

Your Financial Revolution: Moving Into Abundance, 3.5.17

Introduction

1. Review – We live in the Kingdom not under the Earth Cursed System; I am an heir and part of Abraham's blessing. I am no longer a slave but a son; survivor but a thriver...not just living life, but experiencing abundant life.
2. You cannot live out your destiny until you get the money thing right.

Step #1 – Seek First the Kingdom of God (Matt.6.33)

1. Every answer you need is in the Kingdom of God and the K is inside of you. You don't have to go searching too far. You have the Spirit of God inside of you and according to Jesus, the HS will lead you into all truth.
2. We must move away from the "mailbox mentality." God can impress another person to bless you; we have been both the recipients and givers of those kinds of blessings, but most of the time he gives you an idea, opportunity, a connection or insight that he wants you to develop. Finances come from the marketplace, so your answer is there.
 - a. 2 Kings 4.1-7: Elisha & the prophet's widow
 - i. Her answer was in her house and the man of God (the HS for us) directed her to capture wealth. It was a very specific plan. She might have expected him to do something, but he asks, "what do you have?". The answer came from what she had.
 - ii. Appl - Your answer will most likely come from somewhere out of your own life.

3. Questions to Ask:

a. Where are the opportunities – 1 Sam.17.24-26

- i. Background: David was a shepherd boy, who earlier had been anointed King unbeknownst to the current King, King Saul. He had the call of God on his life and there was no way he could in the natural become king, but God was about to give him an opportunity that would catapult him into leadership.
 1. Appl – the same is true of us. We are heirs to the throne and God has great plans for us, but we have to search for those plans. In other words, "Seek the Kingdom."
- ii. David was just taking some food to his brothers on the front lines of a battle with the Philistines and this opportunity presented itself. He had the opportunity to kill a giant, get married to the king's daughter and not pay taxes.
- iii. Where is the opportunity (open door) around you...what is a need in the community...what problem needs to be solved...what questions need to be answered...what needs can you address?
 1. Ill – a guy who owned a detailing business with a truck that carried water, so he could go to a person's place of business rather than the inconvenience of the person bringing him the vehicle.
 2. Hurricanes, humidity, heat and mosquitoes, are things w/in our community.

3. Plywood hurricane shudders on the spot.

b. What do you have to offer – 1 Sam.17.34-37

- i. David had faith, courage and skill; he had experience killing the lion and bear. This is what was needed.
- ii. What skills, abilities, experiences, products, expertise...what will you do that others will not or do not want to do (that's legal)? What do others say you are good at doing?
 1. Jewell Prochaska doing make up for weddings or special occasions.

c. Where are things lining up – 1 Sam.17.31-32

- i. His questioning took him into the presence of the King. He moved from an observer to standing before the King...divine alignments.
- ii. Who is God connecting you to...what types of similar events...learning with a common theme?

d. What kind of strategy comes to mind – 1 Sam.17.40-49

- i. David used sling and quick response – unique; he had to get outside of his shepherd mentality and experience and move to the next level.
- ii. God will give you a unique strategy that will fit your experience, ability, training and personality. It will probably expand you; you will not stay in the same place.

e. You may need time to develop the strategy – Matt.13.44

- i. He had to search for it, but when he found it he was not ready to possess it. He had to hide it (keep the devil from stealing it like the seeds that fall to the ground) and then do whatever was necessary to buy the field.
 1. That may mean going to school to get certified or getting a degree or doing a lot of research, starting off at the bottom of the ladder with a job that's in a field which interests you.
 2. Don't start blabbing your idea to everyone. Develop it. Do your homework and research. Go to the Small Business Dev Ctr at BC. Get a personal coach.
 3. The devil wants to impede those seeds from the HS fully sprouting in your life.

Step #2 – Stop Using Debt & Cut Off Debt Options

1. The Bible doesn't condemn debt but it does say things like:
 - a. Prov.22.7 – Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.
 - b. Romans 13.7-8: Give everyone what you owe them: pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them and give respect and honor to those in authority. Owe nothing to anyone – except for your obligation to love one another.**
 - c. Matt.5.42 & Deut 28 – encourage us to be the lender and not the borrower.
2. We have to decisively cut off our reliance on debt or we will always turn to it in times of crisis. I am specifically taking about consumer debt to pay bills and buy our life needs and access resources that will help us get stabilized.
3. We must live below our level of income. We have to live within our means.
4. It is always easier to use debt money than real money. For instance, it's easier to put down \$1000 on a car and carry payments then actually release \$4000 to buy a car. This is why it's important to stop using debt.
5. Always remember that the item you want WILL be available in the future – the car, house, computer, game, etc. Our impulsiveness takes into debt.

6. We need to have plastic surgery and cut off debt options. As long as they are the “back up” plan you will use them. Your safety net is where you place your trust and sense of security.
7. You will have a “Red Sea” or “Resurrection Moment” experience that when it looks like all is lost and then at the last moment God comes through and delivers you.
8. Freedom from debt is worth more than things we want.

Step #3 – Give

1. 2 Cor.9.6-11 – The promise of God that he will provide more seeds so that you can have more than enough (9.8) and then share with others. Giving is counterintuitive to the ECS, but it is a Kingdom principle.
2. The difference betw the tithe and sowing or offerings:
 - a. Tithing is giving 10% of gross – a financial principle established the Law was given, i.e., Abel, Abraham & Jacob.
 - i. Malachi 3 – Test me and see if I will not open up the windows of heaven and I will protect your income from the devourer. As a senior adult told me, “You will pay the tithe. Either you will give it voluntarily to the Lord or the Devil will take it.” The tithe acts a fence around the 90% of my wealth. It is a legal barrier against the devil just like a fence keeps varmints out of a garden.
 - ii. Haggai 1.2-11 – they were experiencing lack b/c they were not tithing and they were looking to meet their own needs. They were not concerned about the Lord’s house and they were experiencing hardship. But God promises abundance once they get the order right – Hag.2.18-19
 - b. Sowing/Offerings is above the tithe and I believe this is where we begin to see the kingdom doors opening - opportunities, ideas, connections, increases, etc. The 2 Cor.9 type of blessings
3. **Take the 60 Day Challenge to see what God does in the area of tithing and sowing.**

Step #4 – Develop a Plan to get out of Debt

- Picture of Dave Ramsey’s book, “Total Money Makeover”
- Picture of Gary Keesee’s book, “Fixing the Money Thing”