



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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1) Leading people into financial freedom

10 Lessons on how leaders can help their people apply biblical financial wisdom

Part 1: GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR FINANCE

People either come from a greed based mentality of finance - thinking that their worth and identity is linked to how much money and stuff they have.

Or, more commonly, a poverty mentality - not understanding their value to the Father and so never expecting or feel deserving of prosperity.

But what is God's mentality?

1. God is and wants to be recognised as our SOURCE

This is a revelation that we need to ask God for by the Holy Spirit.

Example 1: Before God multiplied Abrahams inheritance He first wanted Abraham to understand the source of the inheritance:

Genesis 14:18-20 (NIV)

18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And praise be to God Most High,

who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Genesis 15:1 (NIV)

1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward."

Example 2: Before God led the Israelites into the riches of the Promised Land, God first wanted the Israelites to eat Manna daily to learn that God is the source of supernatural provision.

Example 3: For my wife and I, before we planted a church, God gave us the revelation of His Gracious Hand upon us - a revelation that has sustained us personally and as a church for the past 23 years

Nehemiah 2:8 (NIV)

8 And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

Personal revelation moment - God is a **river** and not a **bucket**!

- Buckets run out - so hold back to make sure you don't run out
- Rivers keep flowing!

BEFORE GOD GRANTS PROVISION HE FIRST WANTS TO GIVE YOU A REVELATION THAT HE IS THE SOURCE OF PROVISION

2. God wants you to use finance as a tool of WORSHIP

Revelation 5:12 (NIV)

12 In a loud voice they were saying:

*"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"*

We should not worship money but turn money into an instrument of worship to God!

- most people in the world worship and serve money!
- "Money makes the world go round" - is a stronghold!
- "Love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" - 1 Tim 6:10

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

MONEY IS NOT TO BE WORSHIPPED BUT USED TO WORSHIP GOD

3. God wants to break POVERTY thinking in our lives

ILLUST: Test yourself - Which side of a restaurant menu do you scan first? What you want to eat or what you can afford?

Revelation moment:

Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

God sees me as VALUABLE

- And because I am valuable to God, He wants to bless me and provide for me
- The issue here is a sinful understanding of my self image!
- I am made in God's image, paid for by Jesus' blood, and loved by my Father in heaven!

POVERTY THINKING FOR A CHILD OF GOD IS AN OFFENCE TO THE GOODNESS OF OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

BIG TAKEAWAY: First we need to know God as our **SOURCE** before we will learn to trust God as our **SOURCE**

QUESTIONS:

1. When it comes to money, do you come from the side of greed mentality or poverty mentality? What does that look like in your life?
2. Of the three main points above, which one is most relevant to you and your current financial situation? Why?
3. What revelation of God do you need to be pursuing that will release you into trusting Him more?