

Giving From Your Business

When you understand who really owns everything, then you won't have trouble trying to benefit yourself with possessions. You will begin to bless others.

When you collaborate with God, He will prosper you! When God becomes your source, then your well will never run dry. When we become Christians, we become children of God. And the Bible says that God wants to give good gifts to His children.

But God also wants to be sure that we are more interested in pleasing Him than pleasing ourselves. What is your motive for being in business? Is it so you can accumulate a lot of money and possessions to hoard for yourself? Or are you in business to bless others?

God is interested in your motives. Can you be trusted with prosperity? Jesus said in Matthew:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 KJV

Our motives and priorities must be God first, me last. Sometimes we get jealous of the success of others who are not Christians. They seem to be happy and rich while enjoying a life of luxury. A musician and prophet in the Old Testament named Asaph said:

I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalms 73:3 KJV

Ungodly men and women may achieve material prosperity apart from God, but they can never achieve the deep settled peace that comes from Him. Riches gained without God are a snare and do not bring peace. But prosperity that comes from God brings not only an abundance of possessions, but also emotional peace, happiness, and great joy.

Do you know why some very wicked people are rich today? The Bible gives us a very simple explanation. The wicked who are rich are simply holding the wealth that someday God will give to His children:

And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

Proverbs 13:22 ASV

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches.

Philippians 4:19 NKJV

Don't make the mistake of thinking your business is what provides your income. God is the source of your abundant supply. Jobs disappear; businesses fail; even large companies cease to exist. Your clients, your customers, and your business will always come and go. It is God who sees to it that your needs are met.

Giving is the trigger for God's financial miracles. When you give to the kingdom of God, it will be given back to you. But where will it come from? Who will give to you? Will God cause money to float down from heaven so your needs are met? No. The Bible says:

shall men give into your [life]?
Luke 6:38 KJV

This is how the cycle of blessing works. When you give to God, He in turn causes others to give to you. Perhaps it will be in the form of new customers to your business, new products to sell, and so on. When God owns your business, He will make sure it prospers!

Give, and it shall be given unto you.
Luke 6:38 KJV

Nothing happens in the economy of God until you give something away. Everyone and everything else are just His instruments for getting it accomplished. God uses many vehicles to get the job done, but in the end it's not us but God's blessing upon our lives. It is a universal law of God. Paul very appropriately reminds us:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
2 Corinthians 9:6

Jesus says:

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.
Luke 12:15

Does this mean that Christians should all be poor? No! Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Solomon, Daniel, Joseph of Arimathea, and Cornelius were all rich. Some of them were extremely wealthy. Yet each one was totally devoted to God. This means that there must be priorities in our life. First of all, God must be recognized as the source of all things. Second, He must be credited with full ownership of all we possess. Third, it must be known that our spiritual prosperity is infinitely more important than our material prosperity.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 John 1:2 NKJV

A passage in the Bible describes the reign of King Uzziah over the land of Judah. It gives us a clear guideline for today.

As long as he sought the LORD, God gave him success.

2 Chronicles 26:5

Another Scripture tells us how to be prosperous and successful:

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8