

Establishing a Culture of Kingdom Finance and Prosperity

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

- God's very nature is to freely give.
- Giving increases our capacity for His love within among us.
 - Matt 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Giving activates God's power in every dimension of our lives.
 - Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom..."

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Giving - Church vs. Kingdom Mindset:

- Church mindset – building "cisterns" (Jer. 2:13).
- Kingdom mindset – building supply lines (2 Kings 20:20; John 7:37-39; Acts 4:32-35).

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Stewardship: the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and material possessions, based on the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in His service for the benefit of His kingdom.

- Life – What we have received.
- Time – What we have been allotted.
- Talents – What we have been given to use.
- Possessions – What has been entrusted to us.
- Finances – What we have labored for.

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Luke 16:1-13

✦The Kingdom of God operates on the principle of stewardship.

–Our first place of investing our stewardship is in relationship with God.

–Second is investing in God’s calling.

–Third is investing in people.

✦This is particularly for those people who share the same vision and values (Acts 2 and Acts 4).

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✦God is the One who chooses our vocation (calling).

–We should know it from childhood and become single-minded.

–It should become our pursuit of the “one thing” (Phil 3:13).

–Focus (vision) and training (principles and discipline).

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✦The calling is irrevocable (Romans 11:29).

–God’s power, favor and blessing come from wholehearted pursuit of Him and His purpose.

✦Financial prosperity is the fruit of wholehearted pursuit of God’s purpose.

–The target is accomplishing God’s will.

–Are we doing our own thing for a buck?

–Are we walking in obedience or is the goal profit?

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‣Kingdom prosperity is rooted in giving and receiving.

- World economics is based on buying and selling.*
- Profit and materialism.
- Kingdom economics is based on obedience and relationship.*
- Receiving is directly dependent upon giving.*
- 2 Cor. 9:6: “*But this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*”

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‣Building a godly generational transfer of wealth and prosperity is dependent upon the succeeding generation being established in kingdom giving and stewardship.

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‣The “time-value of money”.

- “Simply put, time value of money is the value of money figuring in a given amount of interest for a given amount of time...The method also allows the valuation of a likely stream of income in the future, in such a way that the annual incomes are discounted and then added together, thus providing a lump-sum ‘present value’ of the entire income stream.”*
- Translation – *how much can I get and how quickly can I get it?*

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‣ Debt-based societies are founded upon everything that surrounds getting as much as you can.

- *Money becomes God.*
- *Money and things become more important than God’s will and people.*

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‣ Historically, when this happens, the society begins to die.

- *When money becomes god, conflict rages between the “haves” and the “have nots.”*
- *Poverty, societal breakdown and anarchy ensue.*
- Example: *when money and materialism rule, then children are considered a liability and/or an inconvenience.*
- *Abortion, neglect, abuse, fatherlessness.*
- *Anger, crime, gangs, immorality, addictions, ad nauseum.*

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‣ It is a statistical truism that as debt has increased, abortion has increased proportionately.

- *The way we train our children in stewarding their callings and finances can either release kingdom blessing and prosperity or cause society to collapse.*
- Proverbs 11:28: *“He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.”*
