

God's Word for My Finances

April 23, 2008 "Rules of Reaping" Part 3 of Teaching Series Pastor John Nuzzo <u>Psalm 35:27</u> - Let them shout for joy and be glad, <u>Who favor my righteous cause</u>; And let them <u>say continually</u>, "Let the LORD be magnified, <u>Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His</u> <u>servant</u>."

• I favor God's righteous cause with my money and therefore I boldly say, "I magnify my God, who takes great pleasure in prospering me as I serve Him."

II Corinthians 9:7-8 - Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. 8 And God is able to make all grace (<u>every favor and earthly blessing</u>) come to you <u>in abundance</u>, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

• I'm a cheerful giver and God takes pleasure in me and is unwilling to abandon me. He is able to make every favor and earthly blessing come to me in abundance. I have enough to provide all of my needs under all circumstances and an overflow to enable me to generously give.

<u>Matthew 6:-33</u> - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

• I seek His Kingdom first. I put Him first in my monies and God adds all the things that others are seeking to me because of His faithfulness.

<u>Galatians 6:7</u> - Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by <u>His precepts</u> being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and <u>that only</u> is what he will reap or a <u>man's life depends entirely upon what he sows</u>.

• I'm a tither and a generous giver or sower, and I expect to reap where I have sown. God's laws of sowing and reaping are working in my favor.

Psalm 112:1-3 - Praise the Lord. BLESSED is the man that fears the Lord that delights greatly in his commandments. 2 His seed shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed. 3 **WEALTH AND RICHES** shall be in his house and his righteousness endures forever.

• I fear the Lord and delight greatly to do His will. My children are mighty upon the earth and walk uprightly toward Him. Wealth and riches are in my house, as His righteousness endures forever.

<u>III John:2</u> - Beloved, I wish above all things that **<u>you may prosper</u>** and be in health, even as thy soul prospers.

• God desires for me to prosper financially and be in physical health, as my soul prospers "In Him."

Proverbs 22:4 - The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are **<u>RICHES</u>**, honor and life.

• I walk humbly before God and reverently fear Him, and I expect the reward of Riches, Honor and Life to abound in my life.

Proverbs 10:22 - It's the Lord's blessing that **brings wealth** and never does it bring trouble as well.

 I know that I'm blessed of the Lord, and part of that blessing is that He brings me wealth, and I have the wisdom to use money in such a way that it will bless and not curse my life. I refuse the prosperity of a fool. I will desire prosperity from God, while hungering for the first part of blessing, which is His wisdom.

<u>Proverbs 8:18-21</u> - I HOLD <u>WEALTH AND HONOR, POSITION AND GOOD FORTUNE</u>; what I yield is better than the best of gold, what I bring in is better than rare silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment. 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance or <u>THAT I MAY ENDOW MY FRIENDS WITH WEALTH AND FILL THEIR TREASURIES</u>.

 God brings me wealth, honor, position and good fortune. His dividends are better than the best of gold, silver or any human investment. I prosper as he leads me in the paths of judgment, and I follow those instructions. My God takes pleasure in endowing those that love Him with wealth and fills their treasuries.

Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be **filled with plenty**, And your vats will **overflow** with new wine.

• I honor the Lord with my tithes and offerings. It results in me having a life full of God's richest and best and a financial life that is overflowing.

Deuteronomy 28:11-13 - The LORD will grant you <u>abundant prosperity</u>—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you. 12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to <u>bless all the work of your hands</u>. You will <u>lend</u> to many nations but will <u>borrow from none</u>. 13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, <u>you will always be at the top, never at the bottom</u>.

• God grants me abundant prosperity in my children and business or career life. God blesses the work of my hands to such an extent that I'm able to be the lender and not the borrower. I am the head and not the tail. I am above only and not beneath financially.

<u>Deuteronomy 29:9</u> - Keep therefore the words of this covenant and do them, that <u>YOU MAY</u> <u>PROSPER IN ALL YOU DO</u>.

• I am a doer of the Word of God, and therefore, do I prosper in all I do.

Isaiah 48:17 - Thus says the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God WHICH TEACHES YOU TO PROFIT, which leads you by the way that you should go.

• *My* God teaches me to profit as He leads me and directs my steps.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 – And you say in your heart, My power and the strength of my hand has gotten me THIS WEALTH. 18 But you shall remember the Lord your God: for it is <u>HE THAT GIVES THE</u> **POWER TO GET WEALTH,** "THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT" which he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

• I will not forget God and arrogantly think or say that "my hand or my power" has gotten me this wealth. I will always remember that it is God that gives me the power to get wealth, and it is an outcome of my covenant with God.

<u>Malachi 3:7-10</u> - Ever since the time of your forefathers you have <u>turned away</u> from my decrees and have not kept them. <u>Return to me</u>, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, '<u>How are we to return</u>?' 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "<u>In tithes and offerings</u>. 9 You are <u>under a curse</u>-the whole nation of you-<u>because you are robbing me</u>. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. <u>Test me</u> in this," says the LORD Almighty, "<u>and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.</u>

 I'm a tither and giver. I refuse to be a "God-robber." I prove the faithfulness of God every time I tithe or give. My finances are blessed and not cursed because I don't use God's monies for a purpose outside of His designation. I fully expect an open Heaven toward my finances and that God pours out so much blessing that there isn't room to store it, and I will give of my abundance.

<u>Proverbs 11:24-25</u> - One <u>GIVES AWAY</u> and still grows richer: Another <u>KEEPS WHAT HE SHOULD</u> <u>GIVE</u> and is the poorer. Yes the liberal or giving man shall be made rich. By watering others he waters <u>himself</u>.

 I am the one who is a giver and still grows richer and not the one who keeps what he should give and grows poorer. I know that as I give to others, God said he will make me rich and that by watering others, I actually am watering myself.

<u>Ecclesiastes 11:4-5</u> - Keep watching the wind and you will <u>NEVER SOW</u>. Keep staring at the clouds and you will <u>NEVER REAP</u>. 5 Even as you do not know how the wind blows or how the embryo develops in the womb of a woman, so you do not know the workings of God, who makes everything.

• I refuse to wait for perfect conditions before I will honor God with my tithes and offerings.

<u>I Corinthians 9:6-11</u> - Remember this: He who <u>SOWS SPARINGLY AND GRUDGINGLY</u> will also <u>reap sparingly and grudgingly</u>, and he who <u>SOWS GENEROUSLY AND THAT BLESSING MAY</u> <u>COME TO SOMEONE</u>, will also <u>reap generously and with blessings</u> or *Scanty sowing, scanty harvest: Plentiful sowing, plentiful harvest.* 7 Let everyone give as his heart tells him. Not grudgingly or of necessity or under compulsion; for God loves, takes pleasure in, prizes above other things and is unwilling to abandon or to do without a cheerful, joyous, prompt-to-do-it giver, whose heart is in his giving 8 And God is able to give you an <u>OVERFLOWING</u> measure of all good gifts, that <u>ALL</u> <u>YOUR WANTS of every kind</u> may be supplied at all times and you may <u>give of your abundance</u> to every good work. 9 The scriptures say of such a man, "He scatters his gifts to the poor, his deeds of charity go on forever." 10 And God, who supplies <u>seed for the sower</u> and <u>bread for eating</u>, will <u>supply you with seed and multiply it</u>, and will increase the crop of your charities or giving. 11 THE MORE YOU ARE ENRICHED BY GOD, THE MORE SCOPE THERE WILL BE FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING...

 I sow abundantly, and I reap abundantly. I abundantly give to benefit and lift others, and it results in a plentiful financial harvest. I tithe God's money and listen to my heart in my offerings and giving to the poor. God takes pleasure in my being a cheerful giver. He gives me an overflowing measure of all good gifts, gives me all my wants of every kind in abundance. I give joyfully out of my abundance to every good work in the earth as the Lord leads me. God gives me seed or money because I'm a tither and sower, and He also gives me money to consume for my life. This process increases my ability to give more, for the more I'm enriched by God, the more scope there is for my generous giving.

<u>LUKE 6:38</u> - <u>Give and it shall be given unto you;</u> good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, <u>SHALL MEN GIVE INTO YOUR BOSOM OR LAP</u>. For with the <u>SAME</u> <u>MEASURE THAT YOU GIVE WITH</u>, <u>IT SHALL BE MEASURED OR GIVEN BACK TO YOU AGAIN</u>.

 I give and it is given back to me; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. God uses other people to prosper me and He gives me great favor with men as I pursue His purposes. I expect to receive only with the measure I use in my giving. I know that if I sow little, I will reap little.