

## THE CON GAMES

Rape is a violation of another person's private desires. It's forcing or tricking someone into doing something they don't want to do. There is a lot of it going on in the Body of Christ where our money is concerned.

People simply give offerings in response to pressure or manipulation, and then wonder why they're not getting blessed in return. It's because they are not giving under the unction or direction of the Holy Spirit. They're merely playing into the hands of a con game.

### Attacking Lack, Attracting Wealth

#### 1Kings 13:2-3

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While we've been so busy worrying about ministers taking our money, one of the major problems I have discovered is ministers not telling people the whole truth.

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While many ministries are in just as bad financial circumstances as the people in their congregations, a lot of the larger ministries are prospering greatly, yet they never let anyone see it. They teach the principles of financial prosperity, but they are not willing to go public and encourage the whole Body of Christ that those principles work.

#### Hosea 4:6

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Prosperity, healing, deliverance, speaking in tongues, salvation - those are not passing cycles. They are different aspects of our eternal covenant with God. They're not going anywhere. We just have to press in and stay with it in faith until we get our breakthrough.

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He who attacks lack will attract wealth. . . He who attacks wealth will attract lack.

#### 1 Kings 13:4

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The Lord will no longer tolerate His people being held captive financially, not when He's already paid the price for them to be free. He will no longer tolerate so called ministers of the gospel coming against His message of prosperity and try to shut it down.

**1 Kings 13: 5-6**

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In the same way, many who speak against God prospering His people will be convicted and say, "I've spoken against you. Will you forgive me? I was wrong. Can you help me? I'm broke and my ministry is going under. Will you pray for my restoration?"

**1 Kings 13: 7-10**

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**1 Cor. 2:5**

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This passage, as well as walking in God's system of financial blessing, is all about learning how to discern, how to move in the Spirit. The anointing inside you teaches you all things. It will check you, correct you, direct you, and it will stop you when you need to be stopped.

**Keep Your Antenna Up**

**1 Kings 13:14-18**

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Notice that if Satan cannot get you one way, he will try another. . . and another. That's why you cannot let anyone else be in control of you.

The devil will use someone close, someone you respect, and if you are not careful and always on the discerning mode, that someone will be your down fall. And that's what happened here.

**1 Kings 13:19-24**

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### Practicing Dollars and Sense

Financial freedom requires each of us as believers to discern what is, and is not, from God.

There are three guidelines the Spirit of God gave me to warn the Body of Christ about when it comes to our sowing financial seed:

1. **Don't sow your seed in the wrong place.**

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2. **Don't sow your seed in the wrong person or ministry.**

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#### Matthew 4:20

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So don't just drop your money in an offering plate, or whatever, as though you were playing it in a slot machine. . . just taking a chance. Hear from God, first. Then sow purposefully into good soil, realizing that good soil is soil that produces.

3. **Watch for sowing for the wrong purposes.**

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Don't give out of excitement, or out of emotions. Purpose to hear from God, and then do what He tells you to do.

It all comes down to knowing when to sow and when not to sow. God can trust you with money once you've learned when and where to sow.

#### You Are Here

The first law in reading a map is that you have to find out where you are before you can figure out where you're going.

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I want to help us locate ourselves. I want to help set our sights on our covenant with God. . . so we can get to that higher place He has for all of us financially.

#### 1Samuel 22:1-2

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These guys were under some financial pressures. Yet, they had the courage to come together and start somewhere.

It's important to get honest with yourself and get honest with God. Just start right where you are and open your heart to God. He will do the rest.

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God first works in the life of another and works thoroughly so he may give that person, to you as an authority above you for you to learn obedience and to possess what you have never possessed before. This man's wealth becomes your wealth. Should you overlook this divine procedure, though you may live for 50 years, you may lag far behind the attainment of that person.

The way God grants his grace, to us is two-fold, sometimes - though rarely - He grants grace to us directly. Mostly, He gives His riches to us indirectly. That is, God puts above you those who are more advance spiritually so you may accept their judgment as your judgment.

This will then enable you to possess the wealth without you, yourself, having to go through their painful experience. To rebel is to choose the way of poverty.

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God is sending leaders before you—no differently than he did in King David's day.

But if we are going to receive the full benefit of the principles and trails those pioneers are blazing for us, then we must not rebel against the revelation that is divinely connected or associated with those benefits.

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**Receive "I'll never be broke another day in my life!" as your Word from God.**

**As you do, God will see to it that those revelations manifest in a physical sense, not just the spiritual.**