

Prospering God's Way: Kingdom Economy. 2.21.14

Big Idea: When you put your finances under the domain of the King, you open your life and finances to a whole new form of economy.

Earl Veazey Testimony

Luke 12.22-34

- Context – Luke 12.13-21. The story of the Rich Fool. He stored up riches and then he suddenly died. He was greedy and he did not store up eternal treasures. Jesus said, “Guard against every kind of greed” not guard against wealth. Wealth and greed are not synonymous. The point of both the story and the teaching is that our focus, desires and obedience are to be towards the Kingdom of God...towards the eternal things.
- V.22-31. When we submit everything to the King, He will provide for our needs. We can literally live like the birds do without any deep concerns.
- V.32-34. He tells them “Don’t be afraid” because it’s about to get scary. He’s saying, “Don’t be like the greedy guy and keep everything for yourself, but rather, submit it all to me.” I believe this is referring to two realities. First, when I put everything under the Kingdom of God, I am storing away treasures in eternity by my righteous actions here. Second, I have access to Kingdom realities (purses) that will meet my needs. A purse or wallet is where I store things to take care of my needs.

Examples of the Kingdom Economy

- **Mark 6.30-44.** The disciples thought on an earthbound level – we would have to work for months to have enough money to buy the food needed; they’re becoming frantic. Jesus said later, “**Luke 12.22-24, 29-31.**”
 - The disciples obey Jesus. They do what he tells them and they submit it to Him. This is critical in understanding how God’s Kingdom economy works. You have to listen, obey and submit. You have to trust Him with what He says to do.
 - Jesus takes the very small amount and puts it under His Kingdom authority by blessing it and it multiplies. When things come under His dominion then he can multiply it.
 - This wasn’t just a miracle. It was a miracle that came from a Kingdom of God principle. Jesus is saying, “You put everything under my authority and I will multiply it like you cannot believe.”
 - I have heard too many stories of the same thing happening even in our day:
 - Paul Keith Davis story of clothing distribution in Africa
 - Show Mercy Int’l video. Planned to feed 50, but ended up feeding over 200 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9_cdt7bfJs
- **Luke 5.1-7.** After listening to Jesus teach and probably being convinced that he was the Messiah, they obeyed him and submitted their business to Him and He multiplied their work. *This wasn’t just a miracle, but it was also a Kingdom principle. This is a principle you can apply today!

- They trusted the King with their time, skill and business assets. They changed governments from this earth cursed system to the King's domain and it became "On earth as it is in Heaven." There was abundance.
- Whenever and whatever I submit to Him, it opens up the resources of heaven. The resources may be a healing, restoration of my brokenness, finances, stronger relationships...I can draw upon the resources in that wallet.
- **1 Kings 17.8-16.** Note the words, "Don't be afraid." Sounds like L.12.32. In fact, this woman sounds like the person Jesus is describing in Luke 12 and how Jesus responded to Peter in Luke 5.
 - She submits her livelihood to God just like Peter did and God multiplies her food. God gave her a heads up and she knew what she was supposed to do. She put herself under the King's dominion and her livelihood changed governments. She never had to worry about food again.
 - What if she had said, "No, I'm not giving you anything...I don't even have enough for myself and son." She might have died.
 - Appl – What will you do?

This is the principle of Malachi 3, Luke 6.38 & 2 Cor.9.6-12 - Whatever you financially submit to Jesus and sow into God's Kingdom, He opens up His wallet/resources and He more than meets your needs. He'll provide the insight, creativity, relationships, resources, etc when you put your wealth under His Kingdom authority. If you keep it, it remains under this earth cursed system of Genesis 3 where you have to strive, scratch and hoard just to get ahead, but if you submit it to Him He blesses it.

Carmen McKinney Story

I'm not suggesting that every time you will receive a financial blessing, but that he will supply what you need. And, there is usually a pause between the "Amen" and the "there it is."

Conclusion:

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God is saying, "Don't be afraid. I got your back. You can trust me with your finances. Give them to me and I'll open the resources of the Kingdom to you."

Giving Approach:

- Begin now, not when
- Begin with a % and have the tithe as one goal
- Give as often as you're paid
- When you give, thank Him for multiplying back into your life
- Watch, Write and Share

Resources:

- The Blessed Life by Robert Morris
- The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

- Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey
- Financial Revolution dvd set by Gary Kessee

Benediction:

May God Almighty (EL Shaddai) bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham. (Gen 28:3-4)