

## SUPERNATURAL BLESSINGS: THREE KEYS TO FINANCIAL BLESSINGS STEWARDSHIP SERIES

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### TEXTS:

**Genesis 12:1** “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Genesis 13:2** Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

**Proverbs 10:22** It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

INTRO: God loves you! Out of His love for you as your heavenly Father, He longs to bless you. The blessing of God encompasses many things, including an abundant life, favor, health, intimacy, presence, but it also means wealth or riches. We are going to focus on wealth because God is concerned with how we steward our wealth that He blesses us with, so that we can be a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Genesis 12:3).

The title of the message is intentional because I want to emphasize the adjective *supernatural*. In a sense, all blessings from God are supernatural because God and His Kingdom are not of this world. They transcend this world. It is another dimension that we can hardly comprehend. So, anytime God intervenes in our lives, like providing for us, is supernatural. It could be a miracle like multiplying the fish and loaves. Throughout church history, **a miracle has been “a divine action that transcends the ordinary course of nature and so generates awe.”** Craig Keener, *Miracles Today*

But in Scripture, God speaks of supernatural wealth, when God intervenes to provide for His people. We quote, “The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it” (Proverbs 10:22). Abraham, the father of our faith, was very rich in livestock (Genesis 13:2). Deuteronomy 8:18 emphasizes that God gives supernatural power to create wealth. How do we tap into this grace?

First, we need a different mentality. We are transformed by the renewing of our mind. Proverbs 23:7 “As a man thinks within himself so he is.” When God broke a spirit of poverty off my life in 1997, I had to replace the ungodly thinking with godly thoughts. E.g. People have a mentality that “I cannot afford to get married.” Or if you are married, “I cannot afford to have children.” As people who really believe that God is good and loves us with a perfect love and thus wants to bless us—we need to have a mentality that God will provide as we step out and obey the mandate of Genesis 1:28 to have children.

Second, Deuteronomy 28 gives us the answer. It is by walking in obedience to the Lord, He will bless us, and indeed He will do exceedingly, abundantly beyond what we could ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

Now as your pastor, I love you and I want to see you so blessed and prosperous. I am speaking as a father. Just like I want to see my children and grandchildren prospering, I want to see you prosper. But I am not perfect in love; God is. And He is a supernatural God and will supernaturally provide for you on earth as it is in heaven.

I promise, if you act on what will be taught today, you will prosper financially and be blessed in your life overall. I believe if you act on this word, it is going to change your life.

## I. HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR TITHES AND OFFERING

A. This is review, but again, we are transformed by the renewing of our mind.

**B. Malachi 3:8 “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 “You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!* 10 “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. 11 “Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*,” says the LORD of hosts. 12 “All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the LORD of hosts.**

C. If I told you that Jesus specifically affirms tithing in the New Testament, would you tithe? Well, here is the passage:

**D. Matthew 23:23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”**



E. But what I want to emphasize is the offering this morning because we are going to receive an awesome Firstfruits Offering on December 5.

#### F. OUR JOURNEY INTO GRADUATED GIVING: THE OFFERING

1. How God led Sue and me into graduated giving in February of 2008. In July that year, God woke me up, and I heard the Lord say, "Sell your stocks." Sue and I have a dear friend who was V.P. of Morgan Stanley, and he invested in stocks for us. For example, we owned Apple stocks and we were being blessed. But when the Lord spoke to me to sell the stocks, it didn't make any sense. But that October, the stock market dropped 777 in one day! God wants to be involved in your finances in a supernatural way!
2. Then a young man who had just graduated from MIT and was an analyst for a hedge firm, I was talking to him on the phone, and he said, "Pastor Ché, I would invest in Real Estate in LA." From 2010 we started to purchase, bought three homes with the money we sold in the stock market, and using the equity of our house in Lavinia, a gated community in LA.
3. One other benefit of giving offerings. It is my opinion that God instituted tithes and offerings to keep us from the love of money. George Otis Jr. wrote a bestselling book, *The Last of the Giants*, and said that materialism is one of the two major giants (principalities) in the world today, the other being Islam. Mammon is a principality under Baal according to the research done by John Benefiel and his seminal work, *Binding the Strongman over America*.

#### G. FIRSTFRUITS OFFERING DECEMBER 5

### II. GET OUT OF DEBT AND STAY OUT OF DEBT

A. **Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. (NIV)**

1. **Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.** There is no condemnation, but if you want to prosper, you have to get out of debt and stay out of debt.
2. January 2020 stats: We are a debt-ridden society in the USA:
  - a) **\$30 Trillion National Debt**
  - b) **Outstanding personal consumer debt is \$9.86 trillion** (credit, including mortgage and other debt, reached \$9.86 trillion representing an increase from \$7 trillion in January 2000).
  - c) **Student debt is \$1.7 trillion.**
  - d) **Credit card debt is \$807 billion.** *Living within your means.* Bad debt: credit card debt. A 3-year-old girl from Rochester, New York, received an



application for a platinum Visa card in the mail. This so amused Allesandra Scalise's mother that she filled it out, listing her daughter's occupation as "toddler," and leaving the income line blank. She also wrote on the application, "I'd like to have a credit card to buy some toys, but I'm only three and my mommy says no." The card arrived a few weeks later. From the newsletter of Richard Stearns, president of World Vision. Getting a high loan for a car unless there is 0% interest. Good debt: home, and education.

3. **Your asset column must be greater than the debt column.**
4. **DON'T BUY ANYTHING UNLESS YOU CAN AFFORD IT**
5. **HAVE A BUDGET**
6. "You must give up in order to go up!" John Maxwell
7. Larry Burkett shares a testimony of a pastor who was in massive debt, personal and church debt.

### **III. HAVE AT LEAST FIVE SOURCES OF REVENUE:**

- A. **"MAKE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, GIVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, AND SAVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN." JOHN WESLEY**
- B. **PASSIVE REVENUE SOURCE: INVESTMENTS**
  1. **Isaiah 60:11 "Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that *men* may bring to you the wealth of the nations."**
  2. **YOU NEED A GOOD FINANCIAL PLANNER. E.g., Ron Tanaka, Peter Roselle, Tony**
  3. **I don't work for money; money works for me.**
- C. **PERSONAL INCOME: I see it as a divine assignment from God, and I get paid to do what I am doing.**
- D. **SPOUSE'S INCOME:** I also believe that if the wife is called to be home and home school her children, that is a full-time job and there is no shame in that. My daughter Grace is doing that with her four children. But if there is something you can do, like a multi-level marketing.
- E. **RENTAL INCOME:** My daughter has a cute house in the back of her house and rents it out to Airbnb. For years my wife and I always had a single person living with us to rent a room. It was a win-win situation.
- F. **PERSONAL BUSINESS**
  1. My wife and I started an S-Corp around 12 years ago: Joseph Storehouse LLC. It was around the time that I had a prophetic dream. I dreamt that I was standing in front of a mountain of gold as high as the Empire State Building. A young missionary couple came up to me and asked for financial support

for their mission work. I pulled out a large harvest knife and cut out a chunk of gold. I said, “Is this enough? If you need more, let me know.”

**2. YOU NEED A GREAT CPA THAT KNOWS HOW TO SAVE YOU ON YOUR TAXES. E.g. Phil Liberatore, Courtney Epps**

CONCLUSION:

THE KEY TO THIS IS OBEDIENCE. ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD, AND GOD DECLARED HIM TO BE RIGHTEOUS. GIVE YOUR HEART TO JESUS, AND BY GOD’S GRACE, WALK IN OBEDIENCE ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

