

FINANCIAL PROSPERITY LIES

Balance & Place

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: We must give money its proper place for it is a major key in us walking in a greater level of financial prosperity.

I. We need to have balance and proper perspective where financial prosperity is concerned; if we don't give money its proper place we will have no balance

A. God is just, right, and balanced-Psalm 119:137,75

1. He's not out of balance in anyway; His perspective on finances is perfectly balanced

a. Psalm 119:75-His judgments are **right**-what is just, normal, or right; justness of weights and measuring

b. Psalm 119:137-God is **righteous**-just, correct, lawful

2. Ephesians 5:2-We are to imitate him and be perfectly balanced like Him

a. If we are going to be balanced where finances are concerned then we're going to have to think like Him

b. Balance doesn't mean compromise and balance doesn't mean not extreme

1) We want to be balanced in God's eyes not the world's or religion's eyes

2) Extreme abundant prosperity is just, right, and balanced in God's eyes

3. When things are out of their place you'll have no balance

B. In the Kingdom of God everything has it's proper place; When good things are out of the proper place they can become non-profitable

1. 1 Corinthians 14:39-40-In order means in it's proper place

a. 32-They're prophesying, speaking in tongues & interpreting but there's confusion

b. 39-40-Don't quit prophesying & speaking in tongues, but keep them in their proper place-1 Corinthians 13:1-9

c. In the body of Christ many things have been out of balanced and usually people want to throw something out or that's all they want to talk about; everybody's thinks there thing is the most important thing; wrong!

2. Romans 9:26-There was a certain place that this was supposed to happen

3. James 3:10-11-He's talking about giving the mouth/words their proper place

a. 10-Words of blessing and curse shouldn't have the same place

b. 11-Bitter water and sweet water are not to reside in the same place

c. The mouth and words mean whole lot and that's their proper place

4. Ephesians 4:27-Satan's proper place in your life is no place

- C. Problems arise when (good things) things are given their improper place
1. 1 Corinthians 14:32-33,39-40-Tongues and prophecy wasn't the problem, it was the place that they gave those things that was the problem
 2. Luke 14:16-23-Land is not the problem, oxen weren't the problem, his wife wasn't the problem it was the place that these men gave these things that was the problem
 3. Luke 14:26-Family is not the problem, it's the place that people give their family that's the problem
 4. Mark 10:17-Great riches wasn't his problem, it was the place he gave it
 - a. He would've done that if he wasn't rich b/c it was a heart issue not a money issue
 - b. You'll do the same with the much as you will the least and vice versa

II. Money is not the problem; the problem is when money has an improper place

- A. Give money it's proper place; have balance
1. Don't exalt it to an improperly high place
 - a. You'll be led by it (That's the Holy Spirit's place John 16:13)
 - b. You'll obey it (That's God's place Matt 6:24)
 - c. You'll love it (That's God's place and people's place Matt 22:36)
 - d. You'll trust it (That's God's place 1 Timothy 6:17)
 - e. You'll follow after it and do whatever's necessary to get more of it (That's love's place 1 Corinthians 14:1)
 - f. You're out of position to receive more (You'll didn't give it its proper place with the little you have Luke 16:10)
 2. Don't lower it to an improperly low place
 - a. You won't believe God for more of it and you'll want no part of it
 - b. You won't reach your potential in blessing people with it
 - 1) God's ready to give you more of it, but you don't think it's important
 - c. U won't properly represent the King you serve & the place from which u were sent
 - d. Your voice will not be heard (Ecclesiastes 9:16, Mark 16:15)
 - e. There's not a scripture in this Bible that tells you to not have money or even to have a moderate amount of money; all it talks about is having overflowing proportions of money and things
 - 1) The fact is money is a necessary tool to help people spirit, soul, body
 - 2) Money in righteous hands will increase righteousness
 3. What's ironic is people give money an improperly low place with their words, but with their actions exalt it to improperly high place-This is the worst place to be because it's **self-deception**
 - a. They say money doesn't mean anything to them, but they picked their job because it paid the most

- b. They say they don't want any of the world's goods, but they don't tithe; or they tithe, but they're not givers
 - 1) They don't mind giving God what's His, but they'd never dip into what's theirs and if they do they don't dip very far
 - c. We have to be honest w/ ourselves about what place money has in our life
 - B. Don't be in self-deception in this area thinking that money is its proper place in your life when it's not
 - 1. Many people say I'm willing to do whatever God tells me to do with all my money and stuff, but they're not willing to hear him when he speaks concerning their money and possessions
 - a. You can say you're willing to do, but not be willing to hear
 - 1) They say they're willing while thinking God would never ask me do sow that; that's an unwillingness to hear
 - 2) EX: I'm willing to hear empty your savings account. I'm willing to hear sow your favorite suit.
 - b. The questions is not are you willing to do what He ask of you, but are you willing to hear whatever He has to say
 - 2. The reality is this; the more properly placed money and things are in your life, the more abundantly you'll have money and things in your life. If money was a properly placed as we thought, we'd have much more of it.
- C. When you give money it's proper place you are perfectly positioned to receive an abundance of it and it keeps you positioned to do what God tells you to do with it
 - 1. 1 Kings 3:5-13-Did God want him to have riches and money? Apparently because he gave it to him anyway
 - a. God wanted Solomon to have money and things, but only under the condition that they had their proper place-1 Kings 10:23, 2 Chronicles 1:15
 - 2. 1 Kings 11:1-11-When God doesn't have proper place in your life you will prosper to the potential God wants you to
 - a. It's not just important that money have its proper place, but that God has His proper place
 - b. Solomon lost all that prosperity because he allowed things to get out of place
 - 3. Hebrews 11:26-Moses had the right relationship with money and he prospered
 - a. When they left Egypt they left with Egypt's stuff; The Red Sea parted, they got water out of rock, bread came from Heaven, they were in the wilderness and they lacked nothing, their shoes and clothes didn't wear out and God was wanting to take them to more prosperous place that than, but they wouldn't let him (Deuteronomy 8)
 - 4. If you'll give money its proper place in your life, then God will see to it that money has its proper place **in** your life