

#### Understanding the reproduction power

## ★ 1. Seed reproduces of its own kind many times

The secret behind the seed is its reproducing power. It can reproduce its own kind by multiplying itself many times.

Paul called the money that the Corinthians gave to the poor in Jerusalem a seed (2 Cor 9:6-11), so he equalizes money and the physical seed. Money will operate by the same rule as the seed.

When we are not consuming all of our income but set aside some of it, the money-seed will start to reproduce more of its own kind to our benefit.

### ★ *How Seed Power works in agriculture*

**The Bible says – Gen 1:11-12 (NKJV)**

11 "Then God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good".

Here we can see how God started the wonderful process where a tree or an herb will reproduce itself by its own seed.

### *How SEED POWER reproduces money*

So if money works in the same way as the seed, then money will be able to produce more money.

Once money can work undisturbed without us being tempted to use it for consumption, so the seed remains seed and is not turned into bread, it will give us more of its own kind.

That's why some people who already have money are just making even more money.

### ★ **The Bible says – Matt 25:29 (NKJV)**

29 "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away".

**This is not an ideal, something preferable, but a statement of reality. If we discover this reality, we can use it for good, to benefit us.**

If we have seed money that is set into action it can create more resources by the power of reproduction.

Let's learn how this world operates and make it work for the good. Jesus said that once we have understood the truth, how the reality works, that truth will set us free (John 8:31-32).

**The Bible says – Mark 4:26-29 (NKJV)**

26 "And He said, The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Here is a good example of how the seed works by its own power. The farmer, after he has done all the preparations, plants the seed in the ground and let's go of it.

The seed now works for the farmer without him doing anything, bringing him a good return when time is ripe.

**Extra  
-  
Compounded  
interest  
- Real rate of  
interest**

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✦ *How you can make Seed Power multiply your money*

We can work hard to get money, but when money is invested, it works by its own power to bless us with better finances.

- If you have **money in a savings account** it will give you an interest without you sweating.
- If **you invest your money in a livestock**, the animals will produce and increase in value by themselves, by growing and reproducing more of their own kind.
- **When a need occurs**, and you have money, then you don't have to dash off and borrow money and pay interest. This will save money for you.

So as soon as you have money that you do not consume, you can invest that money and it will multiply. Then your investment will work on your behalf to improve your financial situation.

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## ★ 2. Why is there no financial development in some people's lives?

What we have been talking about up till now explains why so many people don't experience any development in their finances – they consume everything they earn.

### *Some people earn too little*

For some people there is a natural explanation. They earn almost nothing. Life is extremely hard, and to survive they don't see any other way of living but from hand to mouth.

But God is your faithful provider and wants to change your situation.

#### **The Bible says – Phil. 4:19 (NKJV)**

*19 "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus".*

## ★ *Some people think their seed is insignificant so they don't sow it*

When they start to set aside the seed for savings and investment, it may seem so insignificant that they might think: "Can this really make any difference?"

But once you start to apply it, it will start to work for you and grow and multiply and bring you a financial development. God himself will add his blessing to your action.

*As time goes by, the small becomes greater, the insignificant becomes significant, what didn't seem to make any difference will after a while make a big difference.*

#### **The Bible says – Mark 4:30-32 (NKJV)**

*30 "Then He said, To what shall we liken the kingdom of God?*

*Or with what parable shall we picture it?*

*31 It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;*

*32 but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."*

Living from hand to mouth during a long period can affect their thinking.

## ★ They are stuck in short-term thinking and bad habits. Poor money management is the main cause of their problems.

If there are bigger incomes for a while, they don't set aside money.

They just use the opportunity to consume more.

They should take advantage of the situation, change their habits and start to set aside seed money!

## ★ *The Seed Power is a mighty tool to break poverty when it is patiently implemented over a longer period. The road out of poverty and into increased wealth is accumulation of capital and/or assets.*

That is, the more you can set aside money or increase assets, the stronger your finances.

When you have more money and assets, you can invest more in new projects. A positive development will start in your life, constantly improving and adding to your wealth.

## ★ *Discussion*

## ★ ★ *Now that we know what the financial seed is and where to find it, the question is: "where should it be planted?"*

### **Discussion**

1. How could I invest and make SEED POWER multiply my money?
2. Are there obstacles in my way of thinking that hinder me from saving seed money and investing?

### ✦ 3. Where to sow – The two major investment fields

The book of Galatians speaks about two fields – the field of the flesh and the field of the spirit. It is about whether we walk in the corruption of the flesh or in the new life in the spirit.

In the same way, since we live in two dimensions at the same time – the spiritual and the natural, we can choose to put our money in two different fields and get back a return:

- the spiritual field of God's kingdom
- the natural field of the creation

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## ★ 4. Sowing in the spiritual field

This is what we sow into the kingdom of God, and what Paul is mentioning in 2 Corinthians chapters 8-9.

When we give to God's work and help to finance what God is doing, for sure there will come a harvest of blessings in our lives.

**The Bible says – 2 Cor 8:9 (NKJV)**

*9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich".*

First and foremost, financial blessing upon our lives does not depend on our deeds, but is a result of Jesus becoming a curse on the cross on our behalf, and releasing the blessing of Abraham on us (Gal. 3:13-14).

All blessing we receive, whether it is financial or not, is a work of God's grace.

**But the Bible also tells us that there is the law of sowing and reaping that applies to the financial area.**

There are basically three ways of sowing into the kingdom of God:

- **Tithing** – (Mal. 3:10-12) If we faithfully give God our tithes, then the windows of heaven will be open over our lives and God will pour out his blessings upon us.
- ★ **Giving** – (Luke 6:38) Jesus said give and it will be given unto you, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be given in you bosom.
- ★ **Alms** – (Prov. 19:17) If we have pity on the poor we are lending to the Lord and he will pay us back for what we have done. You can never become poor by giving to the poor!

**If you want to have a life that is blessed by God in the financial area, then be a cheerful and generous giver.**

**So part of what you have, and what you call your income, is seed that God has supplied you with and that he intended you should give back to him, just as the farmer returns his seed to the field he got it from.**

This money is not intended to meet your own needs, but your contribution in making God's plans real on earth. God has called us to be his co-workers and he has given us the privilege of financing parts of what he is doing.

When we faithfully accept this responsibility, he will reward us for being faithful stewards.

**We must always remember that nothing we have actually belongs to us, everything belongs to God (Ps 24:1). What we have is entrusted to us by our Master, and what he wants us to bring back to him, we must bring back to him without any hesitation.**

**If we are faithful to God, God will be faithful to us. And even more it is utter joy to give to God because we love him, his work and his people.**

**N.B!**  
He who understands  
and practices this truth

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✦ 5. Sowing in the natural field

The natural field means the business opportunities that are available for us. God has given us the possibility to use the creation for the purpose of supporting us and creating wealth.

**Maybe wealth creation is something that confuses some believers, but God wants us to enjoy life and be able to take care of ourselves and our families. He doesn't want us to suffer under perpetual scarcity. One of his names is the God of abundance – El Shaddai.**

✦ To enter God's abundant blessing in the financial area involves more than just praying and giving. Praying and giving is only one part of entering God's blessing. Hard work, wise money management and wealth creation are other very important parts that can't be neglected if we want to see God's promises fulfilled in this area.

The Bible is very clear that we should spend our money wisely. To be generous is important, but also to manage our money in a way that it multiplies.

*Let God's wisdom show you where to plant your seed*

As Jesus taught us, not all fields that the seed is sown into will yield fruit. If the seed is sown in the wrong field, the investment can be lost or the return too small (Mark 4).

The Lord wants to teach us how to be successful and make profits and not losses. He wants to instruct us through the Holy Spirit. Ask him when, where and how your investment should be made. He wants to help you. He wants to be your business advisor.

**Jacob** started his own business after being employed by his uncle for many years. He reached a limitation of income by being employed. By starting his own business in livestock breeding, he could break those limitations. Then he became a wealthy man. **But the secret to his wealth was that God gave him a revelation on how to increase his herd.** Jacob received the wisdom of God for business by the Spirit.

**When God provided the manna from heaven to the children of Israel** during their desert walk, he gave them clear instructions that they had to follow in a disciplined way.

Some day they were to collect one portion, another day double portion, and yet another day nothing at all. **When the people didn't follow the instructions, they experienced lack or failure in their finances.**

In the same way, God wants to instruct you in your business decisions, how to reach out your hand and seize the opportunities that God provides. Make sure you follow these instructions in a disciplined way. Listen to the small voice inside of you.

✦ *Some guidelines before starting a business*

To decide what kind of business one should start is as individual and unique as deciding who to marry.

But here are some guidelines that might be helpful for you:

1. **Deut 28:8- The Lord will bless the works of your hands!**

- a. What are your hands good at? What comes naturally? This shows God's gifts in you and what you're good at will create the opportunity for business
- b. What have your hands done before? What experience do you have? Your former experience is usually a natural steppingstone into business.
- c. What can your hands/mind be trained to do? What's available in terms of education, vocational training, learning by working for somebody else, partnering? You will earn money with your skills.

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#### 2. Neh 8:10 – The Joy of the Lord is our strength

- a. What do you enjoy doing?
- b. Do you have an attraction to/interest in a certain trade/profession? It is an expression of the talent God has put in you!

It is easier to become good at something you really enjoy, and a passionate attitude will help you come a long way.

#### 3. Cor 2:12 - What are the opportunities?

- a. What is the consumer demand? What type of products and services are people asking for? Find a consumer need in your community and fill it- then you have a natural business.
  - b. What are others doing? If others are doing it, then there is a business that works. Just make sure that there is room for one more player! Then try to be better, cheaper, more efficient and appealing to the customer, than your competitors.
  - c. What education programs are available?
  - d. Can you partner with somebody who is experienced? Complementing your skills or capital with somebody else.
- Be an active person! A person who is active and constantly on the move will find **and** create opportunities (Acts 16). Such a person will eventually bump into the right business ideas and opportunities.

#### 4. Count on God!

- a. Trust that the Lord is with you and opens doors for you (Ps 23:3)
- b. Pray and be on the move (Jer 31:9)
- c. Ask, and he will give you wisdom (James 1:5)
- d. Remember – It is the Lord who gives you power to gain wealth (Deut 8:18)

So in the natural world, we put our investments and labour into business opportunities.

Now business opportunities can be developed in two different ways:

- **private business** (e.g. buying houses, land, livestock and then selling it for a profit)
- **corporate business** (e.g. having a coffee shop, internet café, a computer design company)

Not all can or should do corporate business (living on the business), but everybody can do private business (creating extra incomes). So by being wise and driven, we can put our seed into investments in life that can create a financial development for us.

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✦ 6. What is the reason for us to do business?

**The Bible says – Luke 19:13 (NIV):**

*“So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas.*

*'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'”*

**As we can see in this bible verse, as the body of Christ we are called to do business until the second coming of Jesus, and to do it for the service of the King.**

This scripture clearly encourages us to do business with the money we have. There is nothing immoral, shameful or carnal with doing business. On the contrary, when we do business in a godly way, it will be a great blessing to us, to people around and to the kingdom of God.

**As the texts in Matt. 25 and Luke 19 show, the goal of good stewardship is to increase and make the resources grow. This is also what we call successful business.**

✦ 7. Always remember – God is our total source

**The Bible says – 2 Cor 9:10 (NKJV)**

*“Now may he who **supplies** seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and **increase** the fruits of your righteousness”*

God is our true source in the financial area. We trust in him, and he supplies us with the bread, our daily bread to eat, and then he puts in our hands the seed to be planted.

We take our responsibility as stewards to identify and separate what to consume, the bread, and what to plant, the seed. When we have put the seed in the soil, God is the one that gives the increase to what we have planted and gives a return.

We do our job to invest in the kingdom of God and in the natural. We plant and we water as Paul says in 1 Cor. 3:7, but it is God who gives the increase and makes the harvest possible.

**It is not our ability that will make us prosper, but it's the Lord who gives us power to get wealth. (Deut. 8:18) It is the blessing of the Lord that can make us prosper and not our own might. We are totally dependent on God all the time**

- ✦ • He provides to meet our needs
- He gives us the investment for the kingdom and business
- He makes it grow so that more is coming back

In this way God is the beginning and the end of our prosperity, the Alpha and the Omega (Rev. 1:8). We are dependent on him and we trust him all the time.

✦✦✦ *Homework*

Again – So very important!