

# The Ability to Make Wealth

## Part 1

***“17 You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)***

The Lord had given us the ability to have and to retain the blessings and the wealth that He is giving to us. The first point that I need to stress here to you that you should not think you yourself had made yourself wealthy but the Lord in His grace and mercy.

In this message I am not speaking about prosperity gospel, but the point here is that God wants us to be a blessing to others. God’s will for us to be good steward to what he is giving to us so we can be more effective in sharing the blessings that he is giving to us and the gospel to other people. Spiritual blessings are needed as well as material blessings are required to promote the work of God and make His blessings to reach others.

God wants us to be more effective in using all what he is giving to us to obtain material blessing that would finally enable us to share it with others. God and His word have principles that must know, follow and applied in our lives to make wealth for His glory:

***1- You must not steal: “Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” (Ephesians 4:28)*** Cheating, bribing, usury and gambling, these are wrong ways of having income. ***“Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.” (Proverbs 13:11)*** You need to repent of all the corruption and injustice in your life to obtain dishonest money. Such kinds of money will vanish away. The Lord describes that those who are not working are thieves because they are supplying their needs from the hard work and labour of others.

***2- Work with your own hands: “Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” (Ephesians 4:28)*** God had given each and every person hands and feet and talents. So the admonition here each person should quit laziness and stealing, find a job, and to do with his hands and talents what is useful so that he can spend on himself, and save what he got from this on the hope that he will share to others and bring God’s blessing to them. So here each and every person should move forward from being negative and failure to being positive and productive person in the place and among the people that the Lord had placed him. The bible does not speak about the ability to make

wealth only but as well as it speaks about hard work and painful toil. ***“17 To Adam he said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.’” (Genesis 3:17-19)*** There is no easy work and there is no work without toil. If you do not work then you do not eat. And this is what Paul wrote to the Thessalonians church; they were lazy people and they said we are waiting for the Lord, and while we are waiting why then we need to work: ***“6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.’” (2Thessalonians 3:6-10)*** Paul was even paying for his food while he was in Thessalonica because he wanted to teach them that there is no easy money. God wants us to depend on ourselves and not on other people to feed us. Do not wait for easy money. And even if you will get easy money that will not reproduce wealth for you; everything you receive from the devil will destroy you.

Some people they will say that my job is small job and how with my low income I can reproduce wealth? I just want to remind you what the bible tells about people who has low income job but God made them rich. Abraham was shepherd and God made him rich. Isaac was shepherd and farmer and God made him rich. Jacob and his children were all shepherds and God made them rich. Moses was shepherd and God raised him a king. David was shepherd and God made him very rich. You can be rich and there are many rich people started from low income job and very humble profession. Your profession will not hinder you from getting wealth. You need to follow God’s word principles to reproduce wealth.

***3- Honest work: “22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.” (Colossians 3:22-25)*** Even you are slave and with low income but as you follow Christ in your work then God will reward you. Be honest and obedient to the principle that you need to work to satisfy your needs. ***“11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and***

***work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.” (1Thessalonians 4:11-12)***

God wants us to work so that we win the respect of others and be a good example for them to follow God and His Christ as we endeavour to work. Not to be an opportunistic or consumer but a reproducer, effective and productive. ***“Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for their needs and not live unproductive lives.” (Titus 3:14)*** Use time, man power and the resources that you have to work it out. Start with whatever job, planting, tending sheep, selling, carrying things, as long as you follow the principles of God’s word and He will reproduce a wealth for you.

***4- Use free resources:*** After you work and receive income then you need to apply the principles of the stewardship to spend what you earn. ***“1 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.” (Isaiah 55:1)*** What he said here is to come and buy, but how you will buy without money? There are free resources that you do not need to spend money. There are free food, water, electricity, internet, telephone line, transport, fruit, vegetable, and other items that you may get free and from natural resources that are just available around and you do not need to spend. As long as they are from the Lord you can use them as free resources. Use the free services. As long as you are getting free then you need to use them and not spend so you can save money.

***5- Do not spend on unnecessary things: “2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.” (Isaiah 55:2)*** Bread here is food, and what Isaiah saying here is why you are spending money on unnecessary and non essential things. There are essential things that you need to spend. For example you need to buy milk for a baby because milk is essential. But you do not need to spend on soft drinks because they are not essentials. You need to spend on rice, vegetable, potato, and meat. But you do not need to spend on chocolate, chips and sweets.

We need to cut the unnecessary things so that we can save and have more money to reach new area with the gospel. There are essential things that we cannot cut, but there are so many things that are not essential and we can remove from our list so we can save money to be used for essential purposes. So avoid buying unnecessary things, like make up, jewels, gold, accessories, perfumes, unnecessary clothes. Tooth paste and tooth brush are important, certain deodorant, after shaving, certain creams and lotions are essential but the rest we should eliminate from our list. Good to wear modest dress but we need to choose low prize with good quality. You do need to wear and used branded things; because it has a cost and we need to save, so we can use what we save to reach the lost.

Even if these things it will not cost you much, but on the long term it will be a big amount of money. A can of soft drink that will cost you 1/3 dollar in a day, over a year it will be 120 dollars. Over ten years it will be 1200 Dollars. Get on four people in the house, over ten years 4800 dollars just they need to spend for soft drink. With 4800 Dollars you can get a good car to help you in serving the Lord. The same can be applied for candies, chewing gums, etc. When we do that regularly, then that will affect our budget. With 2-5 dollars we

can bless someone with a bible. Simple things that we are not aware can let wealth to go away from us.

***6- Let nothing be wasted:*** In *John 6* after the Lord multiplies the bread and the fish, He gave them the following: ***“When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” (John 6:12)*** The Lord said, ***‘Let nothing be wasted.’*** They did not throw anything. Never throw food, never throw water, never waste electricity, and never throw clothes or shoes that you can still use. Some people they eat the food on the first day the second they will not eat the left over. That is not a good stewardship. If you will continue to waste your resources in this way then you cannot keep wealth, because this food had caused you time, effort and money to prepare. If you waste every day one dollar for that food that you are throwing, then over one year 360 dollars, over ten years then you will be losing 3600 dollars. Simple things that you are not aware of it can cost you much money. Notice then that your bad attitude and bad behavior can cost you much. And your wrong handling of life it can take wealth away from you and your children in the future. We learn from the word of God and we learn from Jesus. He feeds the crowd with bread and fish, with one item and not with 3 or 4 items. Everyone was full. They did not throw food. They collected it to be used again.

***My Dear and Beloved: “Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.” (Proverbs 13:11)*** So there are things we don’t need to throw because we can use, we can eat and we can share. We can reuse, we recycle, we reduce expenditures, we reduce the time, we try to repair and restore to service. These things can bring wealth. Disciplining yourselves by abiding with these principles it helps you to conserve wealth and use them to bless others as you agree to pray. ***My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from the following \_\_\_\_\_ . I renounce my wrong style of squandering; I ask you Lord to help me to overcome my wrong attitude of living, renew my mind so I can continue to serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name. Amen.***

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