

## 2. Using our God-given Authority for Finance

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Subtitle: Principles of Prosperity - What about the next generation?

**Romans 5:17 (GNB)** *It is true that through the sin of one man death began to rule because of that one man. But how much greater is the result of what was done by the one man, Jesus Christ! **All who receive God's abundant grace and are freely put right with him will rule in life through Christ.***

- Our God-given authority isn't limited to exercising dominion over satan & demons, and over sickness & disease
  - We should also exercise dominion over our finances
  - We are not servants of money, but instead, our money is to serve us
  - (Jesus said that we cannot serve two masters [Matthew 6:24])
- a. It is God's will that all His people would prosper
  - b. Operating the Principle of Seedtime and Harvest
  - c. What to do after you have sown a Financial Seed

### 1. God's plan for our finances is intergenerational

**Proverbs 13:22 (NASB95)** *A **good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.***

- Socialism, in principle, is against the accumulation of personal wealth
- Yet God says that a good man leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren
- This means - a good man will accumulate wealth & leave an inheritance
- (In God's intergenerational plan, our children should be given an inheritance by our parents) [This is not a command!]
- Successive governments have conditioned generations of people to live from the hand to the mouth, and not prepare for a prosperous future

**Psalms 112:1-3 (NKJV)** *Praise the Lord! **Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.***

- The man who fears the Lord & delights greatly in God's Word is blessed
- His descendants will be mighty on the earth

- Notice, when God's Word speaks about a good and / or God-fearing person, it immediately speaks about their descendants also
- God wants us to prosper, not just for our sake, but for the sake of our children
- **Wealth and riches will be in his house ...**
- We should be comfortable with the idea of owning wealth & riches

**Psalm 25:12–14 (NIV)** *Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. 13 They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. 14 The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.*

- God instructs those who fear Him in the way they should choose
- (God wants to lead His people on the path towards prosperity)
- They will spend their days in prosperity
- And their descendants will inherit the land
- God makes His covenant known to us
- Prosperity is a covenant issue!

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)** *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, as it is this day.*

## **2. God makes a covenant with Abraham and his descendants**

**Genesis 17:7–8 (NKJV)** *And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”*

**Genesis 17:19 (NKJV)** *Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.*

**Genesis 25:11 (NKJV)** *And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.*

**Genesis 26:1–3 (NKJV)** *There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. 2 Then the Lord appeared to him and said: “Do*

not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. **3** Dwell in this land, and **I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.**

**Genesis 26:12–14 (NKJV)** Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. **13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;** **14** for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

**Genesis 25:19–21 (NKJV)** This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac. **20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife,** the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. **21** Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and **Rebekah his wife conceived.**

**Genesis 28:1–5 (NKJV)** Then **Isaac called Jacob** and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. **2** Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. **3 "May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples; 4 And give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham."** **5** So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

**Genesis 28:12–15 (NKJV)** Then he (Jacob) dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. **13** And behold, **the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14** Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. **15** Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for **I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.**"

**Genesis 28:20–22 (NKJV)** *Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21 so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then **the Lord shall be my God. 22** And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and **of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.**”*

- When Jacob came to his uncle Laban, he served him for 20 years
- Although Laban changed Jacob’s wages ten times, Jacob prospered beyond measure
- When Jacob returned to his family, together with His two wives, children, servants and livestock, he was a very wealthy man

**Genesis 32:9–10 (NKJV)** *Then Jacob said, “**O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you’:** 10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for **I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.***

**Galatians 3:13–14 (NKJV)** ***Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.***

- Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (incl. poverty)
- In Christ, the blessing of Abraham is now available to non-Jewish people
- ... through faith ...
- The blessing of Abraham (singular) produces blessings (plural)

### **Prayer of Salvation and Prosperity**

Heavenly Father, I thank You that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the price for my sins, and redeem me from the curse of the law. I surrender my life to Jesus Christ now and declare Him as Lord of my life. I also receive the blessing of Abraham by faith. Thank you for helping me to live for you, and for leading me in the path of prosperity. I lay hold of abundance for my life and for my descendants, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.