

Partnering with Jesus: Faith for Supernatural Increase in Finances (Pt. 2)

I. REVIEW: THE IMPORTANCE OF GROWING IN FAITH

- A. When I speak of “power encounters” in finances, I am referring to times when God answers our prayers about our finances in such a way (amount, timing, etc.) that we see His intervention.
- B. We grow in faith by hearing and speaking the promises written in God’s Word (Rom. 10:17).
¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom. 10:17)
- C. Faith is the substance (title deed) of what we possess in the spirit before it manifests in the natural. Biblical promises are like a “title deed” to what we already possess in the spirit.
¹Now faith is the substance [title deed] of things hoped for [to be released in the natural]. (Heb. 11:1)
- D. Jesus described how faith operates. First, we “receive” God’s promises in the spirit realm (v. 24b), and then we “have,” or receive, them in the natural (v. 24c), when we see them with our eyes. We are to *engage in faith in an ongoing way* for the release of God’s promises that we have already “received” in the spirit. Jesus taught that the condition for receiving is believing (v. 23 and v. 24).
*²³“Whoever...believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.
²⁴Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them [in the spirit], and you will have them [in the natural].” (Mk. 11:23-24)*

II. FAITH AND FINANCIAL PROMISES

- A. We are to engage our faith in an ongoing way to believe that the Lord will answer the promises that He gave us in His Word related to our circumstances, finances, health, or spiritual growth (3 Jn. 2). Our love for Jesus is not minimized by believing God’s promises to bless our bodies and finances.
²I pray that you prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. (3 Jn. 2)
¹⁸“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers...” (Deut. 8:18)
- B. The Father is looking for partners to be channels of supply for His kingdom purposes. We are called to give, knowing that the Lord loves a cheerful giver because He is one (2 Cor. 9:7).
*⁶He who sows [financially] bountifully will reap bountifully...⁷God loves a cheerful giver...
⁸God is able to make all grace [in finances] abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency [financially] in all things, may have an abundance [financially] for every good work.
...¹⁰Now may He...supply and multiply the seed [financially] you have sown. (2 Cor. 9:6-10)*
- C. We are to believe God that “grace would abound” in our lives related to finances so that we can partner with Him in building His kingdom. We refuse the spirit of poverty with its *mentality of lack*. Our ability to generate money in God’s will is not limited by our natural abilities or opportunities.

- D. Jesus taught that God returns blessing to us in proportion to the measure of our giving (Lk. 6:38). He used a well-known example from the marketplace to show how abundantly the Lord will fulfill His promises to His people in the area of their finances. Jesus compared the financial blessing that the Lord gives to a merchant selling a commodity, who fills a container in an excessive way.

³⁸***“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Lk. 6:38)***

1. **Give:** By giving we express the heart of Jesus, who gave so that others would be blessed. We overcome fear related to money by operating in the opposite spirit—generous giving.
⁹***“Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich [spiritually, and circumstantially in time and eternity]. (2 Cor. 8:9)***
2. **It will be given to you:** We are to engage our faith to believe God to fulfill this promise.
3. **It will be measured back to you:** The Lord always gives more to His people than they give.
 - a. **A good measure:** The amount of grain that is measured out is more than fair.
 - b. **Pressed down:** The grain is pressed down in the vessel to hold as much as possible.
 - c. **Shaken together:** The grain is shaken so that the container can hold even more.
 - d. **Running over:** The grain is pictured as running over. In other words, the Lord will abundantly increase what His people give financially to the work of His kingdom.
 - e. **Will be put into your bosom (lap):** The grain overflows the container so that one’s garment is used as a makeshift container to catch the abundance.
4. **With the same measure that you use:** Believers can determine “how far” they will partner with the Lord in giving financially and in believing Him to increase their economic abilities. The Lord always out-gives His people.

III. GOD’S PROMISE OF AN OPEN HEAVEN (MAL. 3:10)

- A. The Lord promised to open the windows of heaven financially (supernatural increase) as His people obey and believe Him with their money. He commands His people to bring in “all” the tithes.

¹⁰***“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food [provision] in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.” (Mal. 3:10)***

- B. Tithing speaks of giving 10% of all of our financial resources to the kingdom of God. Tithing is the beginning, not the ceiling, of our giving and partnering with God in our money. When we tithe, we declare that Jesus is the “Lord” and the “source” of the rest of our finances. God requires tithing because His people often *default to fear* related to their money, which hinders financial increase.

- C. Our emotions are deeply engaged and openly expressed through the way we handle our money. Giving involves emotional dynamics that cause us to wrestle with who we trust as our ultimate source—the Lord or ourselves? The issue of faith or fear is one spiritual battlefield in our life.

²¹***“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Mt. 6:21)***