

PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Your Seed Is Mighty

I. Be a relentless giver

- A. Ecclesiastes 11:4-6-If you sow all the time, you're guaranteed to reap all the time
 - 1. 4-If you're gazing at, considering, and paying attention to the circumstances of life you WILL NOT sow and if you WILL NOT SOW you CANNOT REAP
 - a. In deciding not to sow, you have decided not to reap
 - b. Don't wait for a good time to sow, it will never come
 - 2. 6-Stay in the giving mode all the time
- B. Relentless givers stay on the giving side of life and in giving mode all the time
 - 1. Proverbs 22:9-Always be looking for opportunities to give
 - 2. Matthew 25:35-Be led, but be open to give at every turn
- C. Exodus 35:20-36:7-Too much offering

II. Sowing Your Way Out of Lack

- A. 2 Corinthians 8:1-14
 - 1. 2-The pressure of lack triggered abundant giving; in lack they sowed abundantly
 - a. When the enemy worked to produce lack it trigger abundant sowing and abundant reaping
 - 2. 4-They were begging them to receive their gifts; In a time of lack get seed sown
 - a. The worse thing you can do for a man in lack is not receive his seed (1 King 17)
 - 3. 5-AMP-The entirely disregarded their own interests; that had to sow what they had believe God was going to take care of them
 - a. Selfishness and trying to be your own provider will keep you from sowing the key seed necessary to see the overflowing harvest; the key seed is the one that makes you trust God
 - 4. 7-Abound in this grace of giving; Be this kind of giver
 - a. If you'll abound in this grace, this grace will abound to you (2 Corinthians 9:8)
 - 5. 9-He's not asking you to be poor, He's asking them to abound in that grace that even Jesus abounded in and through their giving they'll be rich
 - 6. 12-God looks at the heart in your giving, not the amount you give
 - 7. 13-You don't become poor in giving to the poor
- B. God's instruction in famine was sow (Genesis 26:12)
 - 1. There's no better time to increase your giving than when you're in lack
- C. Psalm 126-Seed is most precious in a time of lack and precious seed-sown guarantees an abundant harvest

D. Luke 12:31-33-Why worry when you can sow

III. Your seed is mighty

A. Don't underestimate the value of your seed (John 6:5)

1. Jesus recognized the significance of his seed; they didn't
2. The power to feed those thousands of people was wrapped up in that seed and that power was released when that seed was sown
3. The power for you to live the abundant life is in your seed; if the seed is not sown it's potential goes untapped

B. Your seed is mighty (Psalm 112)

1. His seed is mighty and that's why wealth and riches are in his house
2. His righteousness (charity and prosperity) endure forever
 - a. Because his charity continues his prosperity endures
3. 4-He promotes the prosperity of others
4. 5-He appears reckless in his giving because he deals generously
5. 9-His prosperity is unending because his charity never quits

C. In a time of lack you use your seed as a weapon to beat back lack & usher in abundance

1. Stare lack in the face and sow your way out

D. Psalm 22:30-Your seed can only serve you when it's sown

1. A seed serves the farmer

IV. Whatever you sow is being deposited in your Heavenly account

A. Philippians 4:9-19-You have an account in heaven

1. 9-The God of peace-Prosperity, security, and safety
2. 12-He knows how to be abased and how to abound and be content
 - a. It didn't say he was abased, it said he knows how to be
 - b. If your contentment is based on your circumstances, that's materialism
3. 17-That fruit may ABOUND to your ACCOUNT
 - a. Abound-Superabound, abundance
 - b. Who's counting?---Is your account empty?
4. 18-He's abounding
5. 19-This is for the giver and the giver is who He's talking to

B. 1 Timothy 6:19-What you sow, you lay up in store for yourself

1. Lay up-To put away, to store up abundance for future use
 - a. For yourself
2. Foundation-Security

3. Lay hold-Take possession
4. So that you can take possession of fullness of life the way God has it
 - a. You're giving has nothing to do with your going to heaven (eternal life)
5. Mark 10:21-That you may have treasure in heaven, not when you get to Heaven
6. Matthew 6:19-20-Heaven is a safe investment

C. What you sow into that account multiplies greatly

V. You are a distribution center

A. God wants you to be his distribution center in the Earth (1 Timothy 6:18)

1. If you're not willing to distribute what you have why do you need more?
2. Distribution centers are not places that hoard up; they are places that are always overflowing with stock, while they are always letting go what's been given to them

B. Covetousness is any enemy to your prosperity because it will keep you from letting go

1. Covetousness and lack, faithfulness and prosperity (Proverbs 11:25)

C. Faithfulness in the least is key to going to the next level in financial prosperity

1. Luke 16:10-How you act with what you have right now, is how you'll act with more
2. Matthew 25:25-If you'll be faithful to hear God and obey with what you have now, he'll make you ruler over more
3. If you can't handle properly what you have, you won't handle properly any more

D. Giving to the poor will cause you to prosper

1. Proverbs 19:17-That which you have given the Lord will pay you again
2. Proverbs 28:27-He that gives unto the poor will not lack