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## Three Things We Must Know About God's Laws of Finance

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The body of Christ must know three things regarding God's laws of finance. If you are ignorant of them, whether you're rich or poor, you are a problem going somewhere to happen.

### 1. It Is God's Will to Prosper You

The first thing you must know is that God's will is to prosper His people. God is not limited by what part of the world you live in or what government you live under. Believers all over the world have proven that fact.

I've heard testimonies of God prospering people in the most devastated places like Africa, El Salvador, Nicaragua and South America. The laws that govern abundance work for anyone who will put them to work. They are laws!

People have the idea that spiritual things are separate from material things. That isn't true. Spiritual laws govern material things. A Spirit created all matter. So, the laws of prosperity will work for anyone who will meet the biblical requirements to walk in them.

### 2. God's Reason for Prospering You

The second thing you need to know is God's reason for prospering His people. The Word says, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that has needs" (Eph. 4:28).

The whole purpose for gainful employment and prosperity is to take God's laws and prosper by them and then do something about the poverty in the rest of the world.

Some rich people don't want to do anything but stay rich. But if I'm preaching the gospel to a born-again man from Mozambique, he has some hope for the first time in his life. He learns that God wants to prosper him and his people.

To the starving man that doesn't mean a Cadillac! It means that God will show him how to get some rain on his scorched ground. God will do something about the poisons in his land, so that he can grow good crops and feed his family.

The gospel not only gives him hope in the kingdom to come, but through Jesus, through the message that God wants to prosper His people. That gives us hope in the here and now! God intended for material creation to bless and prosper His people.

### 3. God's Way of Prospering You

The last thing you must know is God's way of prospering His people. God prospers by prospering the soul (3 John 2) and through the avenue of giving. You can't solve the world's problems with your natural, limited mind. But if you allow God to illuminate your human conscience with His way of thinking, anything is possible.

God wants to elevate your thinking to His level. He wants to prosper your soul with the answer. First, start by giving financially. Then, it will turn into a giving life. Soon a giving attitude takes over. This should then take over the entire body of Christ.

### God Is Shaking This World's Wealth

The wealth of the earth belongs to God. He said:

"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the

Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." (Hag. 2:7-9)

God is shaking this world's system. The wealth that the world has accumulated is going to fall out of their hands. Into whose hands will it land? The Word says, "He that by usury and unjust gain increases his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor" (Prov. 28:8).

This is why God keeps telling the church to do something about the poor. We have let the government handle our responsibility. They have put patches on the problem instead of solving it.

If the church of Jesus Christ would get involved through sharing the new birth and preaching the gospel to the poor, poverty could be broken instead of multiplied.

Forget your own needs. Get involved in the whole gospel. Begin to meet the needs of others—spirit, soul and body—and watch how quickly God will move on your behalf.

Remember the words of Jesus: "Seek ye first the kingdom and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

One of the great keys to this is to take your eyes off of your own life and put them on the lives and needs of others.

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