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Mirror Of The Word  
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We are beginning a new series and will be including previous teachings as a review, these teachings have been presented regarding finances and how the Lord wants all to prosper. His plan for each of the believer's lives is that blessings would be available to all that hear the word of God and act accordingly ie: the planting of seeds. The 8th chapter of 2nd Corinthians also teaches regarding finances.

2 Cor 9:8-10 "And God is able to make all grace \*abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may \*\*abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. 10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)" KJV

\*Abound is a condition in life where there isn't any necessity of aid or support. God wants for us to abound in this area, all sufficiency not having lack. \*\*Abound used here means to go over or having something left over. God will provide seed to the sower, however, if you are not a sower it may be challenging for God to get seed into your hands, but if you are a sower or planter, then God will provide the seed for you to sow, it will be multiplied and increase your fruits.

Money has always been at the heart of God, He provided for Adam in the garden, for Abraham to have increase and for all those following down to Jesus, who redeemed us from the curse of the law, that the blessings given to Abraham would come on us. Anyone who is in right standing with the Father will be a sower, they will find ways to continue to sow into the kingdom of God. God wants to give increase to their abilities. God is working with the church and the people in the church to get finances or wealth to them. He has placed money or wealth in the earth and He will give believers ideas of how to extract that money to channel it through their hands, this can be done in many ways ie: promotions or knowledge of inventions. God wants the believers needs met.

We may miss out on opportunities because we do not step out and act on what we sense needs to be done. Faith has to be involved, the measure of faith that we have is taken into consideration in order to accomplish what God has for us. God has given each of us a measure of faith.

Rom 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." KJV

A religious spirit will separate money and prosperity from the gospel, but if we know the word of God, there can be no separation, when we rightly divide the word of truth as in 2 Corinthians, Isaiah 53 or Galatians 3. The challenge is to keep God in first place and all these blessings are added to us.

The following scripture gives an example of a person having a measure of faith in the area of finances. The widow lady's husband had died leaving her in debt and the collectors were demanding her sons be turned over to them in order to pay the debt. She went to Elisha asking his help and he instructed her what to do. She obeyed him and consequently was able to pay the debt and had much left over to sustain her and her sons. Only when she ran out of something in which to put the oil did her blessing stop.

2 Kings 4:2-7 "And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest." KJV

This is the plan that God has for us, that we have surplus, an over abundant supply in order to live. Sometimes we limit our finances to this worlds system and how well we can operate in it, but we are in another kingdom and there are different laws in the kingdom we have been put into. God wants to bless us but we must do our part, having that measure of faith.

We continue with learning how important our words are and where we are to look for them. Solomon was preparing his son how to be blessed and in turn teaching us how to be blessed.

Pro 4:20-23 "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are \*life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." KJV

v. 20 attend to my words, they go looking for them

v. 22 Dear friend, listen well to my words; tune your ears to my voice. Keep my message in plain view at all times. Concentrate! Learn it by heart! Those who discover these words live, really live; body and soul, they're bursting with health - MESSAGE

v. 22 for they bring \*life (Gods word) to those who find them, and healing to their whole body - NLT

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v. 23 "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life - KJV

Many times we look to other sources for whatever we might be needing, but the word tells us exactly where to look and what we will receive in doing so; paying attention to the word, listening with our ears, keeping them before our eyes and putting them into the midst of our hearts, from this comes life. By meditating the word, it becomes like an IV, a steady drip of the life of God into our lives.

2 Pet 1:3-4 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." KJV

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God wants to bless us as we go about the affairs of life. Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Father has already called us to glory and virtue, an abundance and overflowing in life. We have been given great and precious promises in God's word, partakers of the divine nature, escaping the lusts of the world. We will begin to walk in peace, will have joy, having power over sin, enjoying the blessings that God has for us, walking in a greater measure of health, begin to prosper, having wisdom and knowledge in our business and our families and we will be able to escape the things of the world that want to pull us down.

This is God's plan for us, but we also find out what is required of us. We must learn to pray the prayer of faith knowing that it is His will, especially if we have received a promise from Him regarding our situation and coming with boldness as a partaker.

1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." KJV

Sometimes we are looking for a better job and are looking for an increase of money, using the same principle as seeking after knowledge and understanding, we will find what we are looking for, for we will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. We won't find these things as long as we are doing nothing, but if we are seeking them, they will be found, finding and understanding the integrity and character of God.

Pro 2:2-5 "So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." KJV

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The following scriptures are teaching us regarding the importance of becoming doers of the word, not just hearing, causing us to deceive ourselves.

James 1:21-25 "Wherefore lay apart all \*filthiness and \*superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with \*\*meekness the \*\*\*engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." KJV

v. 21 Wherefore lay apart (set aside or get rid of) all \*filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

\*these words also mean, shabby or dirty, cheap or super excessively dirty with depravity or evil and harmful

\*\* meekness is strength in control, coachable, controlable, teachable.

\*\*\*engrafted means to germinate, to sprout, grow and spring up

If these things are found in our lives it will hinder from receiving revelation knowledge coming to us from God. The word of God is the seed of God and when we receive it, it becomes engrafted in us, effecting our mind, will and emotions which will make a turnaround.

We sometimes have a sense of unworthiness of guilt and shame, but there are two sides to this feeling, a God side and a man side. Prayer is a beginning to getting a deliverance, but prayer in its self will not keep us in an area where we will have a good self image and become confident of who we are in Jesus. We have a part to play, we must begin to start to receive the word of God into our mind, will and emotions and it will make a difference in our life, healing and prosperity are a part of that change.

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The mirror we are to look at is the mirror of God's word, immediately we tend to forget who we are in the word, who we are in Jesus and how God sees us. Many times after receiving a word and believing what has been said, before we get home, we have already forgotten what was said, we need to look in the mirror again, it shows us what kind of person we are. People may tell us that we can't do something, but the word says that we can because of Jesus.

Phil 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." KJV

v. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Who would want to forget who we are in Jesus? Looking into the mirror of the word of God, brings life and not condemnation and by continuing with what he has seen in the mirror, he will not forget what he has heard, being a doer of the word, this man will be blessed. It brings liberty to us and not bondage making us winners. We must continue to look in the mirror of the word of God, it is not a one time thing that can be done. The reward is great for not forgetting who we are.

Matt 7:24-27 "These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards." MESSAGE

Jesus has just finished teaching the sermon on the mount and these scriptures are the close of it, they are foundational words explaining how if the words are worked into our lives, we will be building on a solid rock, where the storms of life may try to destroy but will be unable to do so, however, if these words are not heeded, the storms of life will destroy. We want our lives to change immediately, but the words we have to work into our lives are done little by little, the mirror will reflect back to us who we are.

The following is an illustration that was given earlier in the week. A young boy, who had a name that all the others teased him about, received a word from the Lord regarding a passage in the Bible that he should read, that would explain what his name meant and that he was a special young man. After reading and talking with his mother, who explained what was going on with her during her pregnancy and how she was unhappy about her condition, that there was a spirit of sorrow on her, he realized that the same spirit was on him. He shared with her what was said about Jabez, they prayed together breaking the spirit and after being set free, he realized that in the eyes of God, he was a very special young man. Others that he came in contact with, realized that there had been a great change in his life and quit harassing him regarding his name.

1 Chron 4:9-10 "And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." KJV

When we see what is ours through the mirror of the word, realizing that God is blessing us, there can be no excuse for us not being doers of the word. Are we going to believe what other people say about us or are we going to believe what the Word of God says about us? Let the mirror reflect back to us who we are.