

PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL DISTINCTION

The world system teaches us that to give anything is to be left with less and to give everything is to be left with NOTHING.

But that is the WORLD SYSTEM.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” Psalm 23:1.

The promise is that **“you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over”**. Psalm 23:5.

Promise **Psalm 35:27**

“Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant”.

God’s way to connect you with abundance;

1. Tithing

Tithing is a way of life for a Christian.

You don’t just pay your tithe, but you become a tither.

Malachi 3:8-10, “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me , even this whole nation

Bring ye ALL the tithe into the storehouse , that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith , 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

V11.....And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground: neither shall the vine cast her fruit before the time in the field , saith the Lord of Host
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2. Sowing

God designed the earth to operate in the principle of seed time and harvest.

When God wanted a harvest of children He sowed His only Son.

Abraham could not be called a father of many nations until he sowed his son Isaac on mount Moriah.

Proverbs 11:24-25 (Important)

“²⁴There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

²⁵The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.”

Promise – 2 Corinthians 9:8 “God is able to make all grace abound towards you so that you, always having all sufficiency may have an abundance for every good work” (that is my portion).

If you don't sow potatoes no amount of prayer, fasting, speaking in tongues will produce potato harvest.

Our action of sowing is a demonstration of faith.

Giving is not paying a debt you owe but sowing a seed into your future.

Wealth – defined.

Full supply, health, wholeness, peace (Shalom).

Poverty is a mindset, a mentality, a way of thinking, a thought pattern.

There's a difference between well – being and being well of.

There are people who are well of with no well-being.

You can have all the money in the world and die in poverty.

Your quality of life comes down to the quality of your contribution.

It is not about how much you have accumulated but it is the impact you have made in the society.

The Dead Sea is called so because water only goes in and nothing comes out – every time God talks about prosperity He talks about principles, conditions and life styles that must go with it.

God does not want you to prosper beyond your spiritual maturity because the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

The fruit you produce in your life determines the level of prosperity in your life.

It is God's desire and God's design for you to prosper in everything you put your hands to do.

Your obedience to God in giving must be founded and grounded on the WORD because God is only obligated to the WORD.

The river of God's prosperity stops the moment you stop giving.

God pre-planned your life before you came on earth – you existed in the mind of God before the foundations of the world. – That is why God loaded you with giftings, anointings and grace for your assignment.

There are five truths that must shape your attitude and your thinking concerning money so that you can enter into DIVINE OVERFLOW.

I want to give you Five truths that are fundamental if you are to enter into realms of Financial Distinction.....

Truth number 1

God wants you to prosper.

God is interested with your financial state and wants you to be financially blessed and prosperous.

Psalm 35:27 “let them shout for joy and be glad who favor my righteous cause and let them say continually let the Lord be magnified who has pleasure in the PROSPERITY OF HIS SERVANT”.

The Bible declares that God delights or He has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

The Bible says in **Job 36:11 “If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in PLEASURES”.**

God desires good things for you – not only does He want you to be firmly rooted in spirit but also be blessed in finances so that you can be a blessing.

In 3 John 2 – beloved I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your souls prosper.

So don't be intimidated to ask God to bless you because He wants you to prosper.

It is hypocrites who lie that they don't need money- you need money to live on this earth and guess what God wants you to have it.

There are people who will come to Christ when they see how God has turned around your story – so get ready to prosper.

Truth number 2
Money is not evil.

Many people misquote 1Timothy 6:10 and say that money is the root of all evil but that is not what the Bible says.

It says, **“The love of money is the root of all evil”**.

Money by itself is neither good or bad – money assumes the character of the person that is possessing it.

Money in the hands of a drug dealer becomes evil because he will use it to deal drugs.

But money in the hands of a philanthropist will become good because he will use it to advance the cause of good.

Money will just make you more of what you already were before you had it.

If you were a giver before you had money you will just become more generous.

So money amplifies who you really are.

Please don't let money rule your life – money is a bad master but a wonderful slave.

Money is fickle – it can give you a false sense of security.

Your security is not in your bank account or stocks and bonds but your security is Jehovah God of heaven.

Don't let money dictate your moods – be joyful at all times.

Truth number 3

Money doesn't guarantee happiness.

Money itself doesn't guarantee happiness – if money guaranteed happiness, all the rich people would be marvelously happy but we know that is not the case.

Rich people commit suicide, they have depression and have to see psychologist.

We see rich people who have all their lives accumulated wealth and then die miserable with no family or friends.

True happiness and lasting peace come through a proper relationship with your Lord Jesus Christ.

Look at **Romans 14:17-19**

“¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

¹⁸For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

¹⁹Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

When your relationship with God is right and solid and your walk with Christ is where it should be, the money does not cause you problem but empowers you to be a blessing to others.

I love **Mark 8:36** “for what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loose his own soul”.

Truth number 4

Money gives you a voice

The reason the church is voiceless and cannot speak to our leaders and they listen is because we speak to them hard from the pulpit but after service we follow them to the vestry asking for financial help.

Please turn to **Ecclesiastes 9:14-16**

“¹⁴There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

¹⁵Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

¹⁶Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard”.

When we as the church of Jesus Christ possess the wisdom we possess and then we are loaded with finances - our voice will be unignorable.

Truth number 5

God wants to get money to you and not from you

This is a very important principle – God wants to get money to you and not from you.

God doesn't need your money to sustain HIS KINGDOM – NO.

The Bible declares in **Psalm 24: 1** “**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein**”.

So stop getting narrow because we are teaching you on the PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL DISTINCTION to imagine that God is broke and this is a way of getting your money.

The reason I teach on finance is so that you can grow in FAITH to expect prosperity because FAITH cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Turn to **Psalm 50:7-15**

“⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

⁸I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

⁹I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.

¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

¹¹I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

¹³Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

¹⁵And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. □”

Verse 12 – if He were hungry He would not tell you.

Condition to abundant life

1. A consecrated life.

Purity begets plenty.

Psalm 1:1-3

“¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper”.

Plenty will never be in view if purity is not the foundation.

Job 22:23-24 (Powerful)

“²³If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

²⁴Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks”. □

Proverbs 11:3

“³The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them”.

The integrity of the upright shall preserve him.

2. A commitment to God.

This is a heart that is sold out to God and His work.

Psalm 92:13-14 “Those that He planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God – they shall bring forth fruit in old age, they shall be fat and flourishing”.

To be planted means to be committed.

It is a heart that is committed to God and His kingdom that walks in Financial Distinction.

Your level of yieldedness to God is what determines the level of results that you produce.

Financial distinction is the preserve for those who are totally committed and completely dedicated to God.

Proverbs 23:26

“²⁶My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.”

3. Prioritizing God’s house.

God loves a cheerful giver.

God expects us to serve Him with gladness of heart and prioritize His house.

Haggai 1:7-9

“⁷Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways”.

⁸Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

⁹Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.”

You cannot abandon God’s house and expect Him to bless your house. God’s house should never be a burden but a delight.

The reason God will prosper you is for His house and of you put into His house He prospers you more.

4. Hard worker.

Proverbs 10:4

“⁴He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich”.

No one is born either rich or poor – the Bible here says He becomes poor that deals with a slack hand – the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Giving procures the grace from God to be blessed but work creates the root, the channel for the blessing to flow.

Tips for being effect in your work place

1. Don't criticize your employer.

The moment you begin to criticize your employer is the day your effectiveness will begin to diminish - make a choice to speak positively about your employer.

2. Give your employer not only everything that is due to him but even more than he is expecting from you.

3. You are never rewarded for your intentions but you are rewarded for you completions – so push yourself until you complete your assignment.

4. Your value to your employer is in direct proportion to the problems you are willing to solve for him.

5. You must strive to be indispensable at your work place by solving problems that other people don't want to do.

6. Your employer does not reward you financially based on your value because you are too valuable BUT HE REWARDS you for the problems you are willing to solve for others – when you solve a greater problem you will be more greatly rewarded.

- 7.** Don't compete with people but compete against mediocrity – be committed to do your assignment with utmost excellence.
- 8.** Promotion is the reward you receive when you stand head and shoulders above others in the eyes of your authority.
- 9.** Enthusiasm is the fuel that propels you into a successful future – be enthusiastic of your assignment and watch success knock on your door.
- 10.** Integrity must be the foundation on which your work is built – never allow for exceptions in your integrity.