

Supernatural Provision in Finances (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

I. GOD USES MONEY TO HELP US TO GROW IN LOVE AND FAITH

- A. The only way in which the End-Time prayer and worship movement will be established is by supernatural finances as God opens the financial windows of heaven and transfers great wealth.
6 “Once more...I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory... 8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,” says the LORD of hosts. (Hag. 2:6-8)
- B. God will supernaturally release finances as we are faithful to connect with Him in our money.
10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this” says the LORD, “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. 11 I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground...” (Mal. 3:10-11)
- C. God opened the door of “supernatural finances” to three poor youth: Joseph, David and Esther.
- D. We are entering into an unprecedented time of history in which great finances are being released and thus fear and selfishness (covetousness) will be exposed in those who receive this increase.
25 There will be signs in the sun...and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. (Lk. 21:25-26)
- E. Faith and fear is the spiritual battlefield in our every day life. Finances give us a unique insight into our heart so as to help us deal with other areas of our life. It shines the light of insight into our character. Fear is a spirit that is powerful. Giving gives us opportunity to confront that spirit.
- F. Our emotions are deeply engaged and openly exposed through the way we handle our money. If someone hates a man, he sues him, if he loves him then he gives him a gift. Money causes our emotions and fears to come to the surface. We can see clearly into our heart in our use of money.
- G. God prospers people so they can grow spiritually and more deeply connect with God as they see areas of darkness in their heart that are best exposed in context to handling money. It is meant by God to be a litmus test to reveal fear and selfishness in our character that are manifest in other areas of our life (speech, relationships, time, sexuality, etc.) in order to prepare us for the Judgment Seat of Christ and our place in the Millennial Kingdom.
- H. One aspect of the blessing of prosperity is in exposing our covetousness so we can uproot it before we stand before God at the Judgment Seat of Christ. We are by nature selfish (covetous) but only receive revelation of this by the grace of God. This happens most when we have more money. When we prosper we have opportunity to see and confront our fears and selfishness. Whereas, we can spend time in the Prayer Room and see our spiritual barrenness and boredom.

II. GOD RETURNS TO US IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO OUR GIVING (TIME, MONEY, ETC)

- A. Jesus taught that God returns in proportion to our giving. Love is not minimized because we remember God's rewards that provide us with a greater ability to show love by giving more to others. We are to know the God ordained consequences of our actions that motivate more love.

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. (Lk. 6:38)

- B. The central truth of receiving finances from God in proportion to our giving is seen in Proverbs.

²⁴ There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. ²⁵ The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. (Prov. 11:24-25)

III. UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEED AND BREAD

⁶ He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully...¹⁰ May He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

- A. God provides each of us with finances for two distinct purposes: to provide us with *seed to sow* and with *bread to eat*. We ask, "Which part of our money is seed and which part is bread?"

1. God gives us "*bread money*" for personal use (food, house, bills, recreation, etc.). He gives us daily bread as money to supply for our family needs and wants.
2. God gives us "*seed money*" to sow that it may be supernaturally multiplied.

- B. We must not eat our seed money because seed only multiplies if we sow it. Giving releases God's dynamic activity in our lives (spiritually, relationally, financially, etc.), therefore, the Lord requires that we see at least 10% of our finances as seed to sow. God requires tithing because people "default to fear" which shuts down the process of supernatural multiplication.

- C. God promises us a threefold blessing for faithfully sowing financial seed. First, He will multiply our financial seed. Second, He will increase the fruits of our righteousness. This affects our heart and the hearts of others (now and in the age-to-come) and includes receiving more revelation, grace in relationships, growth in love, etc. Third, He will cause others to thank Him. God is never more glorified than when His people live with thankfulness. This is what He wants most.

- D. We must refuse a poverty mentality. The Father is looking for partners to be a "source of supply" for the prayer movement. This requires a paradigm shift in finances. Our only limitation is God's will (not our ability to make money). We commit to this then walk it out in small numbers.