

1 HOPE NEWSLETTER

1HOPE an APOSTOLIC ARROW PUBLICATION

MONEY

In this world money answer all things. What does scripture say about money, and what is a good perspective on money.

Save

Here is a key discipline, 'Save more than you spend' prepare your goals on saving short, medium and long term.

Invest

90/10 principle

90 percent of us work for money, which sounds right, well wrong, money should work for you.

Quote

All paper money eventually returns to its intrinsic value.

ZERO

It is about how its management



Money Insight and thoughts

Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything. Ecc 10:19

Does money answer all things? Yes, in this world at least. As believers we place our hope and trust in Christ our Lord above all things even when it comes to our well being including financial security.

Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth. You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth. Deuteronomy 8:17-18

As the system of the world changes so does people according to what is popular and attractive. In this current age we suffer from a disease called 'materialism' and for many christians its a measurement of blessing and right standing with God. The subject of money is so





IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE ITS NOT

.....

Just once did I get caught in a RAG TO RICHES investment scheme. I was invited to another and the Lord reminded me of the first mistake. On the third occasion someone said to me if I invest a sum of money within three months I will see returns triple the investment, then the Lord showed me the the deception and lure of the pyramid scheme and mind you these were christian folk running and getting involved in this bad investment and fraud schemes operated by other so called christians.

Some of the fraudsters I met claim to be believers in Christ.

This is no longer something to validate someone by, so who do you trust. Trust the Lord your God. He gives the understanding, knowledge and wisdom from a place of where character will not be diminished, where character will speak volumes in other words 'the grace to discern' a worthy thing from unworthy thing.

broad and its influence affects the hearts of both who have and don't have, and in most cases it will never be enough. However there is a point of satisfaction because money is not evil its just misunderstood and mismanaged. As in the case other things in our lives we have to take accountability over our financial well-being and account for spending. *No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*” **Luke 16:13**

God is not a buffer between you and money

In my case in the past we worked hard but not smart, always praying for a financial breakthrough without considering how did we get in a 'money mess' situation in the first place. The banks were willing to lend but we never counted the cost paying back the interest on loans and bonds because we spent far more money than we could pay back. That seems to be the norm for many. Our prayer life was consistent on this matter for 'breakthrough', until we had a shocking revelation, and that was to take accountability and be responsible and manage what we had '*For it is the Lord who gives you power to get wealth*'.

We must completely understand the Heart Of God, as we saved through Christ to know God as Father first, He is not our money man to satisfy lust and pride of our corruptible nature. If we understand God as Father we will understand how to be good managers over the things we have and don't have. *Practice makes permanent* 'John Maxwell'

Some years ago while at bible collage I attended a meeting where a prophetic word was given to me on having a lot of money as a blessing from God for the purpose of building Kingdom, I was just getting by then, interestingly another man after the meeting came to me and joked saying 'How about a loan'. Although he was just joking it is the position of our thinking and state of mind in the church at times to adopt this posture. I believe this can change by grace and good management by the principle of God's word. It is the Lord who gave us *power to get wealth*, I am blessed to be able to benefit from the grace which God has given, but it is my responsibility to share this about living in ones means and been accountable for what we have. Many of us in the body need to get our priorities in order, we either serve God or money, as I have mentioned we don't love or serve God for money but He gives us the power to get wealth and there are many ways to which God will provide for us His son's and children here on earth however we need to position ourselves as accountable and responsible stewards over the things we have in order to manage bigger portfolios.

When I look at the strategy of some of the richest people in the world, I realized these people didn't set out to make money, they needed money to set up a service or product in which created the platform for earning loads of money. Money was the reward the satisfaction was the product or service offered, it's called work. There are so many people out there selling false hope on how to get rich quick, **there is no such thing**. Honor the Lord and He will give you the desire of your hearts but don't be lazy and have expectations beyond your abilities. People can promise God everything when they have nothing, but they have something they give God nothing. That's just how it is when it comes to the heart's position and posture not just with money but in life.



So in order to have confidence over your money you need to control spending and maintain current cash flow with the intention of paying off debt without creating more debt. It's important to note that there will be an extensive desire to spend, so instead give away some money you intended spending as an offering, sow it in someone's life as a goodwill gesture.

Money is everything when you don't have it, and when you have it does it have you. The truth about money is that it is a valueless piece of paper until it is lawfully put in circulation, this means that until it is spent or saved its value is determined. Your life is not valued by what you have or don't have you are priceless, but are you a good steward over these things God has set over you.

The Art of Save

The art of saving is to be disciplined and have an outcome of how to grow your capital in a more meaningful way where you become a better distributor and a constructive consumer.

This is one of the most challenging things for any person to do because the need to spend exceeds that of saving. One justification is that there is nothing to save but on the other hand there is something to spend. To saving takes discipline and it starts with a little here a little there. Until one develops the discipline the amount of savings can increase and spending controlled. It is absurd to spend what one does not have unless one can pay it back.

So I started with a little and was able to continue, but I always found that whatever I saved there was a need to spend or someone else was in need of it. I spent what was affordable and give away, not lend, to those who needed it. Our philosophy was never to lend money to family, friends, or worthy initiatives but to give without any expectation. See it is the '*Lord who gives you the power to get wealth*' and it is by His grace one is able to give. I am also indicating that it takes grace to save, invest and give.

So in all simplicity one just has to start and be disciplined about. That is how I started and that's how I managed to discipline myself and create realistic expectations though I must admit that I do partition from my Heaven Father for the necessary knowledge, understanding and wisdom because I am no expert, I am heavily dependent on God the Father.

The world has changed and will continue to change. The economy has evolved into diverse avenues and a few enjoy the privilege to have money work for them. That it is imperative to save with an outcome to invest and create a sustainable future for you children and their children. It is God who gives you the power to create wealth. Kingdom people must be better more excellent stewards and managers. This discipline starts in the home.

The key to growth is Investment

I believe I asked the Lord about investments which I have no idea or clue what stocks, shares, exchange traded funds were. I researched the market and set up an account with a reputable company and started investing. This is where the real test came, I had the money I saved and could have bought a business or started a business but here I was now having to make decisions on where to invest in having no former training or education in managing funds at this level, but I took the risk and seen markets fluctuate and fall in the low, losses and gains and what this taught me was to be consistent and wait long term and sell off at the right time. I am no expert but I am doing it and if someone like me can do it you certainly can do what you need to do to create wealth. It all starts with getting a perspective on managing money, paying off debt, create savings, investing on savings while consuming constructively.

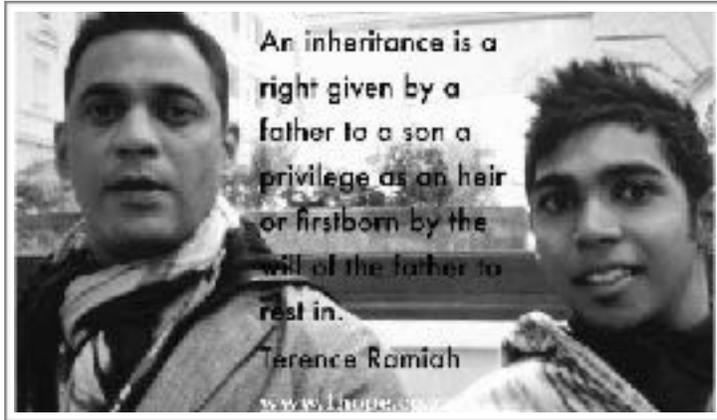
Most of the things you have you don't need, coming back to basics is to move from the Jones to what you can afford and maintain.

Sam Walton 'Made In America' was a book that really helped me understand character, its about Sam's life and Walmart a business which he founded making him the wealthiest man in America and the biggest retailer in the world, but he remained humble and true to himself in the way he lived his life. Faithful contributor to his church, community, a good father and faithful husband.



When I read his book it was his character that stood firm and not his just his ability to do business and operate in an environment that said he will not succeed in the way he conduct business. It was his character which draw people to his ideology. His company motto was is 'We buy better, so you can live better'. Remarkable man and world changer.

We all live to build better lives its starts with saving investing, giving, the kingdom sons must develop excellence in the earth.



IF WE CANNOT BUILD OUR OWN CHILDREN IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO HOW ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THE SPIRITUAL GRACE TO BUILD SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS OF A SPIRITUALLY CONNECTION IN THE FAITH.

I ALWAYS SAY GET THE LITTLE THINGS RIGHT FIRST, PERFECT IT AND MOVE ON.

Published by: 1 hope