

Financial Stewardship & Prosperity

Title: Kingdom Principles for Financial Stewardship and Prosperity

Deuteronomy 8:18 – "But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

Introduction:

Many believers struggle with finances because they do not follow biblical financial principles.

God is the source of all provision, and He desires for His people to prosper.

Prosperity is not just about money; it is about stewardship, obedience, and faithfulness.

Today, we will look at biblical principles for financial stewardship and prosperity.

1. God is the Source of Wealth

Philippians 4:19 – "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Key Points

- God is our provider, and all resources come from Him.
- Trusting in wealth alone is dangerous (**Proverbs 11:28**).

Acknowledge God in all your financial dealings.

Example

The Israelites in the wilderness relied on God's provision (manna, water from the rock). Likewise, we must depend on Him, not our own efforts.

Application:

Begin every financial decision with prayer.

Acknowledge God's ownership of all your resources.

2. The Principle of Giving and Tithing

Malachi 3:10 – "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Key Points:

- Giving is a command, not an option (**Luke 6:38**).
- Tithing (10%) belongs to God—it is an act of faith and obedience.
- Offerings go beyond the tithe and bring additional blessings.

Example:

A farmer who sows generously reaps a great harvest (**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**).

Application:

Make giving a priority in your finances.

Give cheerfully, not grudgingly, trusting God's provision.

3. Avoiding Debt and Practicing Financial Discipline

Proverbs 22:7 – "The borrower is slave to the lender."

Key Points:

- Debt can enslave and prevent financial freedom.
- Be wise with spending—live within your means.
- Practice budgeting and planning to avoid financial stress.

Example:

The story of the widow and Elisha (**2 Kings 4:1-7**)—God provided a miracle, but she had to act wisely by selling the oil and paying off debts.

Application:

Avoid unnecessary loans and credit card debt.

Create a financial plan to manage your income wisely.

4. Hard Work and Diligence Bring Prosperity

Proverbs 10:4 – "Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth."

Key Points:

- God blesses those who work diligently.
- Avoid laziness and be faithful in small things.
- Seek excellence in your career, business, or ministry.

Example

Joseph's life: He was diligent and faithful, and God elevated him to be second in command in Egypt (**Genesis 41:39-41**).

Application:

Be excellent in your work—God rewards diligence.

Seek skills and knowledge to increase your financial capacity.

5. Prosperity is for Kingdom Advancement

Matthew 6:33 – "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Key Points:

- Wealth is not just for personal gain but to advance God's kingdom.
- Be generous in supporting the church and helping the needy.
- True prosperity is about fulfilling God's purpose.

Example

The early church shared what they had, and no one was in need (**Acts 4:34-35**).

Application:

Use your wealth to support missions, churches, and the needy.

Always seek God's will in how you use your finances.

Conclusion:

Financial prosperity is a result of obedience, stewardship, and trust in God.

Apply these principles, and you will experience God's provision and abundance.

Prosperity is not just about money—it is about fulfilling God's purpose.

Call to Action:

Make a commitment to trust God with your finances.

Begin tithing and giving faithfully.

Start practicing financial discipline and avoid debt.

Use your resources for God's glory.