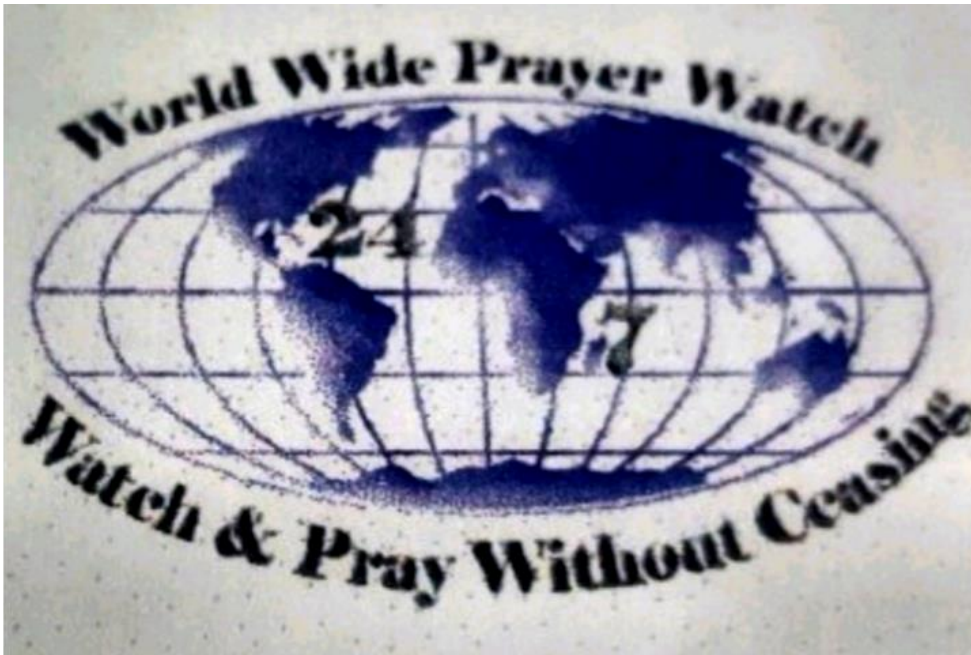


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There are many who must still hear of the gospel.

There are many still in the valley of decision.

There are many discouraged and lack hope,

There are many so, only because of my people.

How so, you may ask?

Because you hinder my work through your lack of giving!

Where are the first fruits of my people, where are the offerings of the Believers?

How must the work progress, how must the work continue without the principle I have set?

The obedience of the sheep helps strengthen the work of the shepherds.

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1. God's Design for Wealth

This may surprise many but God's Design for wealth amongst the Believers is love. It is love that will cause you to give. Was it not God that caused Him to give His best. God is love!

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

To give in God's Kingdom is to sow. Because there is a Kingdom in effect, therefore the plan of God is for us to sow. Sowing brings forth the already accomplished harvest of God. Therefore we have seed time and harvest time. We cannot have the one without the other. It is a concrete principle in God's Kingdom.

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When we look carefully we will find that the two most important Commandments in the Bible is also God's design for wealth.

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

We often show our love to God by how we treat our neighbors. This means that no matter what the situation may be, we do not lean on our own understanding. We are not called to! In our love for our neighbor we immediately see the need to give – the need to sow. This may be stalled or interrupted by our own lack and our own reasons and decisions. This may cause us to draw our own selfish conclusions.

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Therefore to rely entirely on God and the leading of His Holy Spirit means we must be obedient to the first two Commandments that God speaks of in His Word. Love and sowing is related. And because sowing is related to harvesting, we then see how love, sowing and harvesting all work together. Of all, love is still the greatest. It is love that inspires and motivates us to give.

As we sow the harvest is genuine but the fruit may vary. The fruit varies and so does the measure. We also know though that as we sow sparingly we shall reap sparingly.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

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The early Church understood not only the principle of giving but also the principle of giving first. In giving of themselves first, they understood the importance of giving to God and His work first. Here again we can see the importance of love.

“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints-and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. (2 Corinthians 8:3-5)

God’s Design is for us to possess.

**“You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.”
(Deuteronomy 5:33)**

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In possessing we are able to give. As we possess we are able to give. There is nothing wrong with possessing, but it goes hand in hand with giving. The more we give, the more we are able to possess. Man's design is hard work and toil. God's design is sowing and reaping and love. King David loved his son Solomon. He gave to his son out of love an inheritance that belonged to him.

Solomon became a very wealthy man because of his inheritance and including all the other kings gifts and offerings. The principle of sowing and reaping from king David's time continued well into king Solomon's time. God's plan is good stewardship after possessing. Solomon for a great part of his kingdom rule was wise with his gifts and treasures. Though towards the latter part of his life, we see that his focus was not as his father David was.

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All through the Word we see how the Israelites were called to go into a land commanded by God, and take possession of it. Many a times they were called to possess from the wicked army's completed works. As they possessed it became theirs to properly manage. The principle is the same today. The wealth of the world will come into the hands of the Righteous. The Righteous must show God that they have Heavenly management skills. We cannot flounder the wealth that belongs to God. We must be excellent examples of how we manage the wealth that belongs to God. Because the wealth is in the hands of many of the wicked does not mean that it belongs to them.

**“For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.”
(Psalm 50:10-11)**

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Again the Heavenly designed plan of God does not fit in with the earthly plan of man. God's plan is a unique one revealed by His Spirit of when and how. Therefore in order for us to fulfill the plan of God regarding good financial management we must at all times be in tune with His Holy Spirit. God is spirit and He reveals to us His Church by His Spirit. The Spirit of God knows all the things of God. This calls for a daily consistent relationship.

“ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

Very often the plan of God does not make sense. The world plan is to give out of abundance. God's plan is to give out of our very last.

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God desires to show divine intervention. Man on the other hand is often afraid to show proof of divine intervention because it requires a great deal of faith. But it is faith that pleases God and moves Him.

This is shown well in the story of the widow on her last meal. God sends the Prophet Elijah to this widow, what he will ask for and what he is about to do are all important points for us to remember. It reveals God's Way of workings amongst us.

“Then the word of the LORD came to him, ‘Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.’ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ And she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar

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and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.’ And Elijah said to her,’ Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.” (1 Kings 17:8-16)

The world system teaches and encourages for us to go to him who has much, here we see God sends the Prophet to one who has very little – a widow on her very last meal.

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In giving to the Prophet *first*, she would be in truth be giving to God *first*. Today we the church give into the Kingdom of God for His continuous service. The Lord watches out for our obedience. Is the Church aware of this?

The world's plan is to sustain the wise and the rich and for them to get richer. God's Plan is for us is to give to the poor and needy and in this manner He Blesses us. The more we give, the more we place ourselves in a position to receive.

2. First Fruits

“And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.” (Joshua 6:16-19)

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Achan took out of the Lords treasure. Jericho was the first city, first piece of land that God was giving as victory to His people. It was theirs on earth. But the principle was that the first was God's. He therefore commanded them to give that land by burning everything in it and destroying all the people of that land. Principle was that the treasures like the silver and the gold belonged in the treasure of the Lord. These items were to be brought into the treasury of the Lord. When we give we then possess. Giving is a principle of the Lord's. God starts by giving victory to Joshua and the Israelites. When God gives we do not have labor and toil. Just like Adam was called to manage and eat of that which He gave in the Garden of Eden. Though Adam sinned and was no longer in the position he first was, the Believer is restored to that position by what Jesus did on the Cross. This is very important that we understand and have spiritual insight to now.

What the enemy has caused the world to work and toil for will be given to us. We are to simply

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possess. And peace come to us as a result of this. Now here is a lesson for all of us as we study the story of Joshua and the Israelites. It was a hard lesson to learn but God was not to change His laws and ways for that of man. We are to adhere to what God is saying. If we don't we must expect the repercussion thereof. God sees the heart of man.

“But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.” (Joshua 6:18-19)

Achan's heart was deceitful and not afraid of God. Or we could say that Achan thought God will not see what He had done or perhaps that even if God saw he would not be harsh after all the Israelites were His people and God was on the verge of giving them so much. Not so!

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**“But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel.”
(Joshua 7:1)**

“So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water. Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. And Joshua said, ‘Alas, O Lord GOD, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan!’” (Joshua 7:4-7)

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We can clearly see here that the test upon the Israelite Nation came at the very beginning of the life of being able to possess that which God allows them to. Achan was disobedient and stole from God. The result was that when the army of God went out on a much easier mission to take possession they failed miserably. Even so that many lives were lost. God was angry at what the Nation of Israel had done. Joshua knew that this was not normal and something was amiss. God revealed to him that sin existed within the camp and the task he was asked to perform would reveal the truth.

“ The LORD said to Joshua, ‘Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their

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enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. Get up! Consecrate the people and say, Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.” (Joshua 7:10-13)

The children of God, we who are Believers cannot afford to have the devoted things that belong to the Lord amongst the worshippers. It is holy, it is devoted to the Lord.

“And Achan answered Joshua, ‘Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.” (Joshua 7:20-21)

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How serious a matter was this? Well let's see the response of Joshua according to the Will of God.

“And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. And Joshua said, ‘Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today.’ And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.” (Joshua 7:24-26)

The devoted thing belongs to God. The principle is no different than it was thousand of years ago.

The Star and The Wise Men

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’” (Matthew 2:1-2)

The Wise Men were actually local kings. It was revealed to them that the King of the Jews was born. Having followed the star they would now come to the place where Jesus was born. Having seen the star they were overjoyed. For they knew the star was going to lead them to the King that they were expecting. This was the King that was prophesied about thousands of years ago. Theirs was a mission, not only to see the King but to offer their gifts and worship Him. Having seen the King they bowed down and worshipped Him. What they did is very significant in the principle

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and manner of what kings do when they visit another king. They opened their gifts, their treasures and presented it to Him. The Bible teaches us that where two or more Believers gather the King is there. Knowing that their gathering would encounter the King, they were therefore sure to go with their gifts. This is called Royal Protocol. It is a rule made by the King and not man. It is a rule that cannot be broken but must be followed. They Wise Men never forgot. Kings know that the gift that distracts them the most is the one most costly and it is imperative that the one bringing the gift brings an impression to the King. Your gift has to move the King. It must not be something that is not important to you. If it is important to you then it will be important to the King. Again it is not the quantity or the volume but the cost to you that matters. The weight of the gift is measured by you going out of your way. It must be fitting for the King and will also say much to Him about you.

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“ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:10-11)

The Test

The Lord is determined to be first in our lives. He has created us for His purpose. We are never to forget that. The greatest commandment that God has given us is that we love Him unconditionally. But there is a second commandment that is equally important and that is to love our neighbor.

**‘.....You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)**

I say equally important because very few realize that God tests our love for Him through the second commandment. In other words our obedience to the first commandment is seen by how we treat other. If we say we are obedient to the first commandment then we are only so

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because we have by passed the test on the second.

The test is how we treat others. The treating of others is based on a great deal of our willingness to give what we have to others. Whether its our patience, time or money. In other words are we willing to let go of something that is close to our hearts. In the age and the society we live in, the thing that is closest to people's hearts for most part are their finances. When a man is able to give hugely of his finances, it shows the condition of his heart. You see we do not work for people but rather for our finances. We help others and expect to be rewarded in return. This is in the form of money which we call our wages. Suppose money had a life on its own and it was able to speak out. Money would then say, if you help this person I will then come to you. When we reach that goal every week or every month this thing called money then attaches itself to us for a while. And we become very emotional and attached to that which we have labored for.

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The person or persons we have helped have simply agreed to manage the money and move it accordingly. We can also call it a reward for our labor's. And so God knows this, and therefore that which is closest to our hearts is that which we are called to let go off. If it was something else, then that would be the thing God would make mention of.

Solomon said “ and I saw that all labour and all achievement springs from man’s envy of his neighbor.....” (Ecclesiastes 4.4)

‘Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income...’ (Ecclesiastes 5.10)

God is the One who teaches what is best for us. The reason for that is because God is the only One who knows what is best for us. **“All the best of the oil and all the best of the wine and of the grain, the first fruits of what they give to the LORD, I give to you.” (Numbers 18:12)**

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When you make a vow to God do not delay in fulfilling it. If you do not then you are considered a fool. God does not take pleasure in fools. It is better not to vow than to make vow and not fulfill it. God becomes angry according to the Bible and says that God will destroy the work of our hands instead.

“ When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?” (Ecclesiastes 5:5-6)

3. The Heart and Giving

The Believer must learn to give with a cheerful heart. A heart that is cheerful in giving is a heart that is clean. The Psalmist cried out to God for him to have clean heart.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

The heart of the giver must believe that God is who He says He is. God is the owner of it all. The heart must at all times trust in God. The heart must respect God and His Word. For in him honoring God, his request is answered.

“ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” (Psalm 50:14-15)

The heart of the Believer must be willing to give again and again. Forgiveness and giving walk side by side. We are not to be foolish, but in walking by the Spirit, we are able to forgive seventy times seven and this may be tested in our giving. We

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cannot afford to give in doubt. For without faith it is impossible to please God. When the Believer has a heart after the Will of God, it refuses to believe in any lies. This is faith! ***The heart must not be anxious whilst giving and neither must it bother after it has given.*** After it has given, the heart must be free from being judgmental. The heart must also look out for opportunities to give. A surrendered heart to Lord will always be willing to respond to His request.

When there is a need, a clean heart will not make excuses not to give. The heart of the Believer must never feel guilty for looking out for returns either. It is God's wealth after all. The heart must die daily to self, for in her giving the rest of the world does not have to know. Death to self is a daily thing. Our giving must to our best be done in secret. Secret giving enables God to reward us.

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

(Matthew 6:3-4)

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God's test with us is not initiated in our act of doing something. That's not where it starts. God is the One who sees our hearts. We may say many things, promise much and even do a lot of things that seem very impressive but the conclusion of the matter is the manner of our hearts. Jesus said that if we choose to do our acts before men we will receive no reward from our Father in Heaven. Yes that is true. When you are not looking for accolades from men but God, then your giving does not have to be mentioned to the whole world. In fact when our giving is between us and God, the Bible tells us that God who sees what is done in secret will reward us. God judges us on what is going on in our hearts. God knows our hearts.

Very often the praise of man, is already taken as reward given. And therefore closes the door of Heaven to openly reward. If man is rewarding the giver, make sure that God has seen and inspired the man to reward on behalf of Him.

God hates a stingy man. A stingy man is a selfish man and is often one who lacks faith. In the final

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judgment a great deal of our giving will account for our entrance into the Kingdom of God.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’” (Matthew 25:31-36)

A heart after the Will of God is a heart He can work with. It is a heart that is pliable in the Hands of God.

**“ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.”
(Psalm 37:4-5)**

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The Greek word for delight is *'eudokeo'* this is when God's purpose and plan is in view. The original Hebrew meaning for the word *'delight'* is to be *'soft and pliable.'* When we delight in God, we take pleasure in Him and allow ourselves to be *'molded and managed,'* by Him. Prayer is responsible for causing this *'softness'*; it is responsible for creating this *'pliability'* in us for Him. God changes us through us seeking Him in prayer.

As we continue with the Lord daily, He helps remove what we want and replaces it with what He desires. This is an important principle of a changed heart. We go to God to be changed. The word *'it'* in **verse 5** is the desires that He has now placed in our hearts which we then pray back to Him.

To *'Commit'* unto God, according to **Psalm 37.5** is to surrender or to roll over the responsibility of deciding on to Him. It is then that He brings to pass those new God given desires that we allowed

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Him to place in our hearts. Any wonder why we are never the same after going to God.

When the heart of man has been impregnated with the will of God it is then helped by the Holy Spirit to bring Gods' Kingdom wherever he may go. (excerpt taken from "***Prayer : A Changed Heart***" by Mervyn Naidoo)

God must first have His way with our hearts. God honors us for having desired a heart for Him and for this to happen there must be change. We must allow God to work first with our hearts. If there is no change in us then very little of what God has, may becomes ours. We must have a changed heart to receive what He has for us. When we were in the world our hearts were never at peace. There was something always lacking, though we may never have known it. When we come to the Lord however, He gives us His Spirit and so we become quiet. It is through the quietness of our heart that we become obedient to God about our giving. When our hearts are right with God we are no longer men pleasers.

4. How does the World Manage Money

The Church must understand that saving is not against God's Word. It is how we save and what are we saving for that's important. There is a world system of saving and there is a Heavenly way of saving. The world system is bound to collapse simply because it is not perfect. The Church must know and believe that God's system is perfect. The world believes in storing away and knows no other. It is most practical to her and makes the most sense. She handles her finances in an unkind manner. Just look around you for proof. Her manner is one of selfishness and greed. The world lives by a simple principle that if you do not have, you therefore cannot possess. It's system of storing is the only plan it knows for better days. Hence the selfishness! It never wants to apply faith in its saving. It must see, it must

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feel, it must know and then it will believe. This is all contrary to the God's method of accumulating. For it is this principle of sowing in faith that pleases Him. The world sees God as a risk, for one of the first things that God would require of it, would be to give away. In giving she realizes that she will be in need of Him. And she does not want that. That's what God desires but not the world. She is too proud to come down to that level. The world wants proof of the end total. The world wants immediate feedback to what it has given. God does not guarantee immediate response, though in the realm of the spirit that's what happens. This means something is happening immediately in the realm of the spirit, though we do not see it. When we see it in the physical, if we do, is always left to God and not man. This in itself tells us how God desires that we be totally dependent on Him.

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The story of Abraham is proof that God wants us to operate in faith. This man was prepared to sacrifice his son. The ritual of how one would prepare an animal as a sacrifice is seen here. Abraham follows all the requirements for an offering before a Holy God. The only thing lacking was for him was to slaughter his son, which he was about to do. Many a times we forget to see that Abraham was willing to go all the way, believing that God would still provide in some other way. Abraham believed that God would still fulfill his initial promise, about him being the father of many nations.

“When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said,

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“Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” (Genesis 22:9-11)

Interesting to note as well is that when Abraham came to the foot of the mountain, he deliberately leaves his servant behind. His last words to his servant was that he and the boy would return. Now that's faith!

Then Abraham said to his young men, **“Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” (Genesis 22:5)**

When we give to the world, it promises to give back by a certain time, method and certain margin or profit. Even though it is not perfect yet many a times we are all prone to follow it. God's Way however has no set time, nor does it have a set margin. God operates beyond our expectations and restrictive measures. Nothing is impossible with our God.

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The world gives and still sees it as its own. When the Believer gives however, he gives what he knows belongs to the Lord in the first place.

Once it is given it is in the Lord's hands. When it was in ours, it was simply there for our careful management. The way we manage the Affairs of God and the manner we manage the treasures of our Lord depends upon the condition of our heart. May God create in us a clean and pure heart. The world has still to know that God's plan is perfect.

The banks and worldly institutions are still the most reliable store houses for society. Even though history has shown us that they are infallible and prone to collapse, man still puts his trusts in her. Little does man know that the most reliable storehouse is still that of the Lord's.

It is the duty of the Church to lead by example. The Church cannot afford to follow in the ways of the world. The Church cannot afford to borrow from the world system. The spiritual system and

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dynamics of the Heavenly Kingdom is perfect and lacks nothing. We need simply believe!

The world system comes to an end. It has a conclusion. Anything that rusts is on its way to an end. The Bible tells us that the earthly storehouse eventually destroys for it does not have the capacity to keep and store forever. It dies daily to the evil of this world.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

The world is selfish and will only give when it sees that there is a guarantee that it will receive again. In fact the world is filled with people who have used various platforms to teach this principle. They have ample proof of their teachings but no proof that it has built any wealth for them in the

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eternal kingdom. They teach and preach only for and within the restricted dimensions of time and space.

The world wants to know how something will return and applies this to their finances. They will give knowing people will give back in return. God's people instead, are called to give knowing it is Him who will give back. The world loves money. The Believer loves God.

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)

The world loves money and often calculates that there is never enough. There can never be enough when you are operating contrary to the Will of God. Because there is never enough, there is always fear. That fear leads to one being suicidal.

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The Believer does not put his trust in the money instead he puts his trust in God. His trust is not in the provision but in the Provider. God is His Provision.

The world is forever thanking man for his profit and great ideas of return. The Believer is forever thankful to His God and His perfect plan. Simply put the world thanks man, whilst the Believer thanks His God. To Him we give all the Praise and the Glory.

The world has a plan of toil, sweat and tears. The Believer has a plan that comes from God, it is one of ease, peace and joy.

“ And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By

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the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:17-19)

The world system is a continuity of the curse handed to Adam after he sinned. And so in rebellion the world continues.

The Believer however accepts the finished work of God in Christ at Calvary. The result is that we are rewarded with the blessings that Adam had in the Garden of Eden before him sinning. The Cross has restored the initial plan and purpose of God. We now partake of it in Jesus Name. We walk in it by Faith!

For us to possess we must know the finished work and our Heavenly Position in Christ. It is from here we reign.

5. How is the Church to Think about Her Finances

It is the right of the Church to receive finances.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” (Malachi 3:10)

The Church is to have a cheerful heart when giving. There should not be any sadness when the Believer gives to the Church. A decision must be made and then followed through.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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There is nothing wrong with the Believer giving beyond his ability. In fact the Bible encourages it.

“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints” (2 Corinthians 8:3-4)

We must learn to give first of ourselves. We do so by first seeking Him. In giving of ourselves to the Lord, that which is in our possession will be easy to give over to God.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

Our thoughts about giving must never be to impress the world nor the Church. When we give, our hearts must act in humility. The danger of being disobedient here is that we lose the blessings that is ours. The praise and glory we

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receive from man leaves no more room for God to reward us.

“ Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:2-4)

It's important that we know that whatever we have, simply belongs to God. We are giving back to God that which belongs to Him.

**“ For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.”
(Psalm 50:10-11)**

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We are not called to give into the Kingdom because the Kingdom is in any way in lack. We give out of obedience to God.

“ If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” (Psalm 50:12-15)

In our obedience to God we are protected and covered in the day of trouble.

“I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:11)

The Church must understand that we are simply stewards of what belongs to God. We are therefore thankful of this opportunity to manage the affairs of God here on earth. Our obedience is

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first shown in us first giving into God's Kingdom. If we give to God and His work only after deliberately putting something else first, then we have failed. ***We have no excuse to justify giving to God after seeing to the our needs or the needs of the world. We show to God our Love for Him, by our giving first His, to His work here on earth.*** And we show our sincerity and seriousness by doing so at first instance. No matter how much we may debate and argue this point, we are still bound by a simple principle of God First!

The Believer must understand that it takes finances to manage God's Kingdom here on earth. When man gives, he must have in mind that he is giving to God and not man. This is a very important thought as man is evil and he will abuse that which belongs to God. ***Ours however must be to give towards the work of The Lord first and let Him be the Judge of mismanagement.***

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When we give, we immediately place the servant in a position of being judged by God as to how he handles the affairs of God. Many servants are judged by man, yet not by God because they are never put in the position to be judged. Simply put they are not given the first fruits to be checked by God.

The Lord has never called us to be proud about finances. The enemy however has impressed upon the hearts of the rich that they have a right to be proud of their finances. We should know that we acquire finances by faith and it is our duty to give. It is also a duty to receive for the purpose of Kingdom work. The servant of God should know that it is his duty to receive. This duty comes with knowing his duty to serve. The service of the servant is encouraged and successful by the church giving and the servant receiving. Important though is that the servant never forgets his obligation to the service of the Lord.

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“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

We are servants in the Kingdom of God. We are servants for God for His people. We must never become a servant to money. As soon as we become servants to money, we become slaves to it. The result is that we will not love God. In fact the result is that we will hate God.

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)

We must be equally aware that money can become an abomination if we allow it to. God does not want for us to have a disgust for money. He has allowed for money to be a type of bartering in society. The Lord has allowed it to be a means of exchange, a means of fulfilling our

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obligations. The taxes then like the taxes now were paid in the form of the currency of that day.

“ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, ‘Whose likeness and inscription is this?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:17-21)

We’ve got to know that God is always busy with our hearts.

“And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.” (Luke 16:15)

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Our eyes and how we see things are very important. The Bible tells us that our eyes are the lamp of the body.

“ The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” (Matthew 6:22-23)

Finally let's not have a sinful attitude about finances. If we do, then it will hinder our prayers and our blessings.

6. How is the Church to Manage Her Finances

**“ To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting”
(Numbers 18:21)**

Three Pastors threw their monies up into the air. The first one was adamant that he will catch all that he threw. The second was going to catch what he could and the third was willing to catch only what he needed. Which one of these Pastors had the right attitude?

We must understand that our giving is for the extension of the Kingdom. Even though we are all called to move by faith, there are stewards of that money. The Church can only give and manage what she has received.

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It is important that the Church gives knowing she is accepted by the Lord. It's not just the offering that must be accepted but the giver.

“When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.” (Leviticus 19:5)

God has a plan in place. Doctors will remain doctors, the Architect will continue as one who draws whilst the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher have an anointing that flows from God for the Church. They are the overseers of the New Testament Church. Like the Levitical Priesthood which had no inheritance but they are dependent on the giving of the people. The confusion that has risen today is often the role the servants of the people want to adopt. If the servants continued as the Levitical Priesthood did in years gone by, then our duties would be done. More of the Kingdom would be established and the people whom the servants serve and manage

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would have more faith to give into God's Kingdom.

The Church is still to have a high regard for them that carry out the service of the Lord. She must be able to recognize the anointed of God, and him whom God has placed at the forefront of His service. His task is different, his role is so, that he is first answerable to God. Abraham knew this, immediately upon him seeing King Melchizedek. “

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” (Genesis 14:18-20)

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In the story of Cain and Abel we often overlook the difference of sacrifice that each one brought to God and how it made a difference in the eyes of the Lord.

“In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.” (Genesis 4:3-5)

Not only did Abel bring the right offering to God, but it was also the first fruits of what he had received. He gave to God the best of his first fruits.

When Believers are obedient to giving now and giving of their first fruits then the Church is able to save, spend and give. Again the stewards must act in obedience to God's role for them.

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The Church must be guided by the Holy Spirit. The early Church understood this well. They never left the Upper Room until the Holy Spirit descended upon them. It was then that they were able to spread the Gospel. Ever thought about this carefully, here was a group of men and women who had just been with the Christ. Yet they did not just go out and testify of what they knew and saw, instead they still waited for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation today needs the leading of the Holy Spirit in their giving. The stewards of today need the Holy Spirit in the management of the congregations giving. When this is happening, then our giving will substantiate for what the Holy Spirit is doing.

The first fruits is food in God's storehouse. It nourishes and feeds the people. How can the people of God be nourished and fed if there is no storehouse.

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The finances in the storehouse of God is first for the people of God. It is to sustain first the people of God.

“We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD; also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor.” (Nehemiah 10:35-37)

When the Believer gives as the Lord may lead. It is now the duty of the Church to use it with great care.

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God knows about personal use. The servants in charge of the flock must be able eat of that giving. The ox must not be muzzled whilst at work. God is concerned about the worker and speaks for their sake.

“ For it is written in the Law of Moses, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.’ Is it for oxen that God is concerned?” (1 Corinthians 9:9)

Secondly the worker uses the finances for the Kingdom of God here on earth. The fruit is used to spread the Gospel.

Thirdly it is important that the people are fed, clothed and equipped. The duty of the Church leadership is to lead by example in showing kindness. Is the Church showing kindness today. Is there faith, and will there be enough faith when the Lord returns?

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“And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.” (Acts 2:45)

Again once it is given, it is the shepherds that God now hold responsible. God is concerned, God is watching!

7. The Story of King Solomon

When queen Sheba heard of king Solomon she decided to visit him but not first without her gifts. The Bible tells us that she arrived in Jerusalem with a very great caravan – with camels carrying spices, four and half tons of gold of gold, and precious stones. It was said that there has never been such spices as those the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

“Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions, having a very great retinue and camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind.

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And Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing hidden from Solomon that he could not explain to her. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, and their clothing, his cupbearers, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her.” (2 Chronicles 9:1-4)

“Then she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices, and precious stones. There were no spices such as those that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.” (2 Chronicles 9:9)

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This must have been worth a great deal. And when she saw the king she was overwhelmed as what she saw far exceeded the report she heard. She then praised the Lord God of king Solomon. Now all of this may seem too much but the Bible also tells us that when queen Sheba left she did so with much more than she had brought. King Solomon gave her all she desired and asked for.

“And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked besides what she had brought to the king. So she turned and went back to her own land with her servants.” (2 Chronicles 9:12)

This is again is not given to us as some bedtime story to read. It's the Word of God that we may understand the importance of giving, Kingdom Principles, offerings and being rewarded for what we desire. All of this is related to us in this story.

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Now we must remember that we have a Heavenly King who owns everything and desires to do much more for us His children. May we go to Him in faith, may we approach Him showing our faith by the measure of our giving.

God had given to Solomon even what he had not asked for.

“ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.” (1 Kings 3:13)

And with this wealth, God gave him peace. God gave in abundance to Solomon! But something happened along the way. King Solomon had 700 hundred wives, and many of these were foreign women who turned his heart away from the true living God. They made Solomon to forget the God of his father David. Solomon loved God once upon a time.

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“ Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, ‘You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.’ Solomon clung to these in love. He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.” (1 Kings 11:1- 4)

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Our wealth comes from God. He is King! This is kingdom business – His Kingdom. We cannot afford to be disobedient to God. There are repercussions for us turning away from God. One of the things that God will do, is take away from us the power and the wealth that came from Him. That which God did and promised in the time of King Solomon is still in effect today. The king's disobedience during his life time went on to affect the lives of kings after him. God warned Solomon of tearing the kingdom away from him, but not all. This tearing away was to follow during the reign of the kings after him.

“Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, ‘Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.’ (1 Kings 11:11)

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As we speak about sowing and God's Giving may we never forget that He watches out for our obedience. Perhaps even more so, because we carry with us the wealth that came from Heaven. May we remain humble, may we never mix the wealth of God with something foreign to God.

8. God or Mammon

The Believer must make a decision and not let it be hear say. We must have a proper knowledge and understanding of what is mammon. And in so doing we will not mix the two.

The word mammon has crept into the English vocabulary as riches that are acquired by dishonest means. It refers more to being in the hands of the wicked and how it has been gained. By the time Jesus walked upon the earth, this form of exchange had already made an impact in the lives of all people. It was already the thing that men and women placed as most important. Knowing and unknowingly even the chosen of God had replaced the first Commandment with the love for money. Any wonder why much of Jesus' early teaching speaks about the wealth of the world and what it had done to the heart of man. It's rapid growth in influencing man and its goal to draw man's attention away from God was moving at a rapid rate. In Jesus speaking about

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mammon it was for what it had done, what it was doing and more so for what it would eventually do if our eyes were not good. It was never about the abolishing or destruction of it but how we saw it. And for this we needed the Lord's guidance. Therefore Jesus says in **Matthew 6**,

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ‘No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’” (Matthew 6:22-24)

Mammon simply meant money or wealth in the Hebrew at the time but it's man's approach and attitude towards it that gave to it a negative Jewish sound.

In Mishnaic Hebrew, mammon doesn't have this negative sense. In origin mammon is not intrinsically good or bad, it's a matter of how we see it in order to manage it.

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Mammon became the reason why God was not put first. And today mammon comes indirectly in the form of wealth. It is still the duty of the Believer to be careful how he sees it. In him having a spiritual understanding, he will have the correct approach about it. At no time is he asked to serve mammon, at no time is he asked to be a servant of wealth.

The enemy has used mammon to draw man's attention away from Him. And so mammon becomes very enticing and misleading. The result is that it becomes very frightening. The lack of it is one example, greed is another. The majority of the pain and suffering together with fear has come through man's view of mammon. Money and wealth in today's society is at the top of the list. Mammon and wealth never introduces itself as bad, After all why should it but it eventually takes on that form as a result of how we see it.

God gives power. Mammon has clung onto the side of man and with it has offered to man power. Man is willing to exchange wealth and money for

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power. But not altogether. For it works its way back in some devious form. It acquires it for itself again. Thereby working together. The world of politics is rife with this evil. The wealthy come into power. The powerless are given power because of wealth. On the other hand the power offered demands wealth. Those seeking wealth have power and this becomes their mode of exchange. The one who has power is able to sign over huge contracts for huge returns. Power and wealth work together.

Mammon never introduces itself as bad but always good. Therefore we must be careful. Mammon has a few distinct characteristics that Believers must be aware of. It has a way of manipulating man. It begins by bringing us to a place of want. It strives upon preparing our circumstances for that which it wants. It gives no concrete warning, though God is forever doing so. God in His wisdom is warning us all the time. Our duty is to be obedient and careful. May God help us here! Mammon has a way of making us dream and wish not according to the Will of God. Therefore to covet is against God's Will. It entices

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us with its ability to be touched, felt and to be seen. Therefore as we discussed earlier on, it is important that our eyes be kept pure and holy as this is the lamp our bodies. We must be able to discern and see with our spiritual eyes.

Remember that God is spirit. And we therefore come to understand the Ways of God by His Spirit. This requires much faith. We must forever be conscious of mammon's way of making us selfish and arrogant. This leads to us being cruel and wicked. When we are wicked, we easily steal, kill and destroy.

9. Keys to God's Kingdom

God is our King and a king is ruler of a kingdom. In a kingdom there are keys that open doors to treasures. Jesus reveals to His disciple Peter that the Father is willing to reveal the secrets of the Kingdom. He does so by giving us the keys of the Kingdom. Now this is very important as Peter is told that he is receiving the keys not to the Kingdom but for the Kingdom. The difference is that he has the keys, the door is open and the rest of the Kingdom is opened by these keys. We are to know which key fits where! The Lord does so by helping us through the leading of His Holy Spirit. Therefore Jesus said to Peter that his answer was not given by man but by God working through His Holy Spirit here on earth. The idea is for us to have the knowledge of the Kingdom.

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“And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’” (Matthew 16:17-19

To add to this, Jesus speaks of binding and loosening. **“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:19)**

The Greek word for bind is lock and the Greek word for loose is unlock. In other words whatever you lock on earth will be locked in Heaven and whatever you unlock on earth will be unlocked in Heaven.

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***Our needs must be short circuited by our giving.
Our giving unlocks for us that which is Heaven.***

In **Matthew 25**, Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven in a parable describing a man who owned property and then went on a journey. Before he left he called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To the one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents of money and to another one talent. All of these servants were allocated this money according to their proven ability. The Bible tells us the first servant released his money by putting it to work. The result was that his money doubled and so did the servant with just two talents. The other servant though, had a different mindset about the owner. He did not trust the owner and therefore hid the money.

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to

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another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.

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**Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”
(Matthew 25:14-30)**

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This servant did not believe that if he had released the money given to him in faith, that it would work for him by giving him a better return.

He also believed that the owner would steal his hard earned money. This servant is regarded as wicked and lazy. God tests us with a few things and when we pass those small tests He then entrusts us with more. God takes from the wicked and lazy to give to us. ***The world does not sow into the Kingdom of God. Their functioning is not the same as the Heavenly Kingdom.***

But the Word tells us that the wealth of the ungodly will come into the hands of the Godly. Everyone who has will be given more. More only as he sows in the Kingdom. Jesus said that they will have in abundance. Firstly those who are given much are those to whom God knows in advance. God is All Knowing! However those who do not have are those who have nothing because of such a negative attitude. Even the little that the

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wicked servant had was taken away from him and he ended up with nothing.

In **verse 29**, we see that such a servant is thrown into the darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Why is this so important? Well, the Kingdom of God is at work all the time. ***This means God is at work in our lives according to our responses.*** The more we trust Him the more He may trust us. God's Kingdom is about sowing and reaping. This process is an ongoing process and never ceases. The Bible goes on to tell us that as long as Heaven and earth exists sowing and harvesting will not cease to exist.

Genesis 8.22 “ As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat summer and winter, day and night will never cease”

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There seems to be a natural pride that envelopes when we give from our natural wealth. We must ask God to forgive us. The widow gave from her poverty.

The tithe still stands even though not mentioned as clearly as we would want. The Apostle Paul mentioned the offering at the time as the Church was questioning the tithing. He instructed them to give as they had determined in their hearts. We must be careful of doubt. Our attitude of heart is settled with God.

Paul did not need the Churches' income, though he was entitled to it. And so must every minister of the gospel today. Our trust in God is more important. This is a miracle in itself and will be revealed one day.

The false prophet comes before the spirit filled giving man. **1Corinthians 15.45**

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Our giving must never be a proud thing but rather a humbling experience. ***If there is pride then our giving balances out that which God was about to give us.*** Pride in our giving has a reward of its own. This principle applies for our good works as well. The more man is able to see the good we have done, the greater the applause from him and so our reward from God is cancelled out instead. The reward from God does not compete with the reward from man. It is therefore good that we do our giving in secret.

The applause of man often silences the applause of angels in Heaven.

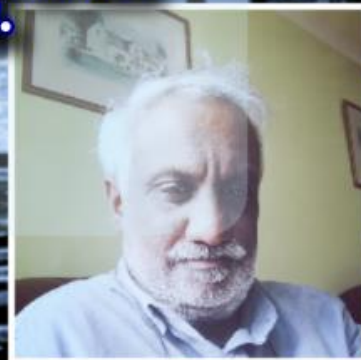
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