your kingdom obligations, what you're doing is that you're putting God to a commitment of His promises.

GIVE-OFF CURSES

Dear friends, when you give, you avert curses. When you give unto the Lord, curses are written off. In Genesis 8:22, Noah made a sacrifice unto the Lord. He pleased the Lord and the Lord said, "as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest time will not cease, and I will no longer curse the ground for man's sake". So, when you give unto the Lord, He heals your land and help you avert every curse over your life.

Also, when you give unto the Lord, you will have divine health. *John 15: 2* says "...and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit".

Exodus 23:25 says: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee".

When you serve God and people with your resources, you get divine health in return. The person that takes care of the poor never dies. That is how God runs His agenda. Every time you give to people, do not forget that you are only giving a loan to God. "he that giveth unto the poor, lendeth unto the Lords…"

I read about a man who was sick and as soon as the newspapers break the news of his illness, everybody across the world started praying for him. A man was interviewed, 'why were you shouting over the media that nothing must happen to the sick man'? He said, 'if anything happens to him, my kids will not go to school again'. Friends, this is what happens, when you lend unto people, their soul prays for you even in your absence.

Another benefit of giving is fruitfulness. When you lend to the Lord it comes to you back in multiple folds. *Proverbs 11:24, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty".* It says there is he that gives out but is increasing as he is giving because everything that he gives out becomes a seed in the hands of the receiver.

TITHING

We have been talking about tithing; yes, some people do not like to hear it and others may think it has been overemphasized. Well, I tell people and I am saying the same to you today, you can not tithe into His blessings except you have a full understanding of what tithe does.

According to Malachi 3, tithing protects you from devourers. So please do not be a Christian that practices the part of God's instructions that is convenient for you.

HELPING OTHERS

Secondly, I want you to be reminded that the fastest route to the top is helping others get to the top. If in your life, you cannot look back and find people you have helped to be better, then you have not started living for a godly purpose. Until you come to a point in your life, where you can truly identify somebody that you are helping to live a better life, you have not started your journey. Please learn to offer help when somebody is going down. We brought nothing here, and we are going empty. All that is going to stand for us in the day of judgment are the things we do with the time and resources we have and the people that we have helped to fulfil their own purpose. Understand that life gives you what you give to it. Life will help you in the dimension that you are willing to help others.

Job 29:11-16, "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: 12. Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. ... 15. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. 16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out".

Are you an eye to the blind or an obstacle to the blind? Are you helping someone you know desperately needs help? Are you helping someone you know cannot find a solution except you?

Friends, I want to encourage you today, never forget in your life to help someone when you have the power to do so. Never forget to help somebody get to the top. That is all fulfilment is all about. That is all that will be left in our minds when we are left with the last breath in our nostrils. All that will be left in us is "how many people have I influenced in my life?"

When they came to arrest Jesus Christ, Peter drew out a sword in defence of Jesus. He stripped off a man's ear and right there Jesus said, "Peter, that

won't be necessary, I know you have the passion to defend me, I know you are helping me out, but this is not necessary".

After Jesus left, amid persecutions, Peter denied Jesus three times. But when Jesus resurrected, He went straight to Peter while Peter was still in confusion. I imagined Jesus saying to Peter "I know that you denied me, but I will never forget that when I needed you most to defend me, you were there for me. Therefore, now that you need me, I am here for you.

You see friends, sometimes in life, your next miracle rests in helping someone to obtain his own miracle. Your next turnaround is helping someone to get his own turnaround. You are going through addiction, don't neglect those going through the same.

Bishop Oyedepo said, they brought him a list of students for a scholarship. He wrote a cheque for them and those students went back to school. A few years later, Oral Roberts University sent him a letter saying, "Dear Bishop Oyedepo, this is to inform you that we have granted a scholarship to your son in the University". You see, while he was busy taking care of other children, God was busy on his son.

I remember my mother's story as well. My mother taught me one of the biggest lessons in life. She did not go to school or have the required education, but one thing about her is that you will always find a minimum of 10 children in the house. Most times, none is her biological child, yet she takes care of them all. No one paid her to do this. The children were usually from one cousin or the other, or one family member or the other.

I have come to realize that every moment of my life, I always find someone to help me. And that is how life works!

When you take care of others, your generation is taken care of. I remember when we were moving to the nation of Canada, we did not have anywhere

to stay. While my wife was packing her things at work, she said to one of the expatriates, I will be leaving for Ottawa.

And the man said, "I just came back from Canada, when I was leaving Ottawa for Nigeria, something told me to hold my key that somebody in Nigeria will need it". Be a blessing, you will reap it.

THERE IS A RAVEN

Dear friends, no matter what you decide, if you do not provide help to somebody when they need it when you are in a capacity to, please know that God will raise someone else to provide it. I live my life on this revelation. If you see an opportunity to help someone and you do not do it, somebody else will.

There is a story in the Bible of a bird called a raven. A raven is one of the most wicked birds in the world. This bird is the only bird among the species of birds that do not give food to its children.

1King 17:6-7 shocks us. It says: "And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Imagine this bird that does not feed its own family; this bird that does not feed its children, when God wanted to fulfil His own purpose, He used that same bird to feed Elijah.

Friends, know that there is always a raven somewhere to help someone in trouble. If you step in, then you get the blessing. Take steps to help someone in trouble, take steps to be a part of people's history, take steps to be a part of making people's lives better. Let people share their testimonies and mention your name. Do things that promote the cause of God. Help charity, help people, let them live a better life. May the God of heaven continue to provide help for you as you help others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Joseph was in the prison with a butler and a baker. The butler came to him and said, I had a dream. Joseph interpreted the dream of the man right inside the prison. Joseph did not say "I have my problems also; I am in the prison unjustly and I shouldn't have been here".

When the butler was released, the king was troubled and needed someone to interpret his dream. Well, the Butler remembered Joseph and said to the king, "there was a man I met in the prison, he helped me out of my challenges. I think this can help you out".

If Joseph had not interpreted the dream of the butler, he will never have had the opportunity to interpret the dream of the king. Sometimes, people are in problems for your sake. People are in trouble because God wants to bless you. I believe, the butler was in prison because he needed to help Joseph come out of prison.

I read the story of two young men in the city of Houston. Their ministry is called Laura and Rob. Both had a ministry to reach out to the motherless and they built a motherless home to honour their son called the Caleb Foundation, and their daughter worked in the foundation. This family gathered young children in the home and took care of them.

One day, their biological daughter was to introduce her fiancé to Laura and Rob, she walked in with one of the boys raised in the orphanage. This is how God works! Today, both are happily married.

THE SPIRITUAL WEALTH

We now need to look at spiritual dimension of wealth. *Mathew 6:19 says "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal"*. It is transferring your physical wealth to covenant wealth. Materials can be wiped out, no matter who owns it. Whatever you give to God in exchange is preserved.

No matter what you buy in the physical; shares, bonds, or you buy anything; until you have a spiritual investment and a spiritual treasure laid for yourself nothing is secure that is invested on the earth.

If all your definition of wealth is material things only; if everything you know about wealth is your house, car, family, cloth; you will be forced to take a wrong step including stealing. There is another dimension of wealth which is giving to your parents, pastors, needy, God's kingdom; that is the spiritual dimension of wealth.

Genesis 14, Abraham met Melchizedek king of Salem. He gave him the spoils of war and in return, Melchizedek gave Abraham bread and wine. *Gen 14:18 "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the highest God"*. Abraham gave his physical resources, while Melchizedek gave bread and wine representing the blood and flesh of Christ in exchange for physical resources. Interesting! Friends, you must get to a point, where you can exchange your physical resources for supernatural resources which is investing in what God is happy about.

A little boy converted two loaves and five fishes into twelve baskets. Jh. 6

Peter did the same thing, Jesus asked for Peter's boat. When Peter gave Jesus his boat, Jesus gave Peter fishes that would never have come from natural senses.

God must be involved in your resources.

ONE SEED FOR MANY YEARS

2 Chronicles 15:18-19. "And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa". There was no war for 35 years of his reign, just one seed from Asa secured 35 years.

Isaac called his children to bless them. He said to them, go and get a ram and bring it to me, cook it and I want to eat, for the blessing.

Isaac told his children to bring their resources, he needed to convert it to spiritual resources for them. Jacob brought his physical resources and got blessings. When Esau came and saw that Jacob had taken the resources, there was nothing left for him; the Bible says Esau wept. What made Esau cry? It was not the fact that he just lost the car or a house, it was the fact that he was not able to covert his natural resources to a spiritual one. And that cost him 25 years of his life before he met God and recover.

No matter what level you are, somebody is depending on you to live a better life. No matter what level you are, there is somebody down somewhere depending on you to rise. Find them, transform your resources, and live a better life.

Be blessed!

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