POWER TO CREATE WEALTH: THE KINGDOM LAW OF GIVING AND PROSPERITY PROSPERITY GOD'S WAY SERIES Dr. Ché Ahn November 26, 2023

TEXTS: Deuteronomy 8:18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day."

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INTRO: Peter Wagner, who was my apostle and spiritual father, wrote 77 books. He died at the age of 86 on October 21, 2016. One of the last books he wrote was *The Great Transfer of Wealth*. It was based on verses like Haggai 2:7, Isaiah 60:5 and 11, and my favorite, Proverbs 13:22: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous." Peter talked about the three types of the Great Transfer of Wealth: 1) Supernatural Transfer of Wealth [Exodus 12:35-36]; 2) Restoring Wealth that was Lost or Stolen [Ezra 1:7ff]; 3) Creation of Wealth. This is what I want to focus on in this message.

As a pastor of 44 years, I have learned from the Word of God and my walk with the Lord that God wants His children to prosper. The Bible says, "Beloved, I pray that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers" (3 John 2). I am a parent and a grandfather. I don't know of any godly parent that doesn't want their children to prosper, and so it is with you. The Bible says in Psalm 25:12, "Who is the person who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. 13 His soul will abide in abundant prosperity and his descendants will inherit the land."

Let me share eight truths on how God gives us the power to create wealth. The first three are a review of the previous teachings, so I will just mention them. Please go online to see the past message and the outline. Last week's message by Phil and Dana Liberatore was epic.

I. GOD OWNS EVERYTHING

A. Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.



- 1. Haggai 2:8 "'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts."
- 2. THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE CHURCH: "IT IS MY HARD-EARNED MONEY. I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT TO DO WITH IT."
- 3. Giving up your rights. Giving Jesus your whole life.
- 4. Loren Cunningham, "Death of a Vision," Abraham and his son. This is so serious. Are you going to obey God?
- 5. I am called to be a steward, a manager, of all that He entrusts to me.
- 6. Luke 16:10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."
- 7. Faithful with money, entrusted with true spiritual riches.
- 8. If you are faithful in another man's vineyard, God will give you your own.
- 9. JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST: 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

II. TRUST THE LORD FOR YOUR FINANCES

- A. Deuteronomy 8:18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth..."
- B. Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...
- 1. God is the one who gives you the grace and the power to create wealth.
- C. IMPORTANCE OF FAITH
- 1. 1 Corinthians 13:13 says that faith is one of the foundational values of God: faith, hope, and love.
- 2. Hebrews 11:6
- 3. Hebrews 11:1
- 4. Romans 1:17 The righteous shall live by faith...
- **D. GOD IS YOUR PROVIDER**
- 1. Deuteronomy 8:11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*, 13 and



when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 15 He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, *with its* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. 16 In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. 17 Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' 18 But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. 19 It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish."

- 2. Pride is an abomination before God (Proverbs 8:13). When you give yourself credit for your prosperity, you are robbing God of His glory.
- **3.** Philippians 4:19 My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

III. DEVELOP THE VALUE AND CULTURE OF KINGDOM GIVING A. UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

- 1. If you want to live, you have to die.
- 2. If you want to find life, you have to lose your life (Mark 8:34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. 35 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.")
- 3. If you want to be great, you have to be a servant (the least) (Matthew 20:25-28).
- 4. If you want to prosper, you have to give.
- **B. SOW IN A TIME OF FAMINE (RECESSION OR INFLATION)**
- 1. Genesis 26:1 Now there was a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham.
- 2. Genesis 26:12 Now Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him, 13 and the man became rich, and continued to grow richer until he became very wealthy.



C. BRING YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS INTO GOD'S STOREHOUSE

- 1. Malachi 3:10 "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 fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you," says the Lord of hosts.
- 2. This is *Christianity 101*. If you are faithful in little, God will give you much (Luke 16:10).
- 3. Windows of Heaven: MULTIPLE BLESSINGS
- **D. PRACTICE GRADUATED GIVING**
- 1. 2 Corinthians 9:6 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.
- 2. Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase. 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.
- E. DEVELOP THE KINGDOM CULTURE OF GENEROSITY IN LIFE
- 1. Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
- 2. Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.
- 3. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

IV. 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. For example:
- 1. Your job.
- 2. Your wife's job. 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 multi-level marketing, then go for it.

- 3. Part-time work.
- C. PASSIVE REVENUE SOURCE: INVESTMENTS
- 1. Leasing a bedroom to a single person.
- 2. 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."
- 3. I don't work for money; money works for me.
- **D. PERSONAL BUSINESS**
- 1. My wife and I started an S-Corp in 2010, 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. RENTAL INCOME
- V. 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) \$33 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) <u>Student debt is \$1.7 trillion.</u>
- 3. Credit card debt is \$807 billion. *Living within your means*. Bad Debt: Credit. Your asset column must be greater than the debt column.
- 4. Don't buy anything unless you can afford it!
- 5. Have a budget! This is a must.
- 6. "You must give up in order to go up!" John Maxwell
- 7. Larry Burkett shared a testimony of a pastor who was in massive debt, both personal and church debt.



- VI. RENOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF MAMMON AND THE SPIRIT OF POVERTY
- A. Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"
- B. 2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.
- VII. HAVE GODLY COUNSEL: YOU NEED A GOOD FINANCIAL PLANNER
- A. Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.
- **B.** Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
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CONCLUSION: Put God first. Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

