

My Money | Week 1

Go with the Flow

Two things that limit us from fulfilling our purpose: Knowing what it is and how we will accomplish it.

Our financial situation is the number one limiting factor to fulfilling our purpose.

God's ways are opposite of what we would expect.

Pray for your enemies instead of punch them—Forgive when we would rather repay.

If we want to lead others, we must serve others—To be first we must be last.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NKJV) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Money is a mirror that reflects what is already in our hearts.

Matthew 6:21 (NKJV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Our relationship with money reveals our understanding of our purpose.

Our relationship with money reveals our understanding of eternity.

Our relationship with money reveals how we see God.

Our relationship with money reveals how we think God sees us.

Most of our goals are focused on arriving at a place (I will be happy when I get...)

We believe that success and happiness is found in what we can get.

There is nothing wrong with having nice things and providing the best for your family.

I believe God wants us to have the best. God is happy when we succeed and prosper.

Psalm 35:27 (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."

3 John 2 (NKJV)

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

We can't forget the purpose for the success and prosperity we've been blessed with.

Genesis 12:2-3 (NLT)

2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Deuteronomy 8:18 (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.

We've thought that God's blessings were the goal, but they're not.

Blessings aren't the goal; being a blessing is the goal.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

"Afford" has nothing to do with it; there is always someone who has less than us.

We must change the way we think about money.

In our economy the more money we have, the more financially successful we become.

So, we save it, invest it, store it up for ourselves.

In God's economy the more money we give, the more financially successful we become.

Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV) But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

God's economy works like a river—our financial success depends on our willingness to let money pass through our hands.

It's not what we get, store, and save that ensures our financial success, but what we give.

God's blessings are not designed stop with you.

Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT)

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

If we never give we only have access to what we can earn, but when we let money pass through us we have access to a higher source.

Acts 20:35 (NIV) ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

Money that stops flowing stops growing.

Blessings cannot stop with us; they must pass through us.

We were created to be carriers, not containers.

James 2:15-16 (NKJV)

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?