

Your Money Story – Part 1



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- ☑ We all have a **Money Story**, or a set of **BELIEFS** around money that leads to certain **BEHAVIORS** with our money.
- ☑ When it comes to money, our **BEHAVIORS** either **BENEFIT** us or they **COST** us.
- ☑ The key to unpacking all of this is our **Money Story** because everything to do with our money begins with our BELIEFS about money.
- ☑ **Your biggest challenge when it comes to your Money is your Money Story.**

Solomon has gone down in legend as a man of *Wisdom & Wealth*. [1 Kings 10:23-25](#) sums it up:

“King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. Year after year, everyone who came brought a gift — articles of silver and gold, robes, weapons and spices, and horses and mules.”

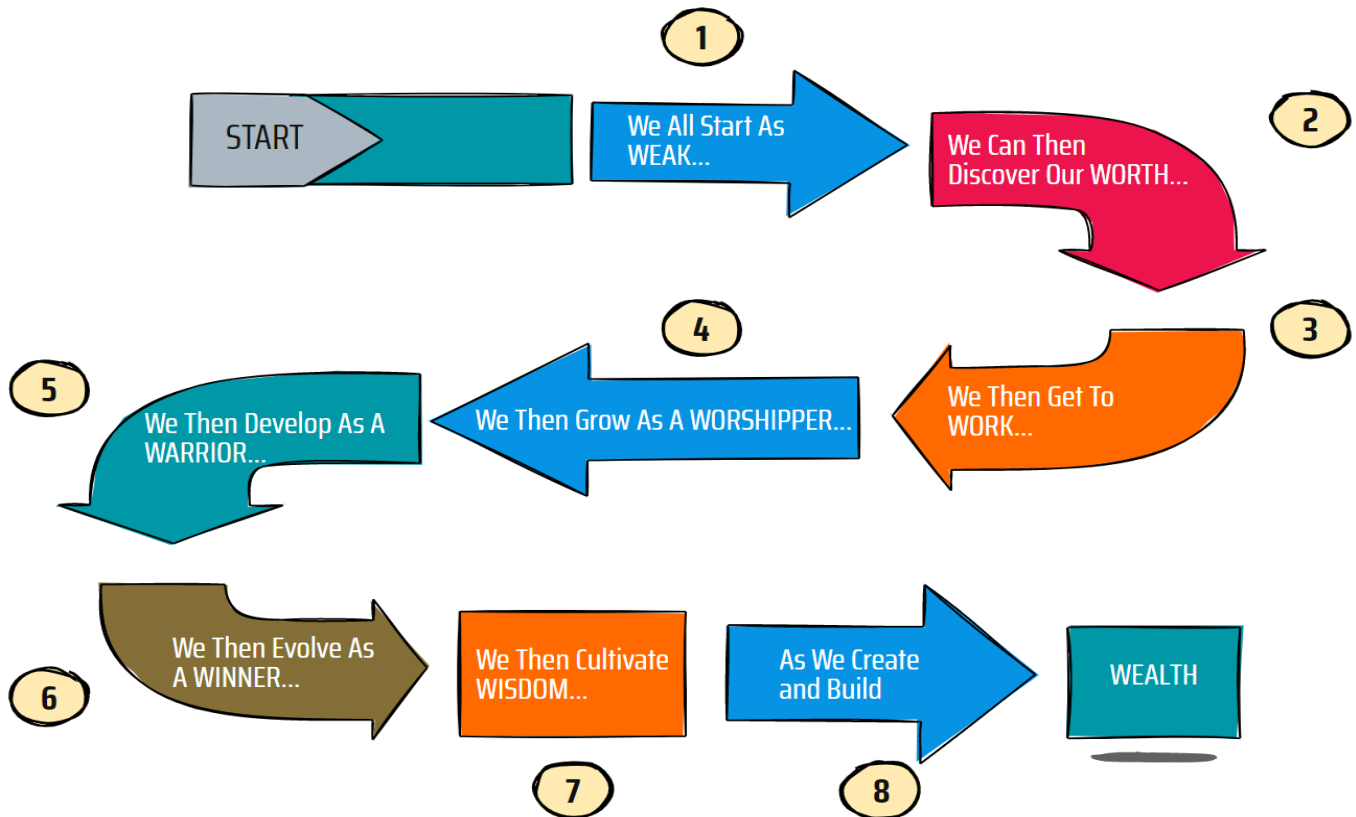
But the wealth of Solomon was only possible because he stood on the shoulders of David, his father. Solomon started life enormously wealthy, and then became wealthier. But David began with an average **Money Story** and yet that was NOT how he finished.

Check out the end of his life in [1 Chronicles 29:1-5](#):

“Then King David said to the whole assembly: “...this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: 3000 talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and 7000 talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the LORD today?”

Over the years, David’s Wealth grew, and by the time of his death, he had a fortune of about 110 tons of gold and 260 tons of silver, precious stones, and marble! At today’s market value, that is literally USD\$5-10 Billion. Though Solomon started as a wealthy prince, David started life as a poor shepherd boy. David had humble beginnings, and this created a **Money Story** that needed to shift in order for David to experience different outcomes in his **Money...**

The Wealth Progression



I Samuel 17:25-37:

"25 Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. **The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel.**"

26 David asked the men standing near him, "**What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel?** Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

27 **They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him...30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.**

31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him. 32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." 33 Saul replied, "**You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.**"

34 **But David said** to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Change began for David when his **Worth Story** and his **Wealth Story** began to shift!

We See The Beginning Of David's Story Shift In 2 Areas Here:

👉 **His Story About His Worth** > I Samuel 17:33-37,

👉 **His Story About His Wealth** > I Samuel 17:25-27.

>> **As Goes My Worth, So Goes My Wealth. Worth Unlocks Wealth!** The tragedy for some is that our **Worth Story** and **Wealth Story** acts as a negative loop that brings us down. We ALL have a **Wealth Story** and a **Worth Story**...

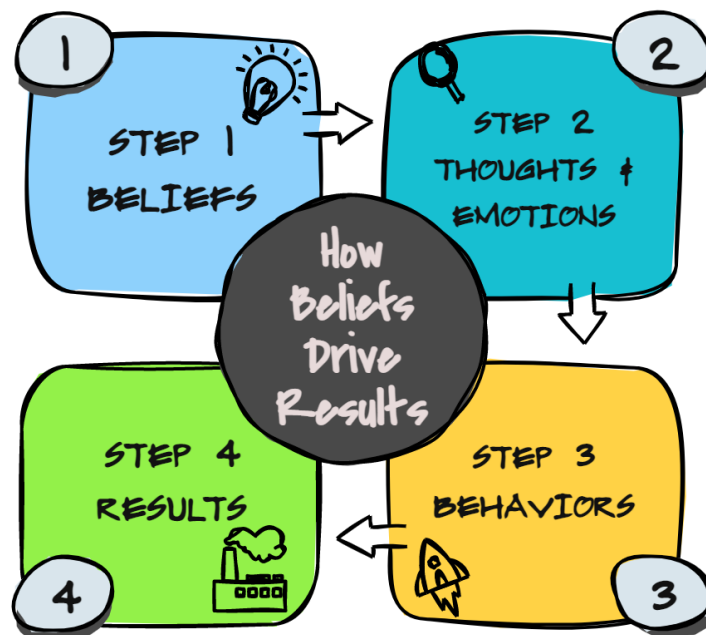
Proverbs 23:7 > "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Proverbs 4:23 > "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Your success or failure is always in your story. You get your sense of **Wealth** and **Worth** from the people around you and the environment you were raised in. **Your Money Story Is Formed Through The Interaction Of 5 Key Components:**



Do YOU have an unhealthy belief system or mindset that creates big barriers to moving out of an unhealthy **Money Story** and into a healthy **Money Story**? We cannot perform beyond the level of our programming. Everything to do with our money begins with our BELIEFS about money...



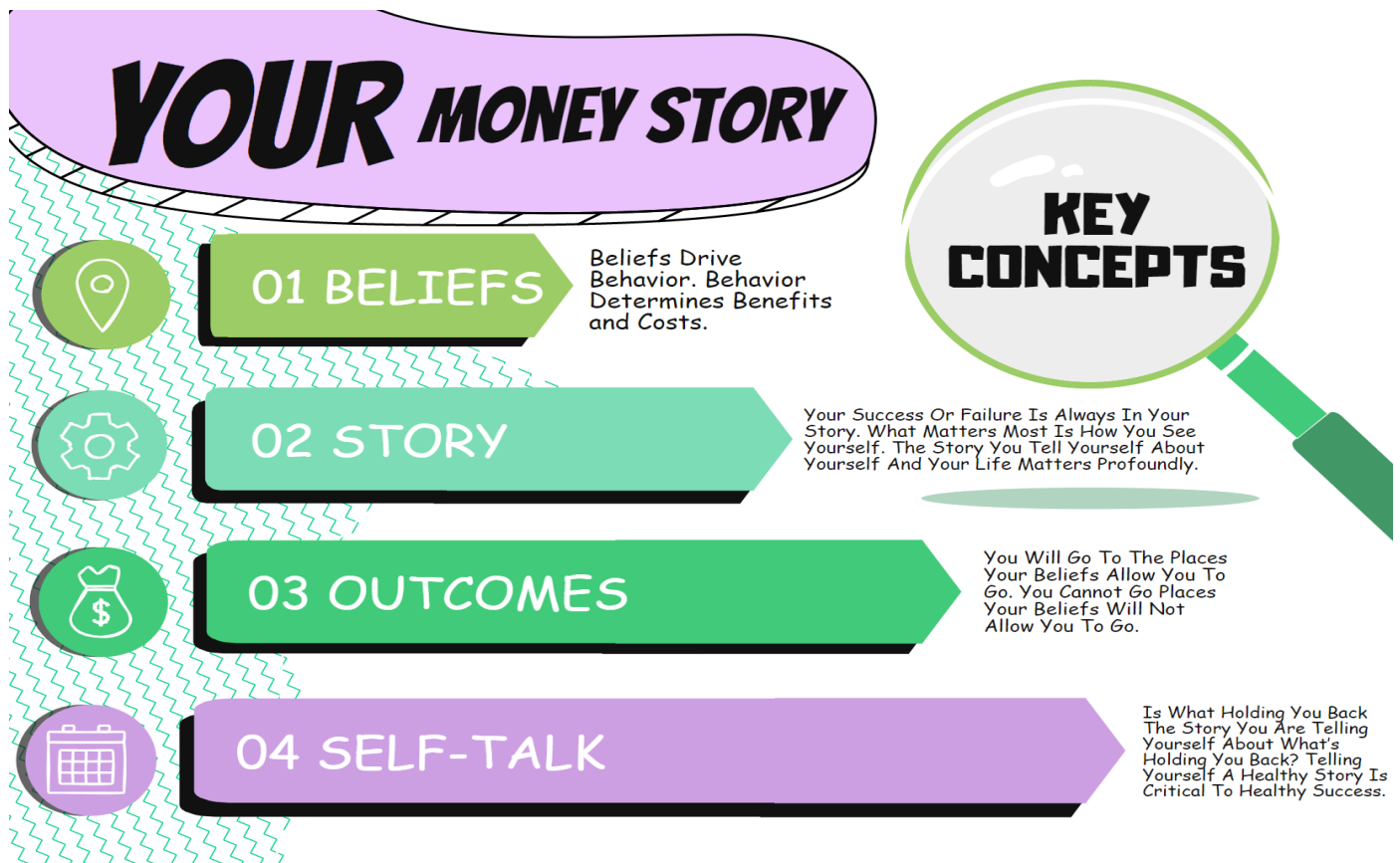
Matthew 9:27-30:

"27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "**According to your faith let it be done to you**"; 30 and their sight was restored."

Romans 4:16-18:

"16 Therefore, **the promise comes by faith**, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and **calls into being things that were not**. 18 Against all hope, **Abraham in hope believed and so became** the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Key Concepts About Your Money Story:



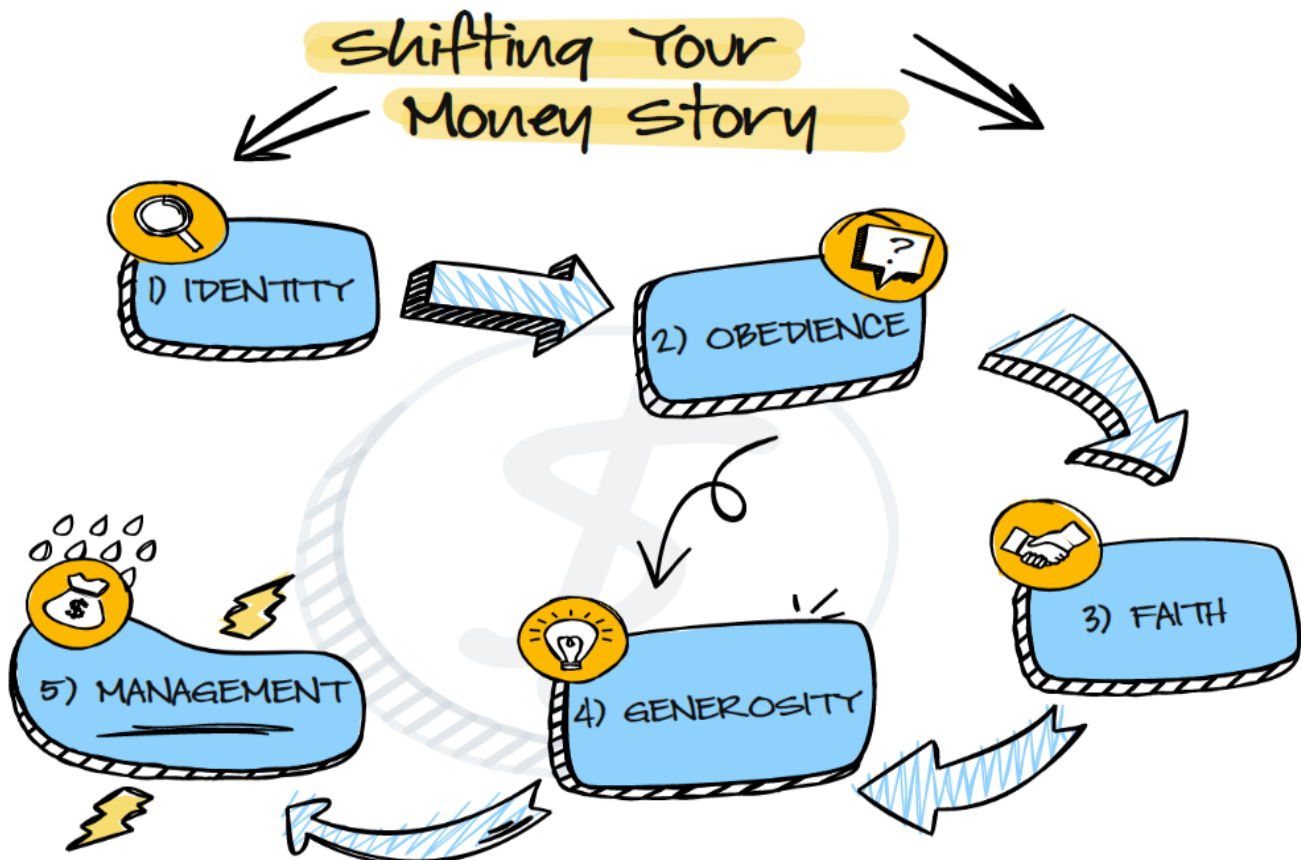
The example of Isaac in Genesis 26:1-14 is a person with a **Healthy Money Story**...

"1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. 2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your

seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar... 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.”

Shifting Your Money Story:

- a) **IDENTITY** > Know Who You Are – v.4-5 ⇒ *Knowing Who You Are Determines What You Get* – Isaac knew who he was: the seed of Abraham. **We too** are the seed of Abraham and heir to his blessings ⇒ Galatians 4:21-31; Galatians 3:6-14,26-29. *Knowing Who You Are Determines What You Get* – Matthew 9:29; Numbers 13-14.
- b) **OBEDIENCE** > Do The Right Thing – v.1-6 ⇒ *God Blesses You When You Do What He Wants You To Do* – Psalm 128:1-2. When we are in the right *place* at the right *time* with the right *people* doing the right *thing*, we are blessed.
- c) **FAITH** > Use Faith As A Shield – v.1-6 ⇒ *Your Beliefs Determines Your Benefits!* Isaac had faith! His faith protected him like a shield > Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 11:6!
- d) **GENEROSITY** > Sow Good Seed – v.6,12 ⇒ *Blessing Comes When You Sow Seed! The size of your harvest is directly related to the size of your seed - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15! Your seed is your future... so plant it well!*
- e) **MANAGEMENT** > Manage It Well – v.4 ⇒ *God Channels Wealth To You When He Knows He Can Channel It Through You!* God blessed Isaac because, “...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed.” God prospers us so that He can bless others *through* us ⇒ Deuteronomy 8:17-18. *God Channels Wealth To You When He Knows He Can Channel It Through You* ⇒ Matthew 25:21.



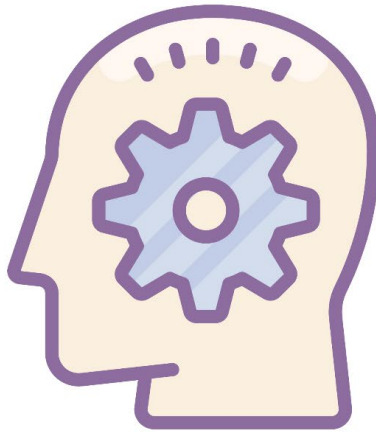
This series on *Your Money Story* will be about moving from *Money Stressed* to *Money Safe*...



The Stress Response:

When someone feels **STRESSED** in their Money Story:

- Fear of "not enough", or lack, guides every decision,
- They have difficulty investing or saving,
- They withdraw into depression or hopelessness,
- They struggle to innovate, create, or make connections,
- They have tunnel vision,
- They struggle to understand complexity or nuance,
- They focus on Money drama and Money problems,
- The obstacle is always bigger than the opportunity,
- The problem is always larger than the possibility,
- Small wealth habits and overall productivity suffer.
- Generosity is not an option, and their potential is limited.



The Safety Response:

When someone feels **SAFE** in their Money Story:

- Their brain opens up and the clever parts connect,
- They create because they feel empowered,
- They innovate because they feel confident,
- They see solutions and possibilities,
- They are more open to healthy opportunities,
- They are less vulnerable to unhealthy opportunities,
- They make good Money decisions,
- They get the big picture and the little ones,
- They make clearer connections and patterns,
- Their small wealth habits and productivity bloom,
- Generosity is a way of life, and they fulfill their potential.

Remember this:

- ♥ When it comes to *Your Money Story*, as goes your **WORTH**, so goes your **WEALTH**.
- ♥ **WORTH** unlocks **WEALTH**.
- ♥ Let's heal your **WEALTH** in order to help your **WEALTH**.