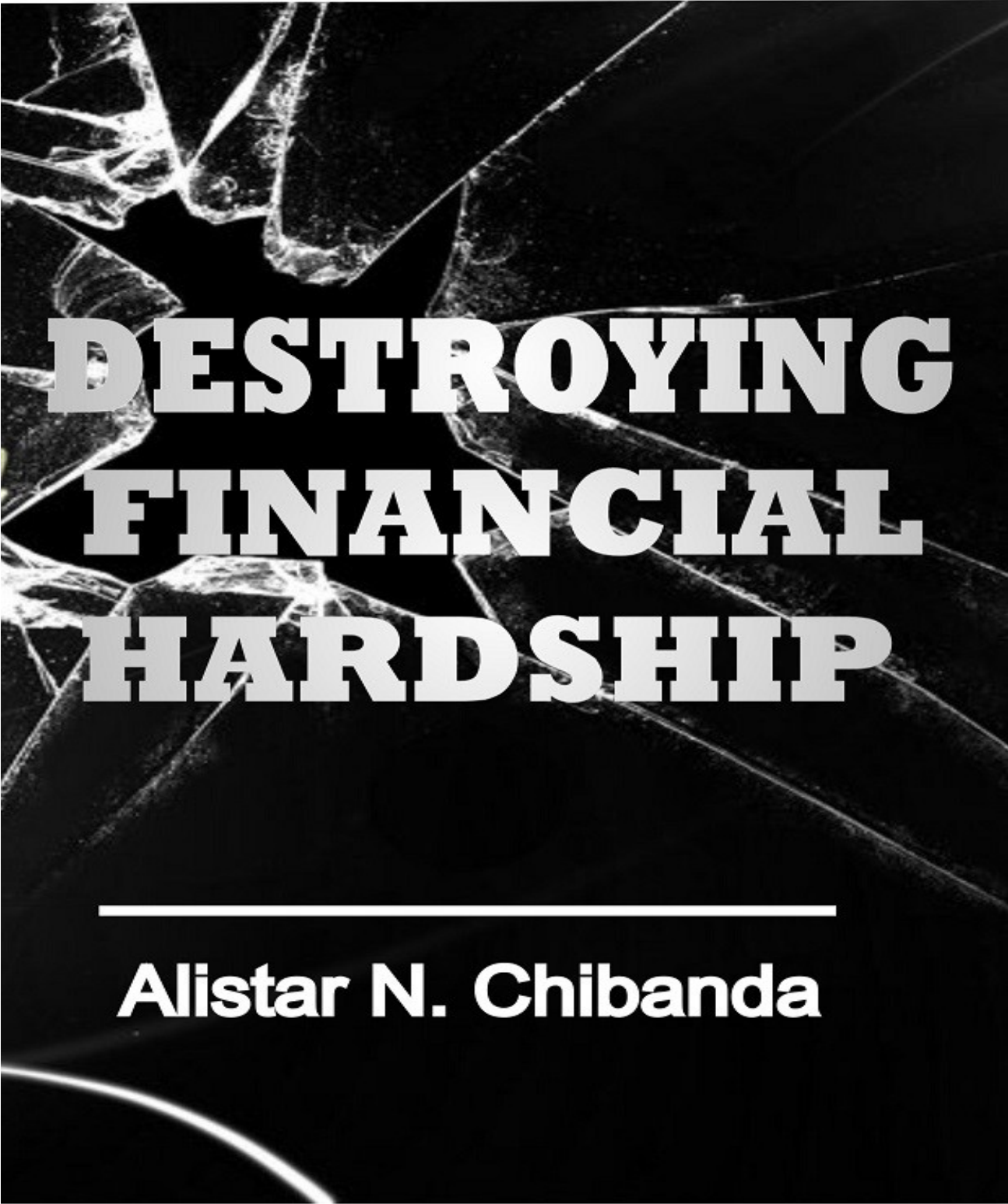




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INTRODUCTION

Financial Prosperity is not a promise. It doesn't come by much prayers or fasting. But it is a product of practicing **the covenant of prosperity**. I have read a lot of books on this subject by different authors, one of them is my father in the Lord, Bishop David O. Oyedepo. I recommend you grab his copies on financial prosperity and carefully study them for a turn around in the area of finances.

You may say that you don't need money but the truth is we all need it. If you don't need money then why are you waking up so early in the morning and take a cold shower and go to work where you spend over 8 hours working per day? Some even stop attending church services on sundays in pursuit of money.

The world is full of people chasing after that green paper – money! Well, in this book I want you to learn how to have money easily the God-way and not the worldly way. God doesn't want you to spend your life chasing after money. He wants money to spend its life time chasing after you. After all God is the owner of all silver and gold (Hag 2v8).

All money belongs to God and consequently to you because in 1 Corinthians 3v21 the Bible says, "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours". All things are yours including money in all its currencies. There is no dime that's not in your name. The only problem with us all is how to access, possess and enjoy what's ours.

This book will show you how you can access, possess and enjoy money. Don't be skeptical about this. Money is not evil. It's only the love of money which is the root of all evil. It's clear here that the love of money is not money itself. Money is your servant. Enjoy it. Use it. Don't let it use you.

It is the Father's will that you enjoy money in His Kingdom (see 3John2). You don't have to be poor. It's not God's will for you to be poor. No one was born for poverty. God has a better plan for you. He wants you rich in gold, silver and cattle (Genesis 13:2).

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope". (Jeremiah 29:11 NASB)

You see, there is no poverty in that plan. There is no lack of money in that plan.

I want you to believe it with all your heart. If you don't believe it then drop this book and read something else because it won't help those who don't believe in financial prosperity.

It doesn't matter how this subject has been handled wrongly and abused by preachers in different parts of the world. It still remains scriptural based teaching. Jesus even died that we be free from the crutches of death, sin, sickness and **poverty**.

Heaven itself is full of prosperity in all aspects you may think of. There are roads of gold in Heaven. Everything is gold there not mud, not bricks and mortar but houses are built with gold up there. If it's there where you are going to spend eternity, then you be surprised with what you'll see if you don't like to prosper while you are here on earth. The gold that you don't need here will be like dust there. Everywhere you turn you'll see it. I bet you'll feel awkward or misplaced.

Don't be so used to poverty just because you grew up in a poverty stricken environment and family. Wake up to the realities of the word of God and accept all it offers. God cannot do much with a poor man. If God gives a poor man a world wide message how is he going to convey it to the world without the resources to do it? It takes money to be on TV , Radio or satellite.

Don't misunderstand me here, I strongly know and believe that...*the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1Tim 6:10).* The love of money is what is dangerous and is the root of all evil and not the need of it. The need of money and the love of money are not the same things. Beware of the love of money!

Well, I believe you are ready to hear more. Let's get into the book and learn the truth of God concerning this subject of financial prosperity.

CHAPTER 1

COVENANT OF BLESSING

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed". (Gen 12:2-3)

First of all you have to know that the covenant of blessings is for those who are born again. It's a right of the children of God and not of the devil. I think we all know that all those who are not born again, who did not receive the Lord Jesus Christ into their hearts according to Romans 10v9-10 are the children of Satan. They must be born again to become God's kids.

You see, understand that Jesus died for everybody and not for Christians but for the whole world therefore anyone who believes can receive Him and be a child of God. I have seen thousands of sinners receiving Jesus Christ in our ministry yet they grew up in church. Joining a church, being baptised in water, praying or fasting doesn't save you. You have to receive Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour. This you do deliberately believing in the salvation plan of God. Hallelujah!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation". (Romans 10:9-10)

For you to enjoy the covenant of blessings first be born again. If you want to be born again say this prayer right now: **Lord Jesus, I come to you a sinner, I believe you rose from the dead and I receive you into my heart as Lord and my Saviour. I am now born again. I am now a child of God. All my past is gone. Amen !**

Congratulations if you have made that simple prayer. You are now born again and have the right of enjoying the covenant of blessings. Write to me and tell me your experience.

In Genesis 12:2-3 God revealed this covenant of blessings to our father of faith Abraham. We want to look at it now and build the foundation of our financial prosperity strong.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and

curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed". (Genesis 12:2-3)

Prior to this God had instructed Abraham to do something. *"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee" (Genesis 12:1).*

The blessing that God promised Abraham was not free as many have thought. There was a price to pay. Abraham hadn't he paid the price he wouldn't have gotten the blessing from God. The price for the blessing was *obedience*. Abraham had to obey God. No amount of money or gold that God needed to bless him. He needs you to obey instructions He gives.

Abraham fully obeyed. He didn't compromise because if he did God wouldn't have committed Himself to grant him what He promised. Abraham had an instruction to obey. God told him to leave his country, kindred and his father's house. God was separating him from hindrances to blessings. He wanted him to be in the prescribed location and state before the blessing comes.

Get Thee Out Of Thy Country

God said, 'Abram leave your country'. In other words leave your old places you used to hang around with bad friends. Leave beer halls, clubs, wild parties and orgies. In a nutshell leave the world of lust and pride. This doesn't mean the world of people that God loved (John 3:16) but the world of lust and pride. He is pushing Abram away from lust and pride. This is the world of sin. For you to understand it very well.

God is telling Abram to *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever "*. (1 John 2:15-17).

That's what God meant when He said Abram get thee out of thy country. He meant get thee out of *the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*. That's the country God doesn't want you to live in. Even though Abram had to shift from one physical location to the other, God also wants you to do the same both physically and spiritually. Leave the world of sin – the lust of the flesh,

the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

Everyone has his own country. It may be that country of sin that God hates. Staying in the country God hates will greatly disadvantage you. God doesn't hate people in any country, He hates sin in the country. That's what he wants you to leave. Leave those bad habits and that ungodly life.

Just imagine Lot stayed in Sodom and ended up in a cave impregnating his daughters. Was that God's will? Of course Not. Mr Lot was found in the wrong country. Even though God loves sinners, He hates sin. That's why you must keep preaching Christ to them. You cannot preach against what you are doing. Do right things and preach right. Preach what you live! Holiness is the master key in the Kingdom. Be holy as He is holy (1 Pet 1:15).

Leave Thy Kindred

God also said leave thy kindred. What is the meaning of this? God wanted Abram to leave his evil "kind" and to leave his close relatives or brethren who were into idolatry. This is not forsaking them but leaving their way of life, norms and evil customs for good. Abraham had to have a new kind of life, a new kind of thoughts, a new way of doing things. God had a new plan for Abram. He wanted him to have a new nature of faith. This is very important.

Whenever God wants to bless you He commands you to leave your kindred - *your old way of thoughts and living*. You have to change your nature first. I mean you have to be born again. That's what gives you a new nature of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 the Apostle Paul shares with us this mystery in simple terms.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new". (2Cor 5:17)

Abram had to become Abraham. He had to have a change of nature in a figure. It's very important. You cannot enjoy covenant blessings while you are a sinner. You need to give up the old nature, and have the new.

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee" (Genesis

12:1).

Have you left your kindred yet? Have you left your old life, bad friends and evil habits? You need to otherwise you will be in the kingdom of God but suffering lack and poverty.

Leave Your Father's House

Lastly God said to Abram, "leave your father's house". This didn't mean forsake your father or family. God was telling Abram to have nothing to do with his father Terah's beliefs and customs so he had to move out. Terah was an idol worshipper. He was a priest of idols and in his house he had a shrine of his gods. God didn't want Abram to continue serving idols. He didn't want him to continue believing what Terah believed hence the instruction to leave his father's house.

This is the will of God for you. If you don't leave your father's house: *(their beliefs and adherence to worshipping of ancestral spirits, and idols, adherence to superstitions, evil customs and manner of living)* then don't expect to enjoy the benefits of the covenant of blessings. God demands that you follow His instructions so that it may be well with you. He doesn't want you to make the word of God of none effect, or inoperative through your traditions.

"Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye". (Mark 7:13)

Never compromise your Christianity by serving other gods and traditions of men. Let the whole world know that you are unwavering on what you believe in God and your relatives will soon follow you and your God.

Abram Departed

"So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him..."(Genesis 12:4)

This means Abram obeyed the voice of God. He obeyed the instructions of

Jehovah and it was now unto the Lord to fulfill the covenant of blessing him and making him a blessing. Through the obedience of Abraham God's blessing rested on him. He was set to be a great man.

No man will ever be truly great financially in the Kingdom of God without God's blessing on him. It takes God's blessing to be empowered financially. The question is: have you departed as the Lord has commanded or you are still in the same mess, bad habits, fables, beliefs and evil customs all which are not of God ?

Right now make up your mind and depart from your old ways. You cannot be doing an illegal business and expect God to bless you. You cannot sell cocaine, marijuana, and drugs that destroy lives and expect God to lift you up. He doesn't bless evil works. All those who are into drug trafficking, human trafficking and robbery cannot be blessed of God. Depart from your evil ways if you want to attract the blessings of God.

What Is Financial Prosperity

In simple terms financial prosperity is having money in overflowing measures, it's a state of well-being in the flow of your cash which you enter into through the covenant of blessings. It is not having enough cash for your life and family. It's rather having the abundance of money in so much that you'll be able to feed families and support the Kingdom agendas.

Remember what God said to Abraham: *"in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.(Genesis 12:3)"*. This is God's dream for you, that in you all the families of the earth be blessed. No one must come to you hungry and go back the same. You need to be affluent in so much that you'll wipe off the tears of orphans, widows and the disadvantaged. You have to be financially buoyant so much that you'll support the preaching of the Gospel on a global scale. Hallelujah!

I believe we are coming into a phase in which churches will not need contributions to build churches and auditoriums of worship but one man will do it. One man/woman will just build a 50 000 seater church auditorium for the church without struggles. God is about to empower his children financially in such dimensions we have never seen or heard of. This is the time. Do you believe you can be one of them? If you understand the covenant of financial prosperity and practise it faithfully you will surely get there.

"If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away

iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks". (Job 22:23-24)

God is unequivocal here. He said first of all return to Him; in other words repent, and He will build you up with the Word and you will forsake iniquity and then that's when you will lay up gold as dust. It's a process and not just a one night thing. You have to be proven by God and His word. Will you pass this test? Will you make up your mind and live for God holily? The choice is yours. But choose to follow God than the world.

CHAPTER 2

GOD'S PLEASURE

"...Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant" (Psalm 35:27)

Some people label us as preachers of prosperity but that's not true. I am not a preacher of prosperity, I am better than that. God has placed me on a higher calling far above just being a preacher of prosperity. I want you to know that I am a prophet. Even though I teach prosperity it doesn't make me a preacher of prosperity. I am a prophet of God.

Psalm 35:27 is one of my favourite scriptures. It silences those who want us to live in abject poverty forever. It says, *...Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant*. This is good news! God has pleasure in the prosperity of his servants. That's us right? This also means God will usher you and I into strange realms of financial prosperity that will leave the ignoramus mouth wide-open in shame. It will be sorrow-free God-given financial prosperity!

I want you to begin to enjoy that realm where you are a commander in the realm of wealth. It's a realm where you'll be controlling money and its flow. In that realm you don't beg anyone, not even God; you don't pray for money too, and you don't borrow. What a realm. You only line up yourself with His covenant dictates on financial prosperity, and money will just keep flowing to you!

You are not poor because industries have closed and things are hard. You are poor simply because you don't have sufficient knowledge you need to be rich or wealthy!

God is already willing that you be rich. He has pleasure in your prosperity and success more than you do. But you have to do something because it's not automatic. You don't flow in financial abundance in a night without you doing the covenant faithfully for some time. When you locate God's Word on financial prosperity and you act on it relentlessly, you'll begin to prosper. That's the secret.

The more you operate it the more you rise up in prosperity. There are no shortcuts my friend. My father in the Lord, Bishop David O. Oyedepo has been teaching this truth for over 35 years now and it has never failed to deliver. If you want it you can have it too. God is not a respecter of persons. He is not a racist. What He did for one in America he can do for another in Africa under the same principles.

What Is Your Confession

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven". (Matthew 10:32)

Our confessions rule us. We are all slaves of our confessions. We are all servants of our confessions (Matt 12:37). We go only in the direction of our confessions. If we confess lack, lack will come. If we confess abundance, abundance will come etc. Note that Jesus Christ empowered *our spirits* with His Holy Spirit so that our confessions will have power backing them up.

Angels go on assignment when we confess words. This is very important. You need to mind what you confess. It's not only the confession of sin that is important. Confession is more than that. It is speaking in consonant with His Word. It is declaring what He says you are and acting that way!

In John 1:1,14 the Bible shows us that Jesus Christ is the Word of God. All Heaven and the Earth and everything in them were created by Him. And in

Romans 10:9 the Bible says, *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart...thou shall be saved."*

Simply put, **this means if you shall confess the Word of God that you believe in your heart you shall have results.** The emphasis is on confession the Lord Jesus (the Word) and not poverty, lack, sickness or death.

Confessing your current situation of weakness, sickness, poverty and lack will not save you from them. It will actually deepen the roots of such negativity and thereby establish you in poverty, sickness and lack. Let me show you another scripture:

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God" (1 John 4:15)

The Bible teaches us to confess that Jesus is the Son of God, meaning He is the Lord who proceeded from the bosom of God. So this can be extended to mean that you must confess the Lordship of Jesus over your life, circumstances and situations in your life. That's how you change things.

On the day you were born again, you confessed the Lordship of Jesus over your life and you received a brand new life, your spirit was recreated and you became a new specie that never existed before. Your old nature became extinct. It expired and was forever nailed at the cross in eternal death (Rom 6:4).

In the same vein, you can confess the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Lordship of the Word over that debt, sickness, disease, and over that situation you don't like and have it expired.

In 2 John 1:7 the Bible says, *"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist"*.

Jesus is the Word of God that came into the world. He is the Word that destroys sickness, barrenness, poverty, lack, sin and death. It is the Word of life, health, prosperity, grace, faith and peace. [John 14:6, 2 Cor 8:9, 3John 1:2, 1Pet 2:24 etc].

This shows you that anyone who is against the Word of prosperity, peace, wealth and health is an antichrist. The Bible says we must confess prosperity and not poverty.

All those who are against the word of prosperity, wealth and health are nothing but antichrists. They are working to reverse what Jesus died for (2Cor 8:9). Being

poor is not humility but humiliation of the cross of Christ. He died that the poor be made rich (Luke 4:18, 3John2) etc. so it is only a devil who pushes you away from prosperity and not God. God says, *"Beloved, I wish above ALL things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"*. (3John 1:2)

If you carefully study Deuteronomy 28 you will discover that there are three main curses of the law mentioned there: **sickness, poverty and death**. Poverty is a curse. And Jesus came to redeem us from those curses.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal 3:13)

Do not accept anything sent by the devil. Anyone telling you to feel comfortable in poverty and to hate the gospel of prosperity is sent from the devil. Don't listen to him. When you confess poverty, weakness or disease, instead of confessing that Jesus bore all your sicknesses, poverty and diseases and put them away, you are confessing that you still have them.

2 Corinthians 8:9 says, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich".

I stopped holding onto the confession of my senses, of the devil and people and I held onto what God's Word said instead. That's what put me over to the good life, and it will put you over too.

HAVE ENOUGH LIGHT

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising". (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Prosperity is a function of light. The more light you have on prosperity and act on it, the more prosperous you become. It's not hard to be prosperous especially in the area of money. People struggle in deep poverty because they are ignorant about the word on prosperity. Some go on to preach against it yet at the end of the day they need money for A, B, C,...Z of their lives.

This world is ruled by the rich. Those with money dominate the society. Just imagine if it was you with such kind of wealth like King Solomon? Surely you'll build churches for God and open TV stations for the preaching of the gospel and feed millions of the disadvantaged in this world.

Poverty is not godly. It leads people into doing some nasty things. Young ladies are going into prostitution only to feed themselves and their immediate families, and young man are stealing and killing for money. The demon of poverty impoverish people through keeping them away from light. God's word is light and lack of it means darkness.

In Isaiah 60:1 the Bible says: *"Arise, shine; for thy light is come..."*. This means before you arise and shine there must be a penetration of light first into your heart. What light ? The light of God's word, that is, the knowledge of God's word. That's the light he is talking about.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple". (Psalm 119:130)

No amount of prayer and fasting will replace light. One has to search for this light of the Word of God on prosperity and walk in it before he actually enjoys financial prosperity. Until your light comes, you can work and work, pray and pray, fast and fast, and still won't shine! Prosperity is a function of light and practising the covenant.

It's Not His Problem

God has no problem giving you money. Never think that He doesn't have it. The Bible has many scriptures that show us that God is the owner of all silver and gold – all money belongs to Him and He can give it to anyone who has gotten the light and practicing the covenant of financial prosperity. In Haggai 2:8 we are revealed the truth that all money belongs to God. No one will dispute that.

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2v8)

God wants to give you all the money there is. But there are conditions to be met first. Can He trust you with it ? How much of light have you acquired? How faithful are you in walking with Him? We shall look on more of this in the next chapters.

Friend, God's Word is your sure access into the world of financial prosperity. An

encounter with the Word on financial prosperity is what makes you a commander in the realm of wealth. In Zechariah 1:17 He makes us understand that: "...His cities (churches) through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad...". This means God is going to use prosperity to spread churches across the globe.

Fasting and prayer have their place but note that God said He requires prosperity to spread His cities (churches) abroad. It's not free to travel and preach the gospel in the next city, let alone in the neighboring countries. It takes some financial aid to do it.

You must prosper. It's a must if we all want to see the gospel message spread abroad to all nations with speed because the time is short. God wants to prosper His Kingdom through your prosperity. You can't afford to be poor. You can't afford to have just enough for yourself and your family. You need to have more than enough.

God wants you to have some extra- cash, some surplus money for helping others too and for organizing crusades, outreach programs and evangelistic meetings around the world. God said: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth". (3 John 2)

That is why it's important for you to understand how to prosper in the kingdom, and how to enjoy true prosperity. God wants to save millions, not just one soul, not just a family but millions of them therefore we need big cash to do it. Desire to prosper. Work on it to be above financially and never be a victim of poverty.

It's Not Luck, It's Light

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". (John 8:32)

Many people see the rich and think that they are lucky. They think that it's luck that landed them in the arena of wealth. It's not luck. It's light. Ask the rich how they got riches, they will tell you that it's not luck. They have a working knowledge on prosperity that they are putting to work. That's what makes one rich. Light!

Light is what makes the difference between the victorious Christians and the losing ones, between the poverty stricken Christians and the wealthy ones. The

difference is nothing but light; otherwise, we all have a common destiny (Rom. 8:29-30). I love this. My father in the Lord, Bishop David O. Oyedepo taught extensively on this too and I was one of the beneficiaries of such knowledge. Today am shining with it!

We all need light. We need a working knowledge of financial prosperity from the Word of God and not just motivational speaking. We need something solid, something tangible, that is, the Word of God, the light of God. Once you get it and understand it, you are ready to climb up the ladder of prosperity.

"Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard"
(Proverbs 13:15)

Friend, it is not God who determines your level of prosperity, but it is actually your level of understanding that determines your level of prosperity in the Kingdom of God! **There are no laws in heaven and on earth against dreaming big.** Abraham understood the covenant of prosperity in Genesis 12 and he became very rich. In fact his understanding was too much to an extent that the Bible records that: *"Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold"* (Genesis 13:2)

Abraham was rich in all levels, in cattle, silver and gold. He lacked no meat, food, clothes, and money for any endeavor in this world. He had an army of his own that he used to save his nephew Lot who was held captive by the four Kings who fought against Sodom.

Some of you have no dime to even employ a maid. That's deep poverty. Abraham had an army, not just a maid or garden boy. He employed an army. You need to get out of poverty through acquiring an understanding on these matters and be able to create employment in your nation.

You cannot have the light on prosperity and still wallow in poverty and lack. Light is too powerful to transform your state and estate.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world". (John 1:5,9)

As I said earlier, financial prosperity in the kingdom of God doesn't

answer to prayers and fasting. It only answers to your understanding and practice of the covenant of prosperity!

What you are selling, your job or the business you're doing is not what determines your prosperity. No! It is rather the light under which you are operating that determines the results you get.

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

It pays to obey God's commandments. Whatever God commands will make you a commander if you obey them. God's commandments put you above the rest. You can never operate under His commandments and be stranded in life. All those who said God sent them and yet struggling to make the ends meet are either lying or disobeying the commandments of God concerning their commission.

Abraham obeyed God's commandments laid to him and he didn't go down.

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed".
(Genesis 12:1-3)

This was what God said to Abraham when he was yet in his fathers house (the house of Terah) and he obeyed. Actually the next verse says, "So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran" (Genesis 12:4). That's obedience!

This made God to be fully committed to perform all what He had promised Abraham. Take note that God's commandments have two sides: What will happen if obeyed and what will happen if disobeyed. The easiest way is the way of obedience. It makes your life enjoyable and fruitful. Disobedience brings a curse, mostly the curse of poverty, failure, sickness and death. Never disobey the commandments of God and think you'll get away with it.

Listen, we are not talking about the ten commandments of Moses here. We may learn something from them but we have better new commandments in the New Testament. However, the Old Testament is full of commandments and instructions that put you at an advantage in life. We are therefore talking about those personal commandments directed to you by God either from His voice or from His

Word. The book of Deuteronomy is full of such powerful God's commandments. Let's look at few of them below:

Deuteronomy 28:1-14:

"(1) And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

(2) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

(3) Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

(4) Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

(5) Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

(6) Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

(7) The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

(8) The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(9) The LORD shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

(10) And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

(11) And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

(12) The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

(13) And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

(14) And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them".

CHAPTER 3

THE PRINCIPLE OF TITHE

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it". (Malachi 3:10)

This is the foundation and strength of your financial prosperity. Tithing is very important if one is to be permanently stable financially in life. Since this book is not written to address critics who argue concerning the issue of the tithe. I have nothing to prove to them but to those who believe in tithing, I have Bible based teachings to show that the principle of tithing is for a new testament believer.

Tithing was not started by Moses in the Old Testament. Abraham was a tither many years before the Law of Moses was enacted. So Abraham being a father of faith and a tither, it shows us that tithe is an act of faith in God. Moses only incorporated the tithe principle into the Law and modified it. However, we the new testament believer we do not tithe according to the dictates of the Law of Moses but according to the Law of faith. Get this into your heart.

We may learn a lot of things from the books of the Law concerning the tithe and there is nothing wrong with that for it is God's word too. But there are certain practices, ceremonies and rituals that the Jews practiced in the Law which are not applicable to us the new testament believers because Jesus Christ is the High Priest of the New testament and not Moses.

What Is Tithing?

Tithing is a systematic release of a tenth of all your increase to God. The tithe means one- tenth or ten per cent of your gross income. It's not ten per cent of your net income as some have thought over the years.

God has made it clear that tithing is not giving or sowing seed. This must be understood now. Tithing is rather a special portion of your increase which God has reserved for Himself and it is always ten per cent of your gross income. In Leviticus 27:30 we learn that, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy UNTO THE LORD".

This scripture shows us that this portion does not belong to you at all. It belongs to God and must be paid personally to Him as soon as your increase comes in. It is not yours to give or sow as seed, therefore it does not constitute a part of your giving or sowing. God requires you to hand it over to the priest as His portion.

Earlier on I showed you that this practice of tithing had existed before the law was given to Moses. Jacob practiced it faithfully. God had told Jacob that He would be blessed, but it was not automatic, Jacob had to make a vow at Bethel to pay his tithe faithfully to get established in that blessing by God. So this will silence all critics who are against the principle of tithing. It was there before the Law of Moses. The Bible says, we in the new testament church pay the tithe to Christ (Heb 7:8).

The Apostles didn't write much about the tithe in the new testament epistles because the Jews had no problem with the practice of tithing, there had problems with the new gospel of Christ. No one had problems with the practice of tithing. It was part of them just like other laws brought in by Moses in the Torah.

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee". (Genesis 28:19-22)

Jacob was a trickster and it was surprising seeing him promising God to pay his tithe whenever increase comes in. When he made a vow to faithfully pay his tithe, God took him and planted him in his blessings. God was so pleased by Jacob's vow, no wonder why He sought to bless him.

Tithing is so important that the Lord told Jacob when He instructed him to go back to his father's house. God said:

"I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowest a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred". (Genesis 31:13)

God appeared to Jacob and He did not tell him that He is the God of Abraham, and Isaac." No! He rather, told him, "I am the God of Bethel." Why ? Because at

Bethel, Jacob had vowed a vow to pay his tithes and God was so pleased with it. This shows the importance God attached to the vow of tithing which Jacob had made on his journey to the house of Laban. God wants His tithe!

This practice of tithing is still existing. It is in full force even in this New Testament era. The coming of Jesus Christ and the New Testament has not abolished it. Jesus is our High Priest and is still receiving our tithes, even as He received Abraham's tithes, Jacob's tithes etc thousands of years ago.

"And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth". (Hebrews 7:8)

The writer of the book of Hebrews put a stamp on tithing as a New Testament practice that should be exercised. God is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He has not changed. He uses the tithe as a direct means of establishing persons in their blessings. This is the secret key to financial prosperity and financial stability.

TITHING IS DIVINE INSURANCE

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts". (Malachi 3:10-11)

Tithing is divine insurance. It is our divine security and protection of our wealth and health. God has declared that if you pay your tithes faithfully He "will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts". In other words your produce and your income will be preserved and protected from the devourer. You too will be preserved in Jesus name.

Bishop David O. Oyedepo tells a story of what happened concerning this issue of the tithe in their ministry. He wrote, "A woman in one of our chapels had a mysterious experience. She was used to paying her tithe. A day came when she decided not to pay. Consequently, mysterious rats invaded the bonnet of her car and ate up all the wires! She got the car fixed, but the rats appeared again and ate up all the new wires. This continued, until her eyes were opened. She rushed to the office to pay her tithes and the rats mysteriously disappeared! Those were

not ordinary rats. Those rats were devourers. They were sent on a mission from heaven's devourer agency".

I don't think you want to disobey to that extent. God has promised the tither:

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field..." (Mal 3:11).

It is too costly not to tithe. The devourer will quickly locate you if you don't pay your tithes and he can come in various forms. Frequent losses of opportunities, money, car breakdowns, losses of some valuables, sicknesses, diseases and so on, are all clear manifestations of the devourer. You can put an end to the devourer's harassment by paying your tithe regularly and faithfully.

Tithing is your life cover. It is your divine insurance cover against destruction and disruption of all forms in this world. You don't need to mess around with it. Go and pay it happily.

You have to always remember that tithe is not given to the poor, the underprivileged or to charity. Strictly tithe is paid to God via your Pastor. That's the only way. God said bring it to the storehouse where the Pastor is the shepherd sent by Christ. You don't bring it to charity organizations or to anyone who is not your God-given spiritual father in the Lord.

Now let's see what happens when one pays his tithes faithfully and gives offerings cheerfully in the house of God. It is important to know what happens when you pay your tithes and give your offerings to God. Tithers and givers in the kingdom of God have wrong thoughts concerning this. They've literally been waiting for things or physical manifestations of blessings to fall down from Heaven just because they have paid their tithes and offerings. They have been waiting for hard cash, houses, lands, cars, and so on, to drop down on their heads from heaven. But that's not the case.

The problem is many of them are ignorant of the forces that are released from Heaven whenever they pay their tithes and give offerings. Let's look at that below.

Windows of Heaven Will Open

In Malachi 3:10, God promised the tither this: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it".

God said windows of Heaven will be opened for you and have blessings in abundance poured on you and in your house whenever you pay your tithe. This doesn't mean money, lands, cars etc are going to drop down from heaven into your hands literally. But God has said we will be blessed with great abundance of Heaven's deposits. The question you now have is, how is God going to do this? Well there are various ways He will accomplish it. It's not even difficult to Him. Let's look at Malachi 3:10 again,

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it".

Whenever the windows of Heaven are opened we are sure that what is going to be released through them are not natural things but spiritual stuff. Every time your tithe and offerings ascend there and they are accepted by God spiritual blessings are poured out to you in such vastness that you'll have no room to put them.

Blessings that come out of tithing are numerous. They vary from earth-shaking ideas released into your mind. Ideas that will put you over in businesses, in ministry, in industry, at work and promotions of all sorts will come too. You will find yourself walking under an open heaven and favours of all flavours will be too much upon you. Wherever you'll turn you'll be highly favoured and flavoured, in Jesus name

The windows of Heaven opened over your life after tithing will also release spiritual rain in your life. You'll never run dry. Just imagine the plight of lacking natural rains on the earth. The dryness, the dust and the heat will be unpleasing. It won't be a good sight either. That's the same in the spirit realm. You don't need dryness, the heat, dust and hardness in your life caused by lack of spiritual rain.

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field".

(Zechariah 10:1)

Tithers are always refreshed. Non-tithers play the hard life every time. Prophet Zechariah shows us the rain of refreshments that tithers enjoy. It is the rain of the Spirit of God, and that's the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Tithing will keep it flowing in your life and preserve your wealth. It is the rain that produces unimaginable abundance. It comes with divine ideas, healing, anointing and power! What a rain! The children of Israel were addicted tithers and they were always watered by God. You know tithing attracts connections that will come with blessings you so desire.

God will allow you to increase and abound in everything when you constantly pay your tithes. The Heavens won't refuse to shower your field with showers of blessings. Life becomes exciting when you are showered by the Lord. Look at the Israelites, they enjoyed the benefits of tithing more than anyone for thousands of years here on earth.

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed".(Joel 2:23-26)

You see what Joel is talking about: it is the blessedness that comes with the rain of God. When you pay your tithe, the windows of heaven will open over you, and God's rain will be poured out on you and your floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And God will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, His great army (the devourers mentioned in Malachi 3:11) which he sent among you when you refused to pay your tithes. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and you shall never be ashamed again.

Power To Get Wealth

The blessing of the tithe is too much. When you are an addicted tither your life will open to unimaginable blessings of heaven. One of them I want to discuss here is the power to get wealth.

"But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day". (Deut 8:18)

Power is defined as the ability cause changes and to do work and God releases it upon His tithers. Israel enjoyed this because they were tithers. Just imagine God giving you the power to get wealth. He is not giving you wealth *per se* but power to get wealth. That means the extent to which you amass wealth is determined by you since the power to get wealth is granted you. You have no more external limitations and barriers stopping you to be wealthy now. The power is now in you and not outside. This is the power to create wealth and it's all coming from faithfulness in paying the tithes!

Also you have to understand that by opening the windows of heaven, God pours out His power, wisdom and knowledge upon the tither. Wisdom is a force. It is the ability of God in a man, which enables him to know what to do and how to do it rightly at every point in time. Tithers always receive fresh ideas to make wealth. God trusts them with such wisdom because of their faithfulness. What your tithing and giving releases from heaven therefore is power, wisdom, a rain of ideas, and the ability to carry out those ideas. This is what makes for riches and wealth.

Prosperity is always tied to what you do, and if all you do is to eat the tithes and the offerings which you are supposed to bring to the house of God then you aren't going to prosper. Instead you'll go down the drain of poverty and lack.

CHAPTER 4

THE PRINCIPLE OF SOWING AND REAPING

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatian 6:7)

Here the Apostle Paul teaches us a great principle of Kingdom prosperity. First of all, he warns the reader, "Be not deceived". Paul knew that there is a possibility that one can be deceived concerning this matter of sowing and reaping. There will be those who will say it's not necessary to sow seed money yet God unequivocally said, *whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (Gal 6:7). That's a direct word that even the unlearned can understand.

What is to deceive? It is to lead away from the truth, or to lead into error. There are so many seemingly innocent teachers in churches who are leading many into error concerning this truth hence the warning from Apostle Paul: *be not deceived*. From today, to be deceived is now a choice. Once you get this truth, refuse to be led astray. Grab it and put it into practice.

The remaining part of Galatian 6:7 shows us what God expects us to do if we really want to have a harvest of anything in life, including financial prosperity. The Bible says, "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap". That's clear, isn't it? Sow cash and reap cash. Sow cars and reap cars. Sow substance and reap substance. That's the truth. We are dealing with greater truth here and I don't want you to miss it. Let me bring it on to you from the Amplified Bible Translation for more clarity:

"Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap". (Galatians 6:7)

This is a bomb! I like it. Look at the last part of that verse again: *For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap*.

You are not going to sow hatred and harvest love. No! You will reap what you sowed. If it's love, or kindness that you constantly sow, you will reap that. This doesn't mean that there will be no moments in life where you'll face some hatred and adversity from haters. Such trials and temptations will come but if you've have not sowed that then be sure that it's not your harvest. It's a passing phase of temptation and persecution just because you are a christian.

When it comes financial prosperity you won't reap money if you haven't been

sowing seed money before....*For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.* Do you want to reap money? Then sow seed money!

The Example of A Farmer

The example of a farmer is a good picture I want to drive home into your heart at this moment. Consider a farmer who doesn't sow seeds into his field. No matter how fertile the field is, and no matter how rain falls down into that fertile field, this farmer won't have a harvest of his desired crops. He will have thorns, briars and weeds only. The day he decides to sow good seed into his field is the day he will have hope for a better harvest.

No amount of prayer and fasting will give that farmer a good harvest if he didn't sow good seed in the first place. Prayer and fasting will make rain available for your seed sown so if the farmer won't sow anything his prayers won't help either. Every farmer understands this principle of sowing and reaping. You cannot fool him about this. He knows that for a field to give you back a harvest one has to let go the seed in his hand first. This is a key principle that will change your financial life forever.

It's a waste of time for a farmer to expect to harvest crops without sowing seeds first. He will be a mad person if he does such a thing!

Prayers do not exempt a farmer from sowing seeds. Farmers sow seeds and then pray. That's the correct order. God taught Noah this principle and He said it will be a law for every generation forever here on earth. And you what? Noah was a farmer.

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease". (Genesis 8:22)

Those who are ignorant desire financial prosperity, pray a lot and sow nothing. That's why they have nothing to show in all their christian walk. They are poor. It seems the more they pray the more they get poorer. Prayer has it's own place. Know it now. Prayer does not eradicate poverty.

There are many rich people who are not even Christians and who do not know prayer. How are they making it? Am not talking about dubious rich folks who steal and rob companies and the nation to get rich. They wont go nowhere with that. The Bible shows us their fate. It says, *"Wealth gained through injustice dwindles away, but whoever gathers little by little has plenty".*(Prov 13:11 GW)

But am talking about hard workers, sowers of seed money and consequently reapers of wealth. Not thieves but people who know how to operate the principle

of sowing and reaping well. It works everywhere. They have results, good results. Truth is universal. It works in every country and in every nation and obviously produce the same results anywhere in the world.

The principle of sowing and reaping works for Christians and non-Christians. God said, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease". Whether you are a Christian or not you be affected by the cold or the heat, summer or winter and of course the laws of sowing and reaping. No one is exempted.

Jesus said God sends the rain to the just and the unjust, the righteous and to the unrighteous, all benefit from the rains. So go and sow seeds of all types that you desire to produce a great harvest for you and when the rains comes, you'll have a great harvest!

"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust". (Matthew 5:45)

Don't leave it to chance. Sow seeds! Anything that is in your hands and if its not enough for whatever you want to do the it is seed. Its obvious that seed is not harvest even though we usually remove seed from our previous harvest for the next seedtime.

You can pray for a car, house , money,... etc but without sowing seeds for them you will never reap them.

God honors the principle of seedtime & harvest (Gen 8:22). You can't fool God to reap a car you didn't sow seeds for. So stop asking for prayers of a car, house or wedding. First take with you seed money and sow bountifully.

Measure Of Your Seed

The measure of your seed determines the level of your harvest.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2Co 9:6)".

You see they are those who sow sparingly (in a sparing manner) & those who sow bountifully. Which one is you? "Remember this: The farmer who plants a few seeds will have a very small harvest. But the farmer who plants because he has received God's blessings will receive a harvest of God's blessings in return".(2Co 9:6 GW)

The measure of your harvest is depended on the measure of the seed sown. From the little you have learn to sow bountifully and your harvest will be great.

To some God told them to give that cell phone, T.V set, Car, House, money etc but they refused and still lost those things unexpectedly.

God told Joses and others to give lands and houses and they obeyed and gave cheerfully (Acts 4:34- 37). They gave houses in church willingly and were happy. Look at you, you don't even have a house yet you are unwilling to give a small thing that God gave you.

You can never reap above the measure you give out.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again". (Luke 6:38)

That's the principle. Give sparingly and reap sparingly. Give bountifully and reap bountifully. You cant cheat God on this....the same measure that ye give out it shall be measured to you again. This is a very important principle otherwise you may wonder why you are giving too much in church and yet reaping nothing to little harvest.

The measure God looks at as you give is the percentage of money that you are letting out of your hands into the offering basket. A man who is a millionaire cannot give \$100 and consider it bountiful. God wont be moved by such a gesture. This man's heart is not right at all. You can't sow a \$100 to a God who has made you a millionaire. What an insult! There is a better measure you can mete out than that. And meet it with joyfulness and gladness of heart.

Addicted Givers

Christians who are addicted givers enjoy christianity above the rest and I have discovered that such type of Christians do not go around asking for prayers why? Because God makes ALL GRACE to abound towards them; they are big time sowers (2Cor 9:8)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work (2 Cor 9:7-8)".

Those who keep sowing seeds will reap more than those who only pray. Satan has fooled many christians that they should only pray and not sow seeds! Some only attempt to sow seeds a few months and then stop in frustration. They are expecting to become millionaires in just sowing seed money a few months. It may not be the case always but the case is cheerful givers wont lack. And if they wont

give up in giving and doing good, soon they will be millionaires. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". (Gal 6:9)*

Be A Liberal Giver

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty". (Prov 11:24)

Satanists know that without sowing seeds they will not succeed. That's why they go to sangomas (traditional healers/ sorcerers) with seed money, cars, cows , etc for sowing so that they will invoke demons against certain family members or so that they will prosper their businesses. And amazingly it works. Some of you here you are victims of such evil people. They gave cows and cars to witchdoctors to bewitch you and it worked.

Now your whole family is under a spell but you are doing nothing about it. Only you are just praying but since you started praying nothing has really changed. It rather worsened. Why can't you give generously and bountifully to God so that you counterattack the missiles of darkness? It is because you are stingy!

Giving preserves you from impending danger, hunger, thirst and even death. The woman of Zarephath gave the last piece of cake to Prophet Elijah during a 3 year long drought season and she never had to look for bread again. Here giving saved her from hunger, thirst and death. She was abundantly supplied by God till the end of the drought just because she gave her last meal. That's a great measure she gave!

Do you know why poor people remain poor? It is because in their poverty they say we have nothing to give. Once you have nothing to give then know that you are going down. The woman of Zarephath had nothing except a piece of cake and water. She gave all to Elijah the prophet and she and her son were preserved in times of famine. She lacked nothing because she gave all !!!

What about you christians? You have the Bible which has thousands verses on sowing and reaping but you ignore them. All you do is pray. Keep praying they say and God will one day rain down money into your house. Friend, that a sheer waste of time and energy. You are wasting time to pray without being an ardent giver first.

To a giver prayer is for watering the seeds sown. Just like a farmer who prays for rain to water the seeds sown in his farm.

To prove to you that you are wasting time praying without sowing seeds look at your prayer life; you've been praying but what do you have really? Nothing!

You have fasted 100 days for nothing. What you fast for 100 days I will fast for 1 day and sow a seed for it. Then will spend time watering it with prayer and other "small" seeds too that will act as fertilizer to my bountiful seed. And the principle of sowing and reaping will work for me. Am not undermining the principle of prayer, but all am saying is that prayer has its own place in the equation. It cannot replace the principle of giving.

Pharaoh said to Moses, go and sacrifice without your cattle because he knew that it will be just a waste of time to worship without a sacrifice. Well, Moses refused. He said the God of Israel will never accept worship without us giving anything to Him. So we will go with our cattle. This must be your mindset from today!

Learn to give constantly than to eat all the seeds. Begin by paying your tithes if you really want to be prosperous. Tithing is the foundation of your seed sowing. If its not intact then your giving may be meaningless, that is, it may not deliver good results for you.

A farmer who eat the seeds and pray a lot will never have a harvest from his field. That's the same with none givers in church! You are sure to see them sinking as the years go by. They wont rise up financially. They will always live from hand to mouth, barely getting by everyday. It will be God's mercy for them to eat a meal per day.

It's a shame that we have christians who know how to pray too much than giving too much. The Missionaries who first came to Africa lied to us. They taught us to receive donations and not to give. While the Apostle Paul said, *"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive". (Act 20:35)*

Did you get that? The Lord Jesus,...said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. That's very important. Don't miss it. Reprogram yourself and leave the mentality brought to us by missionaries. Yes they brought us salvation and we are thankful for that but it was even going to be better if they would have told us the source of their wealth and financial empowerment. They didn't teach us that. All they did is they taught us to beg. We now have professional beggars in Africa because we all squander all we receive. We don't give to God, to the poor or sow anything for future investments.

Christianity is like Farming. Hence the principle of seedtime and harvest remains in effect. God said,

"While the earth remaineth, SEEDTIME and HARVEST ...shall not cease (Gen 8:22)"

He said here on earth seedtime & harvest shall not cease. Where are you now? Here on earth. Isnt it ?The car you want, the marriage, house, the money you want etc they are all things of this earth, they are all here on earth....and God

said if you are on earth then sow seeds so that you'll harvest them. Its a principle.

If God had to bring down Jesus from Heaven to earth and sowed Him as a human-seed so that He may harvest you and I who are you then to refuse to sow?

This principle of sowing & reaping works in everything and for every race here on earth. Sow joy and reap joy, sow hatred and you'll reap hatred, sow love and you'll reap love, sow seed money and you'll reap money according to the measure you mete withal...*"other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold". (Mat 13:8)*

No matter where in this world, a man who desires children will have to sow seeds (sperms) into his wife otherwise he will have no babies. Its a principle that cannot cease here on earth. The more he sows the more he will have more children if they will not abort or prevent it. This is a normal case where the curse of barrenness is not in play.

Here on earth harvest goes to the sower. It refuses to locate the one who didn't sow. That's why nothing is coming to non sowers.

- *DON'T EXPECT A HOUSE/CARS YOU DIDN'SOW SEEDS FOR
- *DONT EXPECT PROMOTIONS YOU DIDNT SOW SEEDS FOR
- *DONT EXPECT A WEDDING YOU DIDNT SOW SEEDS FOR
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Some may have things by chance but its not always. Things of luck or chance are not permanent. They usually come with sorrows and insurmountable problems. Increase is not by luck or chance, its by hard work and sowing seeds. There is only one way to get money in this world. This is by giving away what you have.

Don't wait to have millions of dollars before you give what you have. Even if its little, you have to give it away otherwise more won't come. For you to always have money coming in, you must give money away always. Make it a habit to give to God and give to the poor and to those christians in need. But if all you do is to hold tight to the money you have you will simply become a pauper and a beggar. The Bible says, *"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty". (Proverbs 11:24)*

Isaac Sowed Seeds

"And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar....Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a

hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him".(Gen 26:1,12)

Isaac was a farmer like his father Abraham and they both lived in times of plenty and in times of famine but in all those situations they didn't suffer losses because they were covenant givers.

God committed to give them abundance because they were big time sowers of seeds. In Genesis 26 an account of Isaac is presented with such feats of greatness from his life of sowing seeds. The man never struggled all his life. He was a sower, an addicted sower. Isaac didn't doubt the principles of God, he saw them working in his father Abraham and he knew beyond any shadow of doubt that they too will work for him,

To those who want anything that has to do with money, be it financial increase, promotion at work, business growth, financial breakthroughs... etc please hear me well:

An example of Isaac will help us understand the subject better. Isaac was a farmer, he knew the climatic conditions needed for a bumper harvest but in times of famine, at the voice of God, the young man went forward to sow seeds and got himself a bumper harvest of corn.

What am I showing you here? The natural conditions may not look attractive or persuasive or encouraging to plant a seed but at the voice of the Lord, plant a seed in that environment. Your man of God carries the voice of the Lord. Once you feel moved by God's word to sow a seed, go ahead and do so. Your harvest is depended on that.

Any farmer who is not ready to sow seeds in his field will never have a harvest no matter how he prays or fast. (Remember we dealt with this earlier in this chapter and I want to drive it deep down into your heart again). That's the same with a christian who only seeks for prayers and prophecies but doesn't want to sow seed money for his financial breakthrough.

The worst state is when a farmer says, "I don't have seed to sow". That means he will experience lack and poverty by the time others will harvest from their fields.

So what must he do? Simple! He must find seed and sow. That's why the Bible says, God gives seed to the sower (isaiah55:10). Ask God for a seed to sow and when it comes, don't eat it. A true sower always leaves seed from his income/harvest for sowing.

An addicted sower will never lack at anytime. He always lives in abundance (Luke 6:38).

Anyone who is serious about financial prosperity must be serious first in paying tithes and sowing financial seeds otherwise he will fool himself by just praying

and asking for financial breakthrough prayers which will not give him any dime.

I don't like people who just want to use me to pray for their financial breakthrough if they are not ready to tithe and to sow seed money. It won't work that way.

They must know and be ready to operate the principles of financial prosperity first before we do anything!

Harvest only answers to the seed sown!

Imagine a farmer who prays for a bumper harvest all night without sowing seed corn. Do you think his powerful prayers will bring him a harvest of corn he desires ? Of course not! It will be stupid for a farmer to pray for a harvest he didn't prepare and sow seed for. Isaac knew better and had a great harvest that even the philistines envied him.

God is not a magician. He operates by laws and principles in His Bible and so do I. Don't be ignorant of those principles.

If God cannot help a farmer who refuses to sow corn when others are sowing what makes you think prayer can help you if you aren't a full time tither & sower ?

To those who work and do not tithes you are in trouble because"... the devourer shall destroy the fruits of your ground; & your vine (business/job) shall cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts (Mal 3:11 emphasis added).

You can't run away from God and His Word!

" While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest....shall not cease (Gen 8:22)... Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (gal 6:7)... They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (ps126:5-6)". Hallelujah!!!

THIS IS GOD'S INSTRUCTION TO YOU NOW: if this Word has touched your heart then get up now take the most valuable seed you have and place it on the altar in your church. Be prepared to sow it. Decide in your heart how much you want to give and put that seed aside. It doesn't matter its money or property, a seed is a seed. It carries the power of harvest. This is the starting point of separating yourself from effects of poverty, sickness, diseases, spiritual husbands/wives, lack, bitter marriages, death....etc!

CHAPTER 4

PROSPERITY IS GOD'S PLAN

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (Jeremiah 29:11)

God has designed the prosperity plan to attract sinners into His Kingdom. What the sinners have is not true prosperity so do not even envy it. True prosperity comes with peace and joy and not sorrows.

The Bible says, *"The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it". (Prov 10:22) and "...the prosperity of fools shall destroy them". (Prov 1:32)*

Many heathens have money, lots of money but no joy. All they have is temporary happiness without inner peace and their wealth is even destroying them. They have what I call cursed gold! But once the Lord blesses you with true prosperity, it will come with unspeakable joy of the Holy Ghost and untold wealth. That's what God is going to use to attract sinners. They will want to join the group of people who are blessed, rich and joyful always. The difference will be noticed between the heathen and the christian.

God is looking for someone He may decorate with wealth for the end-time harvest of souls. This kind of people must be born again, addicted cheerful givers and kingdom oriented. These are the ones who put the Kingdom of God first in all their priorities. Jesus said, *"seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". (Matt 6:33)*

Hallelujah!

God has a prosperity plan for us. It has nothing to do with your education level or background. My father in the Lord, Bishop David O. Oyedepo put it this way, "I want you to know that the prosperity God has planned for you has nothing to do with your profession, your career or your Family background. No! It says, "If thou shalt hearken diligently, unto the voice of the Lord thy God..." Whether you are a carpenter, a firewood seller, water seller, a medical doctor, lawyer or engineer is irrelevant. Your covenant alignment is the issue". Hallelujah!

That's absolutely true.

Adam and Eve never had the chance to be poor because they were created in

prosperity and divine wealth. This was God's plan and if you are born again you were born into riches and wealth. No one was born again and remained with a nature of poverty. God gave you a new nature the moment you were born again, you received a new nature into your spirit. That's was the nature of righteousness and true prosperity.

All you have to do is to start thinking in terms of prosperity and begin practicing the covenant. Satan doesn't want you to think this way, he wants you to have thoughts of poverty and thereby defeat you.

Do you know that many christians are crippled by poverty-mentality more than by poverty itself. There is a great need of changing the way you think towards prosperity and wealth. God is not poor so don't be poor. In the book of Psalms He said, *"I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof".* (Psalm 50:9-12)

Refuse to be poor. You are a partaker of God's divine plan of end time prosperity. You are saved to display His wealth on the earth therefore do not condescend to the dictates of poverty! You are saved to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, to look after orphans and widows and attend to the needy! That's what you're sent to do! (Matt. 25:34-40)" You're not here on earth as a beggar but as a Kingdom distributor of goods and services.

GOD'S WILL IS PROSPERITY

The Bible is the Word of God that shows us the mind of the Master and His will. It is so clear that we through the Word we now know the exact mind of God and wishes above all things. It has to dawn in one's mind that the Word of God is our only solid rock and covenant base for prosperity and health. *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth".* (3John 1:2). No one can ever have true prosperity without operating the God's Word on prosperity no matter the efforts invested in amassing wealth.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich". (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, He didn't just take our poverty but He became poor that we may become rich. He took our place and gave us His place. Our place was poverty and sickness and spiritual death. Jesus the Word of God took that place of the condemned world in exchange with His glorious liberty, salvation, riches, joy and righteousness.

Whenever a man have a grasp of the Word of prosperity, and health he will just prosper, and be in health and he will live in a state of no lack. Prosperity is a state of no lack, its a state of abundance and more than enough. Whenever you have money and if its not enough, it is because the Word of prosperity you have and operate is not enough. You have to increase the Word in your heart.

The Word of prosperity must be in abundance in your heart for wealth to answer in your life. This is the will of God in your life, that you may prosper and be in total health. Listen what He says again, *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"*. This is His wish above ALL things that you may prosper and be I health therefore going against this wish is a satanist. You cannot be of God and fight this wish of God. God's word on prosperity is God's will and wish. God wants you to prosper in everything. Not just in finances but in all things. Prosperity is yours!

POVERTY IS A CURSE

In the book of Deuteronomy chapter 28, the Bible lists blessings that come with obedience and the curses that come with disobedience to His commands. From verses 15 reading down to the last verse you'll see that poverty is listed as one of the curses that falls on the life of the disobedient. So poverty is a curse. Its not a blessing.

God doesn't want this curse to be in your life through disobedience to His commandments on financial prosperity. You have to abide with His word on prosperity to escape this curse of poverty. When you see poverty in your life, you have to do something to attract riches and wealth and that's doing the word of prosperity, operating the covenant of wealth. Moses put it this way:

"If you will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will

set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading trough". (Deuteronomy 28:1-5 AMP)

But if you refuse to operate the word of prosperity, that is, if you refuse to practice the covenant of wealth I have taught you in this book Moses the servant of God has something to say again:

"But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city and cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading trough. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, of your land, of the increase of your cattle and the young of your sheep". (Deuteronomy 28:15-18 AMP)

By now you must be aware that to remain poor is now a choice. You might have been born in a poor family but to remain in poverty has to be your choice. God has showed us what to do to come out of any pit of poverty and lack. No one has faithfully practiced God's word and be ashamed. The Word works all the time, everywhere in this world. Remember truth is universal and it holds the same value in every place and God is no respecter of persons. The Apostle Peter emphasized on this saying, *"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him". (Act 10:34-35)*

Lets heed God's word on prosperity and we will be rich. Its that simple.

OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death". (Prov 16:25)

There are some other factors or ways that cause most christians to walk in poverty and lack and lets discuss them now.

#1. Poverty-mentality

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty". (Prov 11:24)

We all know that harvest only answers to sowing seeds but poverty-mentality expects a harvest without any seed sown. This is a mentality of losers. They expect a harvest they didn't work for. Such people are there in the world praying for money harvests they didn't sow seed money for and most of them, after so many years of praying and fasting they get tired and eventually give up and still be in poverty and lack. Harvest of finances only answer to seed money sown. The question is: what have you sown to expect that harvest ?

Poverty-mentality is Satan's way of keeping Christians poverty bound and lacking. Anyone with a poverty-mentality thinks in terms of scarcity, poverty and want. They always think they are losing something forever when they give. God is not a robber. He didn't give us principles of giving to rob us but to make us enjoy prosperity.

The mind that says if you give you'll not have it back is from Satan. The mind of Jesus speaks on this wise: *"Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again". (Luke 6:38)* and the wisest man of his time, King Solomon said,

Get rid of the poverty-mentality through reading, studying, believing and meditating the Word of God on giving and financial prosperity. Meditating the Word on prosperity will usher you into kingdom prosperity.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all". (1Tim 4:15)

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success". (Joshua 1:8)

#2: The Love to Sleep

"Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread". (Prov 20:13). " Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little

folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man". (Proverbs 6:10-11)

As a christian, learn to be diligent. Being a christian doesn't mean all is going to come to you while in bed speaking in tongues. No one is exempted from work. Love not sleep, wake up every day and go out and work for your family. Sleeping too much tends to poverty and want. Speaking in tongues doesn't replace working to earn wages but it must help you in your hard work. It must be an exercise that energizes, and vitalizes your mortal body to work full-time (Romans 8:11). You receive divine ideas and wisdom of the Spirit on how to be a success in businesses as you speak in other tongues. Hallelujah!

#3: Drunkenness And Gluttonous

"For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags". (Prov 23:21)

God doesn't want you to be a drunkard. Just stay away from beer and all alcohol beverages. One of the effects of drunkenness and gluttonous is that they bring poverty and lack. God knows better than us therefore lets take the admonition of scripture and save our lives. Drunkards will never inherit the kingdom of God therefore never be one! The Bible teaches us not to fellowship with or not to keep company with drunkards too. So its a serious matter. God doesn't want you to be a drunkard.

"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat". (1Corinthians 5:11)

You are free from drunkenness, in Jesus mighty name!

#4: Moving With Vain Persons

"He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough". (Prov 28:19)

Friends affect your life positively or negatively. Choose friends that inspire you to move up in the Lord and to be a better person. Never walk with the proud, the scornful, and the wicked.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers" (Psalm 1:1)

In your journey of life, there are people you will meet, some are there to lift you while some are there to pull you down, but it is your responsibility to decide whom to allow in the circuit of your territory because anyone you allow in your life will help you to succeed or fail.

Failure is not nature, I mean nature has no power to make you fail, failure is man-made, you decide to fail or succeed. It is your choice. If you spend time with Lord praying and meditating on the Word and have few meaningful friends, the Holy Spirit will lift you up in all your endeavors!

#5 Slack Hands

*"He becometh **poor** that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich". (Prov 10:4)*

Diligence is the mark of champions. Riches are not by chance. Laziness doesn't give riches. It brings bundles of poverty and want. Even the Almighty is not lazy, the Bible shows us that He works hard. In Genesis 2:2 the Bible says, "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made", and in John 9:4 Jesus Himself said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work".

So who are you not to work hard? If the Almighty needed to work and have a better earth how much more you? Stop dealing with slack hands and begin to be diligent. Work hard. Those hands won't be finished by working hard. Work for your family and for the house of God.

There are lots of businesses and jobs to be done so don't sit down saying there is nothing to do. If no one employs you, then employ yourself. Give yourself a job. Create your own employment. Sell something, offer a service, if it has to dig trenches to feed the family go and do it and the Lord will bless you and take you to the next level. Use your talent, your gifts and skills and God will see it and bless the works of your hands.

Proverbs 21:25 says, *"The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his **hands** refuse to labor"*.

Get your hands on the plough and work hard otherwise your full blown desires of good things will kill you. Desiring good things is not enough. You have to work for them. Begin to work now and don't say I will do it another time. Get up and find something to do that will generate money. Even if you have no capital-money, there are jobs that do not require capital-money but your might and skill.

I remember growing up in the suburbs of Harare. We used to dig and cultivate in the fields of various land owners using hoes and we would get money for Christmas and other holidays. By then I was only 20 years old but I knew how to work and get some wages on school holidays. I never liked to sit down and I did that business till I was 27 years of age.

I love to work hard even now in ministry I work 18 hours per day. I don't sleep for over 5 hours. I pray for every church member in need of prayers and I make sure all my sons and daughters are well taught the Word of God and covered in grace. Therefore I study a lot and pray a lot so that the people I have now in ministry will be mighty people in 3 to 5 years to come. Just imagine what happens if I am not in prayers always covering my sons and daughter in prayer? Many would be involved various accidents, sicknesses and death so to avoid that I have to pray a lot and sleep little! That's the life I live. I am a hard worker in what I do.

Do you know that the Bible teaches that those who do not work must not eat too? Its there and let me show you the scripture.

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread". (2Thess 3:10-12)

In other words you are not allowed to eat if you are not a hard worker! Laziness is a spirit of darkness. Get it out of your life by being diligent in all you do. I am praying that you be baptized into laboring in Jesus name!

#6 Not Giving The Poor

"He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse". (Prov 28:27)

Compassion ministry will raise your life to the top. When God sees that you are always out there looking for the poor to bless with money and food He will make you Heaven's depot for the poor and channel finances to you in increasing measures till it overflows.

God is still seeking for people to use greatly to touch the less privileged, the poor, the widows and orphans. Therefore position yourself in this ministry of compassion and love to give to the needy. Even if what you have seems to be little or substandard there is someone somewhere who needs it. Go and give cheerfully.

*"He that hath pity upon the **poor** lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again". (Prov 19:17)*

If all you do is to live as if there is no the poor and close your eyes and ears to their cry then the Lord wont be pleased with you. He will not hear your cries in times of need. *Proverbs 21:13 puts this way, "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the **poor**, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard".*

Open your heart to the poor today. Be generous and God will bless you.

#7 Love of Pleasure

*"He that loveth pleasure shall be a **poor** man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich". (Prov 21:17)*

The scripture above is straight forward. The Lord minces no words there and I believe you get it. The love of pleasure makes one poor. You may wonder what the Bible means by pleasure here. Its simple. The Lord is not talking about joy, rejoicing or delight in the Lord but in other worldly things.

In 2 Timothy 3: 4 the Apostle Paul tells us that in the last days men shall be lovers of pleasure more that lovers of God. People will be not God conscious but pleasure conscious and there defile themselves with various lusts of the flesh and of the eyes. Stay away from the love of pleasure.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves,..... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away...(2Tim 3:1-5)

Many who love pleasure more than God use money unwisely. They over spend in one night and waste a lot of money on useless, unimportant and unnecessary things. I pray you shall not be such a person in Jesus Name! Jesus is not a

waster. When all were fed from the miracle bread and the miracle fish in John chapter 6, Jesus ordered the disciples to gather all the fragments into baskets so that nothing will be lost.

"And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten". (John 6:11-13)

This is the mind of the Lord. He didn't want anything to be lost or to be cast into bins. He is not a waster. Stop wasting food. You can refrigerate for tomorrow's meal or you can give the neighbours in need. That's the mindset of the Master. If God sees that you are a waster He may cut your daily supplies. Wasters will soon become poor. Countries like China and Japan they waste no resources at all, they recycle a lot of stuff, no wonder why they are very rich countries. I decree that you shall not be a waster in Jesus mighty name!

#8 Borrowing

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. (Prov 22:7)

Borrowing is so evil that it replaces your Master. The Bible says, *the borrower is servant to the lender*. This means borrowing gives you a new Master other than Jesus Christ. Therefore you don't need it.

There are some people who just love to borrow. They cannot live without borrowing. Every month they are borrowing something, and some money etc. Most families have lost houses to banks and cars etc because of accumulated debts they have failed to pay up. In the first place they shouldn't have borrowed even a dime. Let what you are earning be enough for you and your family. Stop borrowing. Don't live the expensive life you can't afford at the moment.

God has not ordained us to borrow but to lend to many nations. "For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee". (Deuteronomy 15:6). We are ordained to lend unto many nations so borrowing is a curse.

It is not God's plan of getting you out of any fix by borrowing. Many people who borrow have a problem of living their lives way far above their earnings. You

cannot send your son to a school that demands \$2500 school fees per term while you earn \$500 per month. That will be not wisdom but foolishness. Its actually living in debt. There are schools that suit your pocket and still leave your pocket with enough for rent, bills and basic needs. Send your son to that school.

Don't love a flamboyant life before you have financial muscles for it. Why stress yourself and your family. Swallow your pride and humble yourself and live in that cheap apartment and send your son to that cheap school till your financial muscles is blessed enough to handle such expensive stuff.

Jesus had the money to ride on the best horses of Jerusalem but he rode on a donkey instead. Focus on the important things needed for the family, that is the basic needs, and meet them. Don't live above your buying power because you'll end up borrowing. And its not worth it. If a house is going for \$500 rent and you earn less than that then don't live in there. Look for a better apartment that you and your family can afford. May God deliver you from this spirit of borrowing before it impoverish you, in Jesus Name.

#9 Oppressing The Poor

"He that oppressteth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want".(Prov 22:16)

Oppressing the poor to be rich is satanism. There is no godliness in it. I have seen this spirit in many politicians and people in power. They climb on the shoulders of the poor and exploit them to become rich. Once they are rich with all the money they need they begin to be pompous and arrogant. One would think they were born with such riches.

Anyone who oppresses the poor to become rich is an enemy of the Lord and soon he will go down into poverty and want. Haven't you heard that so and so was very rich but now he is struggling to provide two course meal for his family? What happened to him? God brought him down. "If you make gifts to rich people or oppress the poor to get rich, you will become poor yourself". (Pro 22:16 GNB)

#10 Robbing The Poor

"Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate" (Prov 22:22). "He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor ". (Prov 28:8)

Learn to have mercy on the poor; feel pity for them and never rob them. That

little you want to steal from them is all they have but you have abundance in store. Why act so wickedly to rob them of their livelihood? May God give our leaders a heart full of compassion for the poor. You see a man with hundreds of house stands still fighting to take away that only house stand of a poor family because he wants more house stands.

I know of a pastor who went to court of law with a church member over a house stand and because he had money for good lawyers, that pastor won the court case and took away that house stand from the church member. Later on I saw the church member lodging somewhere in a room with his family while the pastor was still arrogantly boasting of his 200 house stands he acquired over the years.

No matter the case there are some things you need not to fight for. How can you overthrow a church member from his house stand simply because the previous owner gave it to you the pastor as an offering while the current owner bought it at a price from the first owner who gave it as offering? In such cases a pastor must let it go. don't oppress the poor in any way because God will fight you Himself. That pastor is lamenting in poverty now. People now see him consulting traditional healers and witchdoctors. Its pathetic.

Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.

#11 Refusing Instruction

"Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored". (Prov 13:18)

Always follow good instruction especially from a man of God. Refusing instructions will and you into serious predicament. I have a son who came to me with lots of money to start a business so he needed prayer. I asked him what he wanted to do and he told me that he wanted to do a business of recycling of plastics. The Spirit told me that he will not succeed in that trade. I told him but he refused the instruction and went on to invest his money in plastic business. Within a few wees he came back without a cent. All the thousands of dollars he had were swallowed by the devourer. It pays to listen to instructions. The Bible says, Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regards reproof shall be rich

#12 Selfishness

*"He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that **poverty** shall come upon him". (Prov 28:22 kjv)*

The scripture above can be better be understood from the Contemporary English

Version of the Bible, it says, *"Don't be selfish and eager to get rich-- you will end up worse off than you can imagine"*. (Prov 28:22 CEV). Being selfish is nothing but having regard for oneself above others' well-being; it is being self-centred. Selfish people care for nothing but their bellies only. That's a bad attitude. All they care for is their own well-being and never look at the interests of others. May you never be selfish in Jesus mighty name

CHAPTER 5

THE COVENANT OF PROSPERITY

In this chapter we shall talk about the covenant of prosperity and how you can benefit extensively from it. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?". In other words he is saying can two walk together without an agreement or a covenant? Of course not. There must be an agreement first or a covenant before walking together.

A covenant is an agreement to do or not to do something. It is like a contract and it involves two or more people. But in this case, it involves just you and God. Therefore all you need is a good understanding of what the covenant entails, and as you practice it faithfully you'll be up in serious financial prosperity and all abundance. Its that simple. Why? Because God doesn't break the covenant. He is too faithful. He said, *"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips"*. (Psalms 89:34)

ENTER INTO THE COVENANT OF PROSPEITY

Financial prosperity is not a promise you claim in prayers, fasting and confessions. No! It's a covenant you practice. You must believe this before you enter into this covenant otherwise you will have no fruit from this covenant. Let's

discover what that covenant is, and enter into it.

"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ... and the Lord gave them rest round about". (2 Chronicles 15:12,15)

The Bible shows us that it is possible to enter into a covenant with God. Israel did and they were blessed with abundance. In the beginning of this book we talked about Abraham who also entered into a covenant with God and he became very rich (Genesis 13:2). Once you are in a prosperity with covenant with God know that you are going to lack nothing!

The covenant caters for all your needs and all your struggles will come to an end! I entered into the covenant of prosperity long time ago and I entered into my rest. You don't pray or fast for a covenant, you just enter into it. The Bible shows us that the Israelite didn't cry into the covenant, but *"they entered "* into it. Anyone can enter into it, and you too can sign in for it, and you don't confess it.

Make up your mind and enter into this prosperity covenant and do your part and God will be committed to do His part of the covenant. This is a covenant of giving to God and to the needy. God will always do His part in this covenant so don't hesitate to do your part. Make sure you are tithing and giving offerings each time your income comes and God will make you to overflow in riches and wealth with time. The Bible says, *"Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine". (Prov 3:9-10).*

Before your barns be filled with plenty you have to honour the Lord with your substance and with the firstfruits of all your increase. Tithe is also a form of firstfruits and God requires it. Be faithful in this and you'll never lack in your life.

THE COVENANT IS STRONGER THAN ANY CLIMATE!

"And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land". (Genesis 12:9-10)

When God told Abraham: ...Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee, And I will make of

thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. (Genesis 12:1-2), He obeyed and moved as he was commanded, yet he met famine there. But Abraham was not perturbed. He knew that the covenant he had entered is stronger than any climate. He was confident of this very thing and he continued moving towards the south. God was with him and the covenant was intact so Abraham needed not to panic at all. He prevailed even in famine! *"And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold"*. (Genesis 13:2)

The son of Abraham, Isaac, also prevailed in famine: "And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him". (Genesis 26:1,12)

These examples were written for us to teach us that the covenant is stronger than any climate anywhere in the world! In spite of the famines, God blessed Abraham and his son Isaac. As for Isaac the Bible records that, "And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him". (Genesis 26:13-14).

This all happened right in the face of famine. Isaac did not pray for the famine to end. No! He just operated the covenant. There is no economic meltdown, inflation or financial crisis that can break the efficacy of the covenant of prosperity! Abraham and his son Isaac prevailed! Because in all labour there is profit! Every giver provokes divine blessings no matter the climate or season; and when he works hard, he takes delivery of God's blessings, wealth and riches.

In Hosea 4:6 the Bible says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." and in Isaiah 5:13 God said, "my people are gone into captivity, because *they* have no knowledge: and their honorable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst". This shows you that famine is not the problem, ignorance of the covenant is the problem. So get the details of the covenant and enter into it. Knowledge empowers anyone anywhere in the world. As long as you accept it and move in it you'll have an advantage.

God said, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children"*.

Therefore you ought to accept knowledge so that the Lord will accept you.

No one is poor or suffering because things are hard in this nation, rather people are poor because they don't have the adequate knowledge of God's word on financial prosperity to be up. The covenant will never fail, it will produce anywhere, anytime, and any day in this world. Hallelujah ! There is absolutely no condition, weather, season or climate that can make the covenant of no effect. You can stake your life on the covenant and you'll never be disappointed.

THE COVENANT LIFTS UP

Since I began operating the covenant I have never been down. I went to Word of Faith Bible Institute of Bishop David Oyedepo in Harare and the tutors there taught me about this prosperity covenant and how excited I was. I paid total attention as they were teaching on this subject and I knew that I had found the missing thing in my life and the light of abundance had come. There was no need to remain in poverty again. From the prosperity class I went to practise the covenant and got myself into super abundance in few months and it has never stopped producing ever since.

The Bible says, *"When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person". (Job 22:29)*

All around us its clear that men are cast down but as for us we are being lifted up because of the covenant. My hope is not in the economy of my nation, it is neither in my bank account balance nor in my salary; but my hope is the covenant I have with God and His son Jesus Christ!

My father in the Lord once said, "For the upright, things never go wrong. If you will be upright in the covenant, things will keep on being right for you, no matter what's going on where you are. For it is the blessings of God that make rich and adds no sorrow with it (Prov. 10:22). Look up! Every environment is conducive for the covenant. Please understand this fact: those who look around don't go far. Those who look up are the ones that go up. I see help coming down for you now!

COVENANT-KEEPERS

"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles

seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". (Matt 6:31-33)

one day in early year 2014, I was reading these scriptures and my eyes were fixed on verse 33 of Matthew chapter six. I was alone in our church praying and meditating and this light hit me so strong that I vowed a vow unto the Lord. I told God that I will never worry again in my life about food, clothes, shelter or earthly things we need but I will seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto me by the Lord God. That's how all my worries vanished. I knew that as long as I keep my part of the Matthew 6:33 covenant God will also keep His part of this covenant and it has never failed.

The Bible shows us that while the famine prevailed over the Egyptians in the land of Egypt during the days of Joseph, the covenant prevailed for the Israelites because they were the covenant people of God.

"And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.... And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth". (Genesis 47:13,15)

Money failed in the land. It was a serious matter but Israel did not worry because they knew that they have something greater than silver or gold, they had the covenant. The covenant prevails in any situation!

"When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands" (Genesis 47:18)

Joseph the son of Jacob was simply operating the covenant in a nation that's full of poverty-stricken people because of the famine and in the midst of all that, see verse 27 of Genesis 47 shows us that the covenant people were not suffering as the Egyptians yet there were all in the same nation: "And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly".

As you dedicate your life to keep the covenant and to walk in all holiness and righteousness the Lord shall lift you above all your fellows and you shall not only be rich but wealthy in Jesus Name.

God bless you!

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