

Financing The Kingdom Part 1

NIV Deuteronomy 8:18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

God gives His people the ability to get and maintain wealth in order to confirm, verify and establish His Covenant on earth!

God's Covenant is His allegiance and unity with His people through and by His Promises!

The only sure way to know someone is with you, for you and stands by you is when they keep their promises to you!

God The Father gave His people the **ability** to prosper as a sign He is with them—we take the prosperity God gives and we build His Kingdom as a sign we are with God!

The fact is God is delighted when His people prosper!

KJV Psalm 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

No one would argue with their employer if they decided to give them a bonus for making the company better, stronger and more popular.

NIV Deuteronomy 7:7-9 The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

8 But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

A **Covenant Relationship** is not just an agreement but a commitment to responsibility and action. A key word in Scripture to describe that commitment is “faithfulness,” acted out in an abiding friendship.

Faithfulness is the key that makes **covenant** more personal and biding than any other agreement!

➤ **In short God is faithful to do what He promises!**

God is so connected to His Word (because He is The Word) whoever receives it receives Him and He becomes instantly connected to them.

ESV 2 Peter 1:2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

God's grace is fully activated through our relationship with Jesus Christ!

Acknowledging His **Messiahship, Lordship and Redeemership!**

- As Messiah He has saved us from destruction.
- As Lord He governs every part of our lives.
- As Redeemer He paid the price for our freedom.

ESV Micah 6:4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

God redeems His people from slavery and brings to The Land of Promise(s).

God never promised His people sickness, weakness or poverty!

He promises us the power to get and maintain wealth to build His Kingdom.

Power is ability, wisdom, persistence and knowledge to get wealth!
It may come through education, creativity, wisdom or plan hard work.

- **We can't get and maintain wealth under the weather, under sin or under the control of another master!**

ESV 2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Jesus became poor in many ways so we could have an abundance of health, wealth, wisdom, knowledge and strength!

[Let's look at how the \(3\) three major God fearing organizations build what they consider The Kingdom of God!](#)

The Catholic Church owns some of the most prized real-estate in the world; it has rented out the famous Sistine Chapel to Porsche; each fan paying a whopping \$5900 per ticket to attend.

It costs money to be canonized as a saint! New York raised over \$250,000 in an effort to canonize a former priest, Father Nelson Baker.

Tourism to Rome and the Vatican has increased since the new Pope to 13 million visitors per year; buying mementoes, trinkets and relics.

They have their own bank called **The Vatican Bank** a privately held bank is said to have \$8 Billion in assets.

Catholics don't tithe in the same sense Protestants do, they do however give regular offerings to the church.

One offering given regularly by Catholics around the world is to what is known as "**Peter's Pence**" the Pope's personal collection fund.

This money goes to the Pope's evangelistic works around the world in 2011 "Peter's Pence took in \$69.7 Million.

Is there any wonder why "The Message of Prosperity" is NEVER controversial in the Catholic Church?

It seems some only have a problem when certain people have money!

Eccl 7:12... wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense!

^{KJV} 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Jewish Synagogues don't receive tithes like Protestant churches do, typically members of synagogues **pay annual dues**.

Any non-due paying worshipper is allowed in the synagogue: but only paying members are allowed to attend the High Holy Day celebrations in many cases.

I have been told of cases where a synagogue meets annually to discuss the annual budget—and the members write checks totaling the amount within the first few weeks of the year and money is never discussed the remainder of the year.

According to **The Pew Research Center** among religions and their rank of household incomes from 2016:

Jewish households still rank #1 with the highest incomes in America.

Number (2) is Hindu's! Three (3) is The Episcopal Church, 4 is the Presbyterian's and check this out #5 are Atheist's.

Atheism is recognized as a religion! People who don't believe in God make more money than some who do!

No wonder they can influence culture, the educational system, the media, employment etc. more than the believer! **They can establish their own kingdoms on earth.**

Pentecostals (COGIC) is #25 on a list of 27 just above Baptists and Jehovah Witnesses who are last on the list.

So it must be clear **just** having religious services, prayer, power, the gifts of The Spirit and tongues **do not** guarantee prosperity!

So what makes the difference? **SEEDTIME AND HARVEST!**

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

NIV 2 Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

No organization on earth spends as much money on schools, Universities and Hospitals as the Catholic church!

They rank behind The United Way and The Salvation Army in charitable giving!

Jewish people are taught to give 10% of their income to charity; historically they have been some of the most charitable givers.

Of Forbes list of the top 200 US charities 12 are Jewish, you want to guess how many are African American?

2 Corinthians 9:9-10 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.