

FREEDOM FROM FINANCIAL PRESSURES

Key Scripture: “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Mal. 3:10).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are greater than I can possibly imagine and greatly to be praised.¹ I praise you for your goodness and faithfulness to me. I know you desire to bless me more than I can realize, but I also know the key to that blessing is to be found in obedience to the teachings of your Word. Help me to obey you in the area of my finances, Lord, so that I might become a good steward over all you’ve given to me.

Father, help me to understand that in your economy, resources are meant to flow freely from the place of excess to the place of need.² Lord, you give power to obtain wealth for a purpose – that you may establish your covenant of salvation through me.³

I choose to believe your Word, Lord, and I believe that as I obey you with my tithes and offerings you will mercifully fulfill your promised and open the windows of heaven and pour your blessings forth abundantly to me. I believe also that you will prevent the enemy from devouring my finances and I will be called blessed by those who see your goodness to me.

I choose to give out of a heart of love and obedience, knowing it is more blessed to give than to receive.⁴ Yet I know, Lord, that as I give, it will be given to me good measure pressed down and running over. For with the same measure that I give it will be given to me.⁵ This is your plan, Lord, and I willingly honor it with cheerful giving as you supply, for you are able to make all grace abound toward me for every good work.⁶

You have commanded me not to owe any man anything except to love him.⁷ Help me, Lord, to manage my financial resources better so that I will get out from under the load of debt⁸ and be freed to serve you more fully and to give to the important causes of your kingdom.

Lord, godliness with contentment is great gain in my life. I brought nothing into this world and it is certain that I will take nothing out.⁹ Therefore, let me learn to be content in whatsoever state I am.¹⁰ Instead of seeking after the things of this world,¹¹ I want your righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and meekness. As I learn to seek you and your kingdom purposes *first*, along with your righteousness, all other things will be added unto me.¹²

The things that are seen, O Lord, are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal.¹³ Help me to fix my focus on that which is eternal, and to lay up treasures in heaven where moth and rust cannot corrupt and the enemy cannot steal.¹⁴ You are my Lord; I have been bought with the price of your shed blood; I am no longer my own, but all I am and have are yours.¹⁵ Give me wisdom, Lord,¹⁶ so that I will be able to get my finances in order under your Lordship.

References:(1)Psalms 48:1 (2) 2 Corinthians 8:14 (3)Deuteronomy 8:18 (4)Acts 20:35 (5)Luke 6:38 (6)2 Corinthians 9:7,8 (7)Romans 13:8 (8)Proverbs 22:7 (9)1 Timothy 6:6-10 (10)Philippians 4:11-13 (11)Colossians 3:1,2 (12)Matthew 6:31-34 (13)2 Corinthians 4:18 (14)Matthew 6:19-21 (15)1 Corinthians 6:19,20 (16)James 1:5 **Other Scriptures:** Colossians 3:23,24, 3 John 2