

Money: How to Get It and How to Keep It

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Introduction Summary

To a lot of the church world, this subject is an anathema. But everything from Genesis to Revelation is connected to money. In this lesson, we will learn that prosperity is God's will and we will see the purpose for money. I give my personal testimony of the results of disobeying God and obeying Him with regard to His will for your life. Finally, we will see that God wants to teach His people to profit.

- I. It's the will of God for His people to be prosperous.
 - A. The blessing of the Lord is upon those who do God's will (Deu. 28:1-14).
 - B. If being blessed is sin, then God was wrong for telling them this.
 - C. Land is money: God gives it to you as a possession (Deu. 26:1).
 - D. The blessing of the Lord makes you rich (Pro. 10:22).
 - E. Isaac sowed in the land and received 100-fold (Gen 26:12).
 - F. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob were all prosperous.
 - G. One of Satan's tools is deceitfulness of riches (Mark 4:14).
 - H. Money is attached to everything. Loving money is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:9).
 - I. Poverty is a curse (Deu. 28:15).
- II. In Ecc. 10:19, *money* means (Heb.: awnath) *eye to all things, pay attention to all things, to testify of all things, announce, utter, bear witness of how money is valued.*
 - A. Money magnifies your character and your heart.
 - B. If you want to see a person's heart, follow their money.
- III. The purpose of money is to exchange goods and services. In theory, the more money you have the more things you can have (Deu. 2:28).
 - A. God's Word is higher than money.
 - B. Faith is higher than money.
- IV. Testimony: It's important to obey when you get a Word from God.
 - A. When my wife and I were first married, we were thousands of dollars in debt. At the time, I had a great job, then the Lord said, "Go to Bible school in Oklahoma; I've called you into the ministry." He asked me to give up money and didn't tell me how to get any money. The whole time we were there, we didn't have any money, but all our needs were met. As offerings, we'd give pencils, earrings, etc. By the time we graduated, every one of our bills were supernaturally paid off. Why? We got a word from God (like those in Heb. 11), and obeyed what He said.

- B. While in Bible school, my wife and I visited a church, Faith Christian Fellowship (FCF), where Buddy Harrison was pastor. By the Spirit of God, he had all ordained ministers go to the altar. He gave us offering buckets and told us to face the congregation. Then he told the congregation to fill the buckets with money. Most of them filled my bucket to overflowing. We had a miracle 30-45 days while we were in school. God met our need, and we've been debt free ever since. Money is meant to bless, because it is a medium of exchange.
- C. The Lord teaches us how to profit: be useful, be valuable, ascend (Isa. 48:17).
 - 1. After Bible School, the Lord told me to open a church and call it Word of Faith. Jan. 14, 1979 we held our first service in a storefront building. 60 people attended the first service. Ten people attended the second service. Yet, the Lord would not allow me to take a secular job. However, God always supplied what we needed.
 - 2. Once, while ministering in Kennedy Square in Detroit, I gave all my money to a homeless woman. A few days later, a Christian brother brought my wife and me groceries and money that lasted a long time.
 - 3. Money isn't your primary source. Don't run after it; run after God.
 - 4. During the time we were at the storefront, the country was in stagflation.
 - 5. Chrysler stock was at rock bottom. The Lord told me to buy Chrysler stock. I did not because I was moved by what I read and what I thought. The stock went over \$30 and split twice. Had I bought it, I would have profited in a huge way.
- V. God is interested in the believer profiting (Job 36:11).
 - A. I'm not a poverty preacher, but a prosperity preacher.
 - B. Prosperity means to be better at everything.
 - C. Prosperity means divine health; family wellbeing, children continuing in the blessing; long life and good health.
- VI. The key to getting money and keeping it is the prosperity of your soul (3 John 1:1-2).
- VII. Renew your mind so that you prove God's choice for you (Romans 12:2).
- VIII. God uses natural means to teach you. He may send someone to you to teach you.
 - A. Decide to follow the commands of God in your finances (Isa 55:8).
 - B. God will share His secrets with you (Gen. 18:17).
 - 1. Despite his mistakes, Abraham finally got it together.
 - 2. God blessed him after he got it together.
 - 3. Financial wealth is generational - Abraham would train his children.
 - 4. He will operate in God's wisdom.
 - C. Abraham was blessed in every way (Gen. 24:1).
 - 1. You are Abraham's seed and heir according to the promise.
 - 2. Your prosperity doesn't depend on a man, but on God.
- IX. God's will is that you have more than enough.

Closing Summary

We have seen in this lesson that prosperity is God's will. Since money is simply a medium of exchange, we concluded that money is not the ultimate source of supply. God can get His blessing to you in multiple ways. The key is to prosper your soul and obey His Word.

