

The Finances of the Kingdom

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The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2:8 NKJV

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. **Psalms 24:1 NKJV**

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. **Colossians 1:16 NKJV**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. **John 10:10 NKJV**

So don't boast about following a particular human leader. For everything belongs to you— whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. Everything belongs to you, **1 Corinthians 3:21-22 NLT**

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. **Acts 4:32-35 NKJV**

At the feet of the apostles means "Gifts given with no strings attached". These saints who embraced the kingdom truly gave free-hearted.

The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7 NKJV

For the Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you. **Deuteronomy 15:6 NKJV**

When we are givers and think first about the kingdom, our containers will overflow.

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

Righteous Lot followed his blessings and had wealth by association. Abraham the faithful friend of God had the blessing following him.

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. **Psalms 112:1-3 NKJV**

So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full— then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage **Deuteronomy 6:10-12 NKJV**

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. **Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV**

God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, Selah That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. **Psalms 67:1-2 NKJV**

Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.” **Psalms 35:27 NKJV**

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. **Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV**

When our trust is in the source instead of the money. We are rich in faith.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. **I Timothy 6:17-19 NKJV**

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. **Proverbs 13:22 NKJV**

Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance. **Zechariah 14:14 NKJV**

Ask for the benefit of the kingdom.

Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. **Psalms 68:19 KJV**

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water: But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. **Psalms 66:12 KJV**

One translation reads “abundance”.

A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect — life in its fullness until you overflow! **John 10:10 TPT**

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).
John 10:10 AMPC

Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams] **Ephesians 3:20 AMPC**

The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it]. **Proverbs 10:22 AMPC**