

GIVING MONEY ITS PROPER PLACE

Right Place, More Increase

I. No love, No trust, and you'll prosper in abundance

A. God's after what you treasure, but not for the treasure's sake; he's after your heart for your sake not His-
Matthew 6:21

1. Where what you value is, there will be your thoughts, passion, desire, affection, appetite, purpose, and endeavors

a. Where your treasure is there will your love be also

b. Psalm 62:10-If your riches increase don't make them your treasure

B. If you'll ever get to the place where your **willing to give all** you have to him, then He'll be in a position **to trust you with all that He has**

1. Joel 1:9-12,2:11-14 19-28-They weren't serving God with all their heart and lack was in the land because of it

2. What have you made off limits to God?

C. God will give you opportunity after opportunity to prove that you can be trusted with more; Lk 16:10- Faithfulness is how God finds out if you're ready

1. If you're not willing to offer God all you have when you have nothing, you won't do it when you have something more

2. It's not until you totally commit to God and He has all of you that you'll prosper to the level that God wants you to

3. The enemy has tried to place in the hearts and mind of believers a fear of letting go in the belief that they'll never see it again; while the Holy Spirit works to get faith in the hearts and minds of believers that what they let go of in obedience to God they'll see again 100x greater

D. Psalm 62:10-If your riches increase don't make them your treasure

1. It didn't say don't increase in riches; don't set/fix your heart on them

II. Sometimes God will require your "Isaac" (your best), to give you the opportunity to have his "Jesus" (best)-Genesis 22

A. 1-God's going to give Abraham and opportunity to prove it

1. We ought to **relish the opportunity** to prove it

2. Because of the fear of not having it, not seeing again, or doing without we haven't relished these opportunities and it's kept us from our promotion

3. Ezekiel 33:31, Malachi 2:17-Enough talk already; prove it

B. 2-You love Isaac, but has he come between you and me; is he your head?

1. Take YOUR ONLY-God likes to come after your best, last, and only because that's where your heart is
- C. 12-Does God know by experience in your life that all that you have is His?
 1. Eventually God has to know by experience
 2. 12-Is He seeing it or is it just talk?; He'll give you opportunity to prove it
- D. 12-Now I know you value/love me above all else because you've not withheld from me what treasure the most
 1. When you withhold things from God, He has to withhold things from you
- E. Heaven found a man who was willing to give all he had to God and consequently they found a man who God could give all he had to him
 1. God found out that day that I have place in his life above all else
 2. 16-18-That day he qualified for more

III. Psalm 112-The prosper man who has money in its proper place

- A. 1-Fears the Lord and delights greatly in his commands-His Love is with God
- B. 2-His seed shall be strong, powerful and prevail
- C. 3-Wealth-Substance, riches, high-value or price
- D. 3-His righteousness (prosperity and charity) shall endure forever
 1. He'll never be broke another day in his life
- E. 4-He is the light in darkness
 1. He is gracious-Shows favor and mercy, ready and inclined to impart blessings, Benevolent-A desire to promote the prosperity of others
 2. He's just like his Father-Full of compassion
- F. 5,9-His willingness to let go of it
- G. 6-He'll never slip, fall, or waver
- H. 7-He has no fear in his life-Because he's got treasured laid up where moth and rust can't corrupt it and where thieves can't break through and steal it
- I. 7-His heart is fixed trusting in the Lord-His trust
- J. 8-His desire for his enemies is that they come to Jesus
- K. 9-He distributes freely and largely-NAB-He lavishly gives to the poor
- L. 9-His prosperity never ends because money has it's proper place
- M. 9-His container shall be lifted up with abundance and riches

IV. This kind of lifestyle is to know God intimately by experience (Jeremiah 22:13-17)