Financial Freedom



Introduction



- Prosperity as we heed the <u>Word</u> of God. Not <u>carnal</u> prosperity gospel.
- 1 Corinthians 15:10 not works of self-righteousness but always depending on His grace.

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Jeremiah 9:24

But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising **loving-kindness**, **judgment**, and **righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

Financial Freedom [Part 1]

- 1. Financial freedom i.e.
 - Blessings come from the <u>goodness</u> and the <u>love</u> of God for His people.

Financial Freedom [Part 1]

 When His people walk with Him and obey His Word, we will prosper and level up in our spirit, soul and body i.e.

Spiritually Experience Health

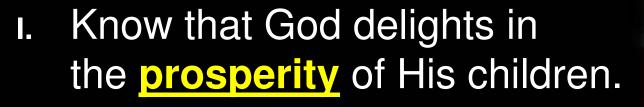
Emotionally Physically Materially

Relationally Mentally Etc

3 John 2

Biblical Principles for Financial Freedom

 Know that God delights in the prosperity of His children.





Psalm 35:27

Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."



 Know that God delights in the prosperity of His children.

Prosperity means having more than enough for the purpose of being a **blessing** to others.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, **always having all sufficiency in all things**, may have an **abundance for every good work**.

Proverbs 11:25

(NRSV)

A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

The water pipe that carries the water to others, will itself always be wet.

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Deuteronomy 8:18 And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. II. Know that <u>God</u> is the source of all provision and wealth for man.



Isaiah 30:23 Then He will give the rain for your Seed with which you SOW the ground, and bread of the increase of the earth; it will be fat and plentiful ... II. Know that <u>God</u> is the source of all provision and wealth for man.



 When we fail to acknowledge <u>God</u> as our source of provision, we will begin to lose <u>wisdom</u> and become <u>foolish</u>. When we fail to acknowledge God as our source of provision, we will begin to lose wisdom and become foolish.



Romans 1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. II. Know that God is the <u>source</u> of all provision and wealth for man.



 In the world, man has always attributed his provision and wealth to a <u>source</u>. 2. In the world, man has always attributed his provision and wealth to a source.



Example

- Man himself
- Feng Shui
- Godfathers

- > Luck
- Fate
- The Force Out There

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Isaiah 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, **Who teaches you to profit**, who leads you by the way you should go. III. God not only delights in our prosperity, He will <u>teach</u> us to profit.



From the Word Direction - Broad - Principles - Guidelines

Joshua 1:8

Psalm 1:2-3

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 From the <u>Holy Spirit of Wisdom</u> The details of the guidance This inward witness [Romans 8:16] of the Spirit of Wisdom dwelling in the believer guide us in the following 4 ways.



A. The Holy Spirit directs us to <u>people</u> in our lives.

An Expert in that areaA CoachA MentorA CounselorA ConsultantA ProfessionalOther ReferralsEtc

B. The Holy Spirit directs us to <u>resources</u>.





C. The Holy Spirit directs us in specific situations and circumstances.

Divine Appointments	Sense - Gut Feel - Intuition				
Divine Connections	Discernment - Perception				
Capture that idea and	An offer made to us				
A business deal - transaction					



D. The Holy Spirit directs us in our thoughts on the decision to be made.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound / disciplined mind.

Knowledge - Understanding - Wisdom

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He will guide us to

- i. Know the facts [knowledge]
- ii. Analyze Weigh Evaluate the facts [understanding]
- iii. Work in us to be inclined towards the decision [wisdom]



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IV. Know the difference between bread and <u>Seed</u>.

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now may He who supplies <u>Seed</u> to the sower, and <u>bread</u> for food, supply and multiply the **Seed** you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness



1. Bread is for <u>consumption</u>.

Lunch	Tea-Break		Br	eakfast	Rental	Etc		
Dinner	Supper		W	Water & Electricity Bill				
Mortgage Installment				Bus and MRT Fares				
Taxi FareAllow			wance fo	ance for Children				
Mainten	ance of	Bic	- Mair	Maintenance for				
Motorcycle - Car - Van			Parents					



Example \$1000 income Bread for Food = \$700 for meals, transport, hairdo, dentist, clothes, electricity bills, rental, etc.



2. Seed is for <u>sowing</u>.

A. We <u>always</u> have seed to sow.

2 Corinthians 9:10

Now may He who **Supplies seed** to the sower, and bread for food, supply and **multiply the seed** you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

\$1000 income minus \$700 for bread = \$300 seed to sow



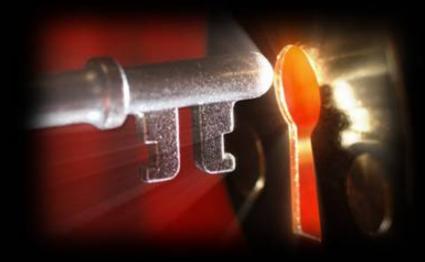
Seed to sow =

- 1. 10% : \$100 Tithe to BBTC
- 2. 4% : \$ 40 Offerings as gift to a missionary
- **3.** 1% : \$ 10 Alms for the poor
- and the needy4. 15%: \$150 Savings
- Sub-total =\$300

2 Seed is for <u>sowing</u>.
A. We <u>always</u> have seed to sow.

The seed we have may be in the form of:

Money	Time	Kindness		Charitable Deeds		
Serving	God	Volu	nteering	g in BCCSC	Etc	
Teaching in KFC Giving Tuition in POP Excel						
Being a CGL / ACGL			L Bei	Being Compassionate		
Spending Time with Someone			Being attention to the poor and the needy			



2. Seed is for <u>sowing</u>.

B. Understand the Law of Sowing and Reaping.

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease. в. Understand the <u>Law</u> of Sowing and Reaping.

Galatians 6:7, 9

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man **SOWS**, that he will **also reap**.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing
good, for in due season we shall reap
if we do not lose heart.

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Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. v. At all times, we must seek First God's Kingdom and His Righteousness, Then we will have all our provision and prosperity.

1. His Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is the Reign and Rule of God i.e. the Lordship of Christ.

 v. At all times, we must seek First God's Kingdom and His Righteousness, <u>Then</u> we will have all our provision and prosperity.

2. His <u>Righteousness</u>.i. Right <u>Standing</u>

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the **righteousness of God** in Him.

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2. His <u>Righteousness</u>. ii. Right <u>Doing - Living</u>

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good Works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



Titus 3:8, 14

8This is a faithful saying, and these things
I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have

believed in God should be careful to maintain

good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

14And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.



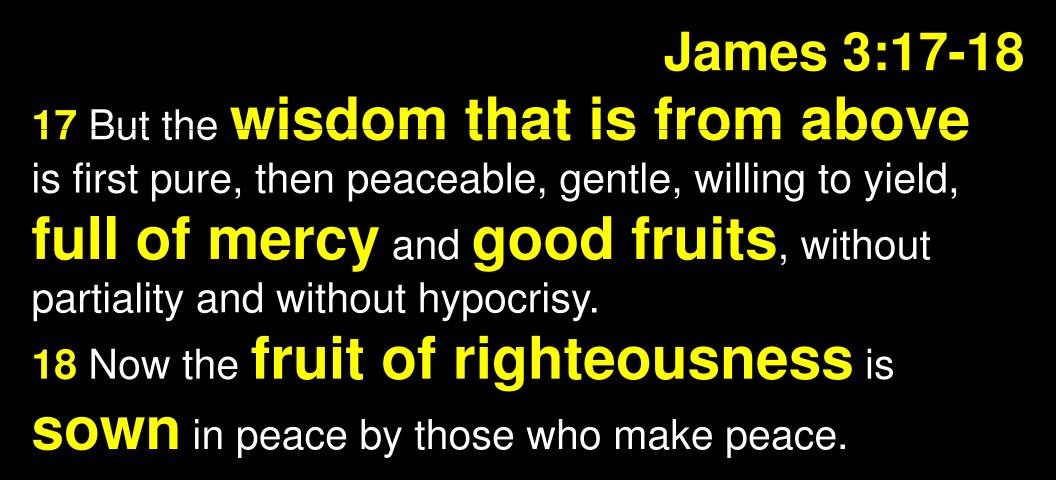
Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good** to all, **especially** to those who are of the **household of faith**.

1 Timothy 5:8

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Proverbs 21:20 (NKJV) There is **desirable treasure**, and **Oil** in the dwelling of the **Wise**, but a foolish man squanders it.

Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

In the house of the wise are **Stores of choice food** and **oil**, but a foolish man devours all he has.

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Acts 10:38

How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**, who went about **doing good** [works] and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

- v. At all times, we must seek First God's Kingdom and His Righteousness, Then we will have all our provision and prosperity.
- 5. We are blessed to do <u>good works</u>. [Ephesians 2:10]

The <u>purpose</u> of our <u>good works</u> is for others to <u>see</u> and <u>give</u> glory to our God.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may See your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- v. At all times, we must seek First God's Kingdom and His Righteousness, Then we will have all our provision and prosperity.
- One major area of good works that pleases God is to remember the <u>Poor</u>.



Psalm 41:1-3

1 Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. 2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be **blessed** on the earth; you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. 3 The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; you will **SUStain** him on his sickbed.

- v. At all times, we must seek First God's Kingdom and His Righteousness, Then we will have all our provision and prosperity.
- The righteous [right doing living] is the one who is <u>Generous</u> and keeps <u>Giving</u>.

Psalm 37:21b (NIV) But the righteous shows mercy and gives. Psalm 37:21b (NRSV) But the righteous are generous and keep giving. The righteous [right doing - living] is the one who is <u>Generous</u> and keeps <u>Giving</u>.

Proverbs 3:27-28 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," when you have it with you.

Do good when it's in your power to do so

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- The righteous [right doing living] is the one who is <u>Generous</u> and keeps <u>Giving</u>.
 - Consequently, the righteous will never suffer lack.



Psalm 37:25-26 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends;

and his descendants are blessed.

Conclusion Story of Naomi





Your <u>response</u> to trouble determines the outcome

Naomi *chose* to cross the River Jordan to return to Bethlehem where the *Kinsman Redeemer* is, where *Hope* resides.

Conclusion



Do you suffer lack? Do you have sufficiency in all things? Have you been sowing seed and doing good works for others to know and glorify God?