

TRUSTING GOD WITH YOUR FINANCIAL DECISIONS

All of us have daily needs and wants. Do you realize sometimes what you want, might not be what we need. Thank God, he knows exactly what we need, and he is faithful to provide it to us. **Philippians 4:19** says: "My God shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (this is one of my favorite scriptures)

1: The first thing we must do to trust God with our finances is : BE A GIVER , Our God is always been the greatest giver! **Ephesians 2:8,9** "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourself, it is a gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast."

It is God's nature to give: **ALL THINGS**

Romans 8:32 "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us **all things**?"

Notice that God want to give us "**all things**" not just spiritual things, but **all things**, money for all the things we need, (Food, clothes, houses, cars, even entertainment. One more scripture, I want you to get the picture that our God is a giving God!

2Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness.... That's the promises of God

Now we know that God is a giver, now for the important part, God wants us to be a giver patterned right after him! Jesus his son was a giver: Jesus gave to all that ask him, he said freely you receive, freely you should give, he taught 'Give and it shall be given unto you" He lived a lifestyle of giving his whole life even unto the end. You have to see yourself as a giver! With each act of giving, you will receive back from God. God expects from us the same willingness to give freely.

This is the first step in trusting God with our financial decisions. GIVING ALWAYS RESULTS IN RECEIVING ! The measure you use in giving will always determine the measure in which you will receive. Our giving should not be as much an obligation as it should be an opportunity. It's a chance to begin to access your heavenly bank account which contradicts all the world's principles.

GIVING ALWAYS GOES BEFORE RECEIVING

You can't wait for abundance before you start giving. It takes decisive action to give. Here I want to talk a little about the tithe. Tithe is not giving, it is returning ! We are

giving what we OWE to God. We are not being generous when we tithe, we are simply obeying God. But there is advantages to it, we rebuke the devour in our lives and opens the windows of heaven for us to receive.

2: SEED , TIME, HARVEST Planting seed in the ground. **2 Corinthians 9:6** paraphased " remember this-if you give a little , you will get a little. A farmer who plants a few seeds will get a only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much"

You must have a basic understanding of farming

Seed must be planted, then time..... then comes the harvest. Time here is the key, it is what you do while the seed is in the ground that is important. Faith and patience is the key to having the harvest you want. What are you speaking after you planted? It the most important part of the planting of your seed. Your words are the "working" part of the seeds you have planted. You must water the seed with the word of God to expect it to come to a harvest state.

But most of all we must trust God above all in every decision we make. All these can add up to where our finances will be. My most favorite scripture:

Proverbs 3:5,6

3: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path"

This scripture has helped me in every major decision I have made in my life. Some good decisions, some bad. (first married, job story)

You have to "Work the Word" you must confess what you want everyday, even when there doesn't seem to be anyway it is going to happen. The power of your words will produce what you are going to harvest in your life.... What you say now, will have an effect on what you have in the future, 1 year , 5 years, 10 years , 20 years from now. The word says even to you children and your grandchildren. You must have a smile on your face in the midst of your problems, you must magnify God, not your problem. You must stay in faith like Job, I believe the key to all of the trials that Job went through and all the temptations he faced, the one thing he did not do the scripture says: **Job 2:10**, "In all this did not Job sin with his lips"

This is how important our words and our confession is. **Proverbs 18:21** "Death and Life are in the power of the tongue" James 3 talks about the tongue being able to bless and curse and how these things ought not be!

If you take anything from my words today, take this, you have the ability to speak life with your tongue or to death to your dreams and future and what you will have! Every test or trial you go through, you must speak life and what you want not what you see in the natural.

Your test must become your testimony

It's all about your faith ! It is the seed God puts in your spirit, God is at work as long as you have the faith to believe. God's promises to us are activated by faith, (as much faith as a mustard seed)

Repeat after me :

RIGHT NOW GOD IS AT WORK IN MY FINACIAL DECISIONS

4:We must then "work the word" in our lives,

Luke 6:38 "Give and it shall be given unto you"

Phillipians 4:19 "My God shall supply all my needs" Hebrew 11:1 "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen" this is the key scripture in believing ! Substance in the Greek actually means "Title Deed" you own the right to all God has for you! Its all about your faith, what you believe and what you speak out of your mouth. You will have what you say. What are you saying? What is your confession daily?

Are life words coming out of your mouth, or are you speaking death to your future? There are a lot of decisions we will make in our lifetime, and we need the wisdom of sound council, teaching of others who have gone there before us, and the word of God directing our every step in this life.

Sometimes we have to step out in faith and get out of our comfort zone and trust God....

(new house, Donna's job part time, retirement)

The movie of our life. It's like watching a movie and just seeing the ending (what you see now), (not all the sowing, trusting, seeking, speaking, praying, believing, working of the word) we put into practice and the faith we believed God for the things we needed.

As Hebrew 11:1 said Our faith is the title deed to our harvest. If you are sowing seed into the kingdom of God you have a harvest with your name on it. That faith will allow you to receive the harvest that belongs to you. I encourage you not only to have a generous heart, but to stand by faith on God's word and claim what is yours!

John 3:2 says: "Beloved I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" Prosperity can be ours.

Let's Pray

We must make sure our walk with God is foremost, and first before our financial prosperity.

Pray with me: Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Your word says all have sinned and fell short of the glory of God. I am sorry. I ask you come into my heart, wash me clean with your blood. I accept you as my savior and make you Lord over my life. Amen