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Hi Partners and Friends

We are very excited about this New Year. A friend of ours spoke at church a little while back and encouraged us with the Word of the Lord and we want to pass it on to you also.

"The tide is turning and the Lord is turning things around in our favor."

Jerry Savelle shares how the Lord told him that the Blessing of the Lord is the empowerment to prosper and the favor of God provides opportunities to prosper and succeed.

So we declare that the Lord is turning things around for our favor - our success and prosperity. Take hold of this by faith for your life and watch what the Lord will do.

*We love you & God Bless
Jeff & Audrey*



Proclaiming the Word of Faith unto Soteria - Rom. 10:8-13

What About the 90?

In our last issue of “From Faith 2 Faith” I taught on tithing. I closed with the thought that many in the body of Christ have been faithful in tithes and offerings but have not been experiencing the Bible results in their income. We have experienced some wants and desires and needs being met as we released our faith in God but the exponential growth and multiplication in our income has been a different story.

Most of us want to be a bigger blessing to others but again that is directly related to how blessed we are. There are many ways to be a blessing to others but in the light of our topic I am talking about money. We can only give from what we have.

Audrey and I enjoy watching “Undercover Boss” and if you have seen it before, have you noticed how the employees respond to the generosity of their boss? They are so thankful and excited and yet I dare say the boss is experiencing a much higher high from being able to give and be a blessing. Acts 20:35 Jesus is quoted as saying “it is better to give than to receive” and we can see it in action here. One other important observation we can make is that it is never the employee who is giving \$50K to the boss who is struggling. Interesting thought isn't it?

I suspect we've all had the thought if we were rich things would be better. If we lived on the other side of the tracks or born into a different family life would be better. If we were born with a silver spoon in our mouths we'd have it made. If we had so-in-so's ability and talent we'd be set. But these things are not true and they are the gospel of mammon. Satan preaches, proclaims and publishes these lies trying to get humanity to believe that money is the answer and the savior of all our problems. “If we had more money... we'd have no problems.” Yet Jesus said in Matt 6:24

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Mammon tries to convince us that it is the provider and our source but it never can accomplish it. Mammon represents money or more accurately satan and this world's system trying to meet all our needs without God. The Holy Spirit makes it very clear in Eph 2:12 that without God and Christ (the Messiah, The Anointed One and His anointing), we are without hope in this world. Satan and his system are hopeless and are a lousy imitation of the real thing - God and His

system, the Kingdom of God. God is THE provider and the SOURCE of all good things.

Don't be fooled by mammon's lies or allow him to beat you up because you are not "rich", "born on that side of the tracks", "had no spoon in your mouth when you were born" and "are not talented like them." Refuse to be discouraged and think that since it is not like that in your life that there is *no way* things can change. Remember God is the answer and Jesus is the Way. You have a way - Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Years ago as I was pondering these things the Holy Spirit began to reveal some things to me about this lie that "if we were rich things would be better." As if rich was far off and not really attainable or more of a dream or wish than a reality. Then He reminded me of,

2 Cor 8:9 - God *HAS* made us rich

So apparently that is not our problem. Then I thought since some people seem to naturally be able to make money - all we need is that ability or power and we'd have it made. But again I was reminded that in the Word God has already blessed us, which means "empowered us to prosper and excel to the highest level."

Prov 10:22 - The blessing is *MAKING* us richer and richer
Deut 8:18 - God *HAS* given us the power, ability and anointing to get, to obtain and make wealth

So He has already *made* us rich In Christ and has already *given* us the Blessing and power to get wealth. So my next thought was we need to know how to use this ability and power in order to get what He wants for us. God is not our problem and He is not the one withholding things from us - no it is the devil, the thief, who has come to steal, kill and destroy. It is Jesus who has come to give us the abundant life - John 10:10. And the Greek reads as super abundant, excessive, beyond measure and superior in quality, life and living. He then reminded me of

Is 48:17 - He is *TEACHING* us to profit and leading us in the way we are to go

Jerry Savelle has said that with the knowledge of God you can turn \$25 into \$25000. Also that, Oral Roberts, said that he believed God was talking about ideas, concepts and insights in Malachi 3 when He said "I will pour you out a blessing." Jesus showed us that you can take 5 loaves and 2 fish and feed 15000 to 20000 people and in 1

fishing trip you can financially make what normally would take 1 to 3 months to make. Peter could have caught more fish if he would have obeyed Jesus. He was told to let down the netS not net but he was tired and just finished washing and folding his good nets so his not so bright idea was to throw out the old net just to please the preacher. God would have filled up all his nets if he'd used them all. It is not God's fault Peter only got one net full and it's not God's fault we are where we are. What Peter believed determined his actions and his actions determined how many fish he took home. Peter's natural actions mixed with God's supernatural power produced the results he experienced.

I remember Pastor Kenneth Hagin Jr. saying "that when the natural and the supernatural come together they make an explosive force for God." You see there is a manward side and a Godward side to each of His promises. A part we are to do and a part He will do. It seems a lot of Christians tend to focus on one or the other - the natural or the supernatural but never put them together. Many times God is waiting for us to do our part so He gets to do His part. When it comes to finances some people are being disobedient regarding their part but I think more times than not our problem has been a lack of knowledge about the 90%.

Pastor John Muratori in his book "Money by Design" says *"our tithe sanctifies the remaining 90% so that it can produce fruit. By giving the 10%, the windows of heaven are now open on the remaining 90% so that it can be invested and sown into fertile ground. Many individuals stop at the tithe and eat the remainder of their seed through mortgage payments, car payments, vacations, and the other expenses of life. Many are taught through osmosis that financial increase will occur based solely upon the tithe."*

There needs to be a radical shift in the church from the 10% to the 90%. Believers and churches are being held back from financial prosperity by focusing strictly on the tithe. The tithe only removes the curse. So, if nothing is done with the remaining 90%, even the most faithful tither will be stuck in the same place, year after year, never capitalizing on the blessing of God. They may not suffer lack, but they will not break into prosperity."

Since the tithe sanctifies the remainder, it is our responsibility to allocate a portion of the 90% in places it can be multiplied - avenues of wealth creation.

Rabbi Lapin in his book "Thou Shalt Prosper" calls money *certificates of appreciation*. The more people we serve or the more valuable we are at work or in the marketplace the more certificates we get.

Jack Canfield in his book "The Success Principles" said money flows to value. Wherever we decide to put our energies, the *key* is to become *more valuable* to our customers. You do that by *getting better* at solving their problems, *delivering products* and *adding services* that they want and need.

Can you see how this has nothing to do with sitting on the couch wishing, dreaming and waiting for someone to give you money each month?

In Pastor Thomas Anderson's book "Becoming a Millionaire God's Way" he talks about our expectation of what happens after we have given in our tithes and offerings. *"Unfortunately, the blessing that is poured out is a blessing that multiplies the seed we have planted somewhere in the world. The farmer knew that the tithe and the offering that he took to the Temple would not produce anything directly. He could not come back to the Temple in a few months and collect a harvest. The tithe protected his stuff and the offering produced a spiritual multiplication but if he did not plant something in the ground, there would be nothing to multiply. One hundred times zero is still zero.*

After the tithe and offering, all of the rest of the seed was available for the farmer to eat. But if he ate the rest of it, there would be no harvest next year. Therefore, in addition to the tithe and the offering, he always kept another bag of seed out of the harvest to plant in the ground. The tithe went to the storehouse. The offering was planted in the Kingdom of God. The other seed was planted in the ground. In a way, the offering was a spiritual seed and the planting was a material seed. But they were linked together. The spiritual offering resulted in a multiplication of the seed in the ground. To be successful, he needed both.

When we give an offering today, it produces a spiritual blessing on everything we touch. But if we have not planted anything in the ground, if we have not invested anything anywhere, there is nothing for the blessing to affect. We have to give God something to work with. Malachi 3, where the promises to open the windows of heaven are given, talks about blessing on things planted in the ground - crops, vines

and fruit, not the things brought into the Temple or the storehouse.”

He also (<http://www.cbn.com/700club/guests/bios/ctanderson112006.aspx>) shares *that having a congregation of 2,000 they paid their bills on time and things were steady. Flying to do a TV show with Jesse Duplantis, he read Robert Kiyosaki's Rich Dad, Poor Dad. During the flight, he felt God was saying, "Many people are teaching prosperity, but no one is showing them how to prosper." He realized most Christians are not financially literate and the Church has not taught the people the process of becoming wealthy.*

So we have found ourselves focusing on the spiritual part - our tithes and offerings and missed the natural part. We are lacking in knowledge of business and investments and therefore hinder any dramatic financial increase in our lives. The natural part is our putting our money to work for us and not just working for it. As we increase our financial knowledge and literacy God is able to lead us into money making or creating ideas, concepts and insights to bring financial and income increase into our lives. Then we will be able to be a greater blessing to others.

Next issue I will take us into *Robert Kiyosaki's "Cashflow Quadrant"* and share about the slow side and the fast side of the quadrant. Money can increase slowly or quickly based on which quadrant or quadrants we function and operate in.

God has some amazing things in store for each of us and it will take faith in Him to walk in them all. Faith begins where the will of God is known and we are finding out more about His will and the way He does things. Until then I trust the Holy Spirit is stirring things in you and bringing light to maybe some dark or lacking areas of your life.



<i>March 22</i>	<i>- Prayer Meeting in Calgary</i>
<i>April 26</i>	<i>- Prayer Meeting in Calgary</i>
<i>May 2-3</i>	<i>- CWOFBTC Edmonton</i>
<i>May 31</i>	<i>- Prayer Meeting in Calgary</i>

Audrey's Faith Tidbit

*Let us hold fast the confession of our **hope** without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.* Hebrews 10:23 NKJV

Do you have hope for a better life or future? Or are you just wishing for a better future? True bible hope boosts your faith so that you are positioned to receive the promise.

I want to focus on the word 'Hope' in the above scripture. The Greek word is "elpis" which is used many times in the New Testament. This word denotes expectation, to anticipate, to have confidence whether concrete or abstract. You cannot have faith without proper hope. The bible is full of scriptures that promise something good for you. When you are in faith for something, you are eagerly anticipating that something coming to pass. For example, if a woman goes to the doctor to run some tests and finds out she is pregnant, she gets excited. Even though the baby has not yet arrived, she is very excited and full of hope for that day. She cannot see the baby and might not be able to feel the baby move but she begins making plans for when the baby will arrive. She is in faith that there is a baby on the way and there is a specific due date. There is a place to prepare, names to be chosen, clothing and blankets to buy. The closer she gets to the due date, the higher the anticipation of the baby's arrival. Every day she's looking for signs that the time is here.

We can be (and should be) much the same way with God's promises. The Lord gave me this specific scripture to stand on for a husband. I had to watch over my words to make sure I stayed in agreement with God. It would not have been productive for me to spend time thanking God for my partner and then go out about my day saying "why is it taking so long, is it ever going to happen? I haven't met anyone yet, is there anyone out there for me?" Any negative, doubtful word would have stopped me from having any faith in God and His promise to me. In Hebrews 11:6 the scripture tells us that without faith, we cannot please Him. Instead I would get excited and bless God for my partner. I believed it would come to pass. I stayed full of hope, expecting something to happen. I watched over my words. It took longer than I thought so it definitely stretched my faith but in the end, perseverance paid off. God's promise came to pass.

God is excited about the future and we should be too. It is important to Him that His covenant and blessing is established on the earth but it requires our cooperation to see the blessing come to pass in our lives. Get excited with Him, stay full of hope and expectancy. Grow your faith in His promises and get ready to see some things happen!