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Great Truths about money (Part 1)

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I want to discuss an important subject. It is a subject which some may consider very carnal, but even though it is carnal you cannot do without it. I want us to examine some truths about money.

We would all like to make more money than we are making today and the principles we are about to share will teach us how we can do that. These principles are applicable to anybody who may be reading this: businessman, student, or employee.

24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

25 He saith, yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, what thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers?

26 Peter saith unto Him, of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, then are the children free.

27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Matthew 17:24-27 (KJV)

This is an interesting story. At Capernaum, the tax collectors met Peter and asked him, "*Doth not your master pay tribute?*" (Matthew 17:24). "Tribute" refers to temple tax. Peter replied, "Yes." Then he went into the house, but before he could narrate to Jesus how the tax collectors had harassed him and embarrassed Jesus, the Master raised the issue of paying tax because Jesus never shied away from the subject of money. Jesus asked Peter a very profound question: "... *Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers?*" (Children means sons). (Matthew 17:25). Peter said, "From strangers."

Jesus knew that legally, under normal circumstances, being the Son of God and a minister of the gospel, He ought not to pay tax, and because Peter worked with Him, he ought not to pay tax either because Jesus' disciples were His fellow ministers. They were supposed to be exempted from paying tax, but nevertheless because these people were not operating on the same level as Jesus was and He did not want to offend them, He agreed to pay the temple tax. In an amazing manner, Jesus told Peter to do something wonderful and it is from the instructions that He gave Peter, that He teaches us three great truths about money from just one verse of scripture.

Truth #1: Your Financial Breakthrough Is Connected To Your Grace, Talent, And Area Of Training

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Jesus could perform any kind of miracle, so He could have instructed Peter to go to his house and while there, money would drop from the ceiling which he could take and pay the tax for them, but Jesus sent Peter to the sea because Peter was a fisherman. Likewise, in the book of Exodus, we find that Joseph's breakthrough came in the area of interpretation of dreams because that was his area of gifting. It led him to the throne where his breakthrough came from.

Please, don't misunderstand me. When I say your financial breakthrough is connected to your area of training, I don't mean that God

will only give you your breakthrough through the legal practice, if you studied Law in the University, even though you are no longer engaged in the practice of Law. If you have a degree in Law, but you are not involved in Legal practice and are doing business in a particular area, God will give you your breakthrough in the area that you are presently concerned with. Proverbs 18:16 says the gift of a man makes room for him.

Apostle Paul said, *"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have the laid the foundation..."* (1 Corinthians 3:10). He laid the foundation as a master builder according to the grace of God. Grace is divine ability to do what you have been called to do. So God gives you grace for the area that you have been called to, and when you have grace He will give you a breakthrough according to the ability He has given to you in that area.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his Lord's money.

19 After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

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servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

Matthew 25:15-25 (KJV)

If you have put your hand to something and remained consistent in it, expect a breakthrough in that thing and before long your breakthrough will show forth on every side and nothing will stop it.

Sometimes as a Pastor when I give a testimony that has to do with finances, people say, "It is because he is a Pastor." They are correct, because I expect my breakthrough to come in the area of my calling. I don't expect God to bless me through legal practice or politics while I am preaching; it does not happen that way. I will not stand in a courtroom one day to represent somebody. No, I will represent Jesus through the preaching of the gospel because that is what I am called to do. I will preach and when I study in the area of my calling, I will have more light so I can be a blessing to people and as I bless people, they can be a blessing to me. Those who have been blessed by me but don't bless me in turn are short-circuiting their own blessings because they fail to fall into the order of God. Apostle Paul said, *"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"* (1 Corinthians 9:11).

As a Pastor, I also sow seeds of money and material things as led by God and I expect to reap a harvest. Long ago I understood that my breakthrough would come in the area of my calling. God expects me to eat from the area of my talents, gifts, and calling and if I am not neglecting that, God will raise people and my breakthrough will come swiftly and from every direction.

If you know where God has called you to and you put your mind, your heart, and your hand to it, though it might look like the Lord is tarrying, yet He will visit you. He will visit you in a way that you never expected. He will visit you like a great flood; like the flood of Noah, but this time He will bless you with good things. He will bless you with gold, silver, and all good things that you may stand and say like David, *"I have been young and now I'm getting older, I've never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."* (Psalm 37:25) You will say, *"God is able to make all grace abound towards me. I have sufficiency in all things and now I abound unto every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

To be continued.

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