Kingdom Financial Principles
Part 1: Keys to Financial Prosperity

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I. Introduction - The practical importance of money.

A. Money: something generally accepted as a medium of exchange, a measure of value, or a means of payment.

B. The Bible has more to say about money than about any other topic.

1. Earning money: labor, wages, inheritance, talents, diligence, slothfulness, etc.

2. Use of money: tithes, offerings, alms, payment of taxes, saving, borrowing, lending, spending, interest, usury, surety, wasting, suing, making restitution, etc.

3. Multiplication of money: buying, selling, trading, talents, profit, loss, becoming rich, becoming poor, etc.

4. Attitudes toward money: love, greed, envy, covetousness, fear, contentment, honesty, false balance, just weight, pride, boasting, oppression, etc.

5. Conditions related to money: poverty, riches, wealth, lack, abundance, etc.

“A man is usually more careful of his money than of his principles.”
( Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.)

C. How we handle money indicates of whether we can be trusted with greater things.

Luke 16:10-11 “Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth?” (TEV)

“A check book is a theological document: it will tell you who and what you worship.” (Billy Graham)

D. One thing money cannot do: bring greater happiness.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 “Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!” (NLT)
“I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness.”
(John D. Rockefeller, Sr.)

“I was happier when I was doing a mechanic’s job.” (Henry Ford)

Proverbs 30:8-9  “... give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.” (NLT)

Some people need to find this out for themselves:

“All I ask for is a chance to prove that money can’t make me happy.”
(Author unknown)

“I don’t like money, actually, but it quiets my nerves.” (Joe Louis)

E. The mirage of great riches. “The Voyage of Life – Youth” (by Thomas Cole)
II. The First Key: Understand God’s Point of View Concerning Your Prosperity.

Prosperity = the condition of being successful or thriving; especially economic well-being.

A. He is totally supportive.

3 John 2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper (= to succeed in business affairs) and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” (KJV)

Proverbs 10:22 “The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich (= to accumulate), and he addeth no sorrow with it.” (KJV)

B. He is pleased when you profit.

Psalm 35:27 “... Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity (= health, prosperity, peace, safety) of His servant.” (KJV)
C. He commits to train you to be profitable.

Isaiah 48:17 “Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit ( = to ascend, to be valuable), Who leads you by the way you should go.’” (NKJV)

D. He gives you the power ( = force, capacity and ability) to get wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18 “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.” (NKJV)

E. God only asks one thing of us: that we seek Him first.

2 Chronicles 26:3-5 “Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem . . . And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD . . . and as long as he sought ( = to pursue, search, inquire, worship) the LORD, God made him to prosper.” (KJV)

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek (to search out, crave, worship) him.” (KJV)

III. The Second Key: “How You Think Is Everything.”

(A Secret No. 1, Investor’s Business Daily’s 10 Secrets to Success)

“A lot of people think money will solve their problems. It isn’t money . . . it’s their thought patterns.” (Robert Kiyosaki, author of Rich Dad, Poor Dad)

A. The importance of our thoughts.

Proverbs 23:7 “For just as he hath thought in his own mind so he is . . .” (Rotherham)

All in the State of Mind

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don’t;
If you would like to win and don’t think you can,
It’s almost a cinch you won’t.

If you think you’ll lose, you’re lost;
For out in the world you’ll find
Success begins with a fellow’s will;
It’s all in the state of mind.
Full many a race is lost
   Ere even a step is run
And many a coward fails
   Ere even his work is begun.

**Think** big and your deeds will grow.
**Think** small and you’ll fall behind:
**Think** that you can and you will—
   **It’s all in the state of mind.**

If you **think** you’re outclassed, you are:
   You’ve got to **think** high to rise.
You’ve got to be sure of yourself before
   You ever can win a prize.

Life’s battles don’t always go
   To the stronger or faster man;
But, sooner or later, the man who wins
   Is the fellow who **thinks** he can.

B. **When Adam fell, our ability to “think” took a broadside.**

   Each of us inherited a **prideful, questioning, and doubting mindset** when it comes to the things of God.

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**Genesis 3:1, 4-5** “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said,** Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? . . . And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods,** knowing good and evil.” (KJV)

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C. **As a result of the fall, we lost our ability to “think” like God thinks.**

   **Isaiah 55:8-9** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (KJV)

   **1 Corinthians 2:14** “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (NKJV)
D. What are your present thoughts concerning your financial condition?

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision ( = to perceive mentally), the people perish . . .” (KJV)

Proverbs 29:18 “If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.” (THE MESSAGE)

E. Is your present mindset stifling your future prosperity?

“You’re thinking too small . . . In all the years you have served Me, I have never been able to give you all I planned for you in any given year. You’ve limited Me by your level of faith.” (The Lord to Dr. Nasir Siddiki, author of Kingdom Principles of Financial Increase)

The only thing that limits each one of us is the way we think.

IV. The Third Key: Seek First the Kingdom of God.

A. God gave man dominion.

Genesis 1:26 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion ( = to govern, to rule and to reign) over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” (KJV)

Psalm 8:6 “You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,” (NKJV)

B. Adam relinquished that dominion to Satan.

Genesis 3:17 “Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it' "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.”” (NKJV)
C. Through His death on the cross, Jesus got the dominion back, and restored the benefits of the Kingdom to each one of us.

Colossians 1:13-14 “For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins.” (NLT)

Romans 5:17 “Since by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.” (Holman)

D. From the beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus pointed the way to the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent (= change the way you think), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'” (NKJV)

E. The only way to enter the Kingdom is to be born again.

John 3:5-7 “Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'” (NKJV)
F. Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is the vehicle through which every need can be met.

Matthew 6:31-34  "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek ( = enquire, desire, worship) first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (NKJV)

Kingdom: a domain (or territory) that is influenced by a King.

Kingdom of God: a governing authority that brings with it, strong influence.

King: a person with great power who dominates in his kingdom through the governing principles he has established.

Seek first the Kingdom: seek to know, understand and follow the governing, influential and powerful principles espoused by God the King, through which His Kingdom operates and exercises such great influence in the earth.

And His righteousness: remain in right standing with the King, and rightly aligned with His governing principles.

Summary: 1. Seek first the influential principles by which God’s Kingdom on earth operates.

2. Align yourself with them . . . honor them, obey them and walk in them.

3. Never again be concerned about food, drink, clothing, etc.

G. Your financial prosperity is the enemy’s secondary target. His primary target is the Word of God, especially the Word of the Kingdom.

Matthew 4:4  “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ” (NKJV)

John 6:63-64  “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” (NKJV)

Matthew 13:18-19  “ . . . When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart . . . ” (NKJV)
V. The Fourth Key: Align Yourself with the Principles of the King.

A. The best way to start “digging out” of adverse financial conditions is to put yourself in a position where you can hear the gospel.

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor . . . ” (KJV)

B. Then fight, and fight intelligently with God’s weapons.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” (KJV)

C. Allow the Word to transform you.

Romans 12:2 “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.” (NLT)

D. Saturate your “soul” with the principles of the Kingdom of God.

3 John 2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” (KJV)

E. Only the Word of God has the power to heal, transform and restore the soul.

James 1:21 “… receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (KJV)

F. The fastest way to turn your financial condition around: meditate in God’s Word.

Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” (KJV)
VI. The Fifth Key: The Source of Wealth Is Wisdom.

“Wisdom: seeing life from God’s point of view, and tracing problems to violations of His principles.” (Bill Gothard)

Wisdom: to be wise in mind, word or act

Wise: possessing inside information; informed about a particular matter; marked by deep understanding, keen discernment and a capacity for sound judgment.

A. Wealth and wisdom run together.

1 Kings 10:23 “So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.” (KJV)

B. Wisdom comes from God.

1 Kings 10:24 “Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.” (NKJV)

Proverbs 2:6 “For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;” (NKJV)

C. Solomon asked God for wisdom, not wealth.

2 Chronicles 1:7, 10 “That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” . . . Now give me wisdom and knowledge so I can lead these people in the right way, because no one can rule them without your help.” (NCV)

D. Then God gave Solomon wisdom and wealth!

2 Chronicles 1:11-12 “God said to Solomon, "You have not asked for wealth or riches or honor, or for the death of your enemies, or for a long life. But since you have asked for wisdom and knowledge to lead my people, over whom I have made you king, I will give you wisdom and knowledge. I will also give you more wealth, riches, and honor than any king who has lived before you or any who will live after you." ” (NCV)
E. Wisdom ranks higher than wealth.

Proverbs 16:16 “It is better to get wisdom than gold, and to choose understanding rather than silver!” (NCV)

Proverbs 8:10-21 “Let instruction and knowledge mean more to you than silver or the finest gold. Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels or anything else you desire.”

Wisdom Speaks: I am Wisdom—Common Sense is my closest friend; I possess knowledge and sound judgment. If you respect the LORD, you will hate evil. I hate pride and conceit and deceitful lies. I am strong, and I offer sensible advice and sound judgment. By my power kings govern, and rulers make laws that are fair. Every honest leader rules with help from me.

I love everyone who loves me, and I will be found by all who honestly search. I can make you rich and famous, important and successful. What you receive from me is more valuable than even the finest gold or the purest silver. I always do what is right, and I give great riches to everyone who loves me.” (CEV)

F. Without wisdom, wealth brings ruin.

“When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner or the man loses a soul.” (Author unknown)

Proverbs 18:10-12 “The LORD is like a strong tower; those who do right can run to him for safety. Rich people trust their wealth to protect them. They think it is like the high walls of a city. Proud people will be ruined, but the humble will be honored.” (NCV)

Psalm 49:6-8 “Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him — For the redemption of their souls is costly . . .” (NKJV)

G. How to acquire wisdom:

Psalm 111:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom . . .” (NKJV)

Proverbs 2:1-2 “My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom . . .” (KJV)
H. How to grow in wisdom:

Psalm 111:10  “How can men be wise? The only way to begin is by reverence for God. For growth in wisdom comes from obeying his laws. Praise his name forever.” (TLB)

I. Wisdom counteracts “goofy” ideas that can lead to our destruction.

Proverbs 4:5-6  “Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.” (KJV)

Psalm 17:4  “. . . by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.” (KJV)

J. Bottom line: wisdom is absolutely essential for acquiring and intelligently using wealth.

Proverbs 4:7-8  “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her.” (NKJV)

VII. Close: Internalize this Powerful Truth.

2 Corinthians 8:9  “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich ( = to become wealthy, be increased with goods).” (NKJV)

“for your sakes he became poor-he emptied himself, and made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself unto death, even the death of the cross; that ye, through his poverty-through his humiliation and death, might be rich-might regain your forfeited inheritance, and be enriched with every grace of his Holy Spirit, and brought at last to his eternal glory.” (Adam Clarke’s Commentary on 2 Corinthians 8:9)