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✦ 1 God's wisdom is simple

Since God wants us to do well, he has given us some very basic principles and laws for success in the Bible. One of those principles is the principle of salvation.

The Bible says – Rom. 10:6-13 (NKJV):

6 "But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

7 or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved".

God made it easy for us to receive this salvation

Salvation becomes ours by the word, the word of faith expressed by confessing Christ as our Lord and Savior.

And that word is near us, in our heart and in our mouth. It is the same with the keys to our financial development.

The keys are near us. It is easy for us to get hold of them. We can find the keys to financial improvement in our ordinary income

- The basic question is not how we should get hold of money that we don't have, but how we manage the money God already has provided

All true and good business starts with stewarding what you already have.

We have to do our part – trust God and follow his instruction

God's wisdom is simple, but the fact that it is simple doesn't mean that it doesn't require something from us. To cooperate with God requires our commitment to believe and our willingness to take action according to the truth.

We trust the word of God, we believe, and we do what the word says, and so we get results.

So we should understand one of God's most basic principle of financial development: "The Seed Power" and take action according to it. Let's look at 2 Cor. 9:10 to find out more about this!

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✦ 2. The bread and the seed

There are two different functions for our income

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,”

✦ From this scripture we can see that God provides us with two things

1. Bread to eat (= consumption)
2. Seed to sow (= investment)

The bread to eat is what Jesus called our daily bread in the Lord’s Prayer. The daily bread is what we consume for our everyday needs.

The seed, on the other hand, is not for consumption. It is the financial resources God gives us for investment. The seed holds the secret to our financial growth

Some people think that all their income is for consumption, that they can use everything they earn until the next time they will have an income.

But of all the income God supplies us with we must understand that God has intended it for different purposes.

"The bread" is money for our everyday consumption. "The seed" is money for sowing in the field – investment to yield us a new and greater harvest.

- When we understand this, we will start to separate these two different financial resources from each other and use each one for its intended purpose.

An illustration

1. As an illustration, pretend that you have a small bag of rice or corn and a loaf of bread. This portion represents your weekly or monthly income.

2. Now divide it into your hands. In one hand you have what represents your part to consume, your bread. In the other hand you have what represents your seed, your investment.

3. Bring the hand that represents your bread to your mouth as if you were eating. That is what you have for consumption.

4. Then the other hand, that represents your seed. Pretend that you are waving like you are scattering seed. That represents your planting in the field.

5. If you would bring both hands to your mouth you would not only eat your bread, but also the seed that was intended to be sown and build a better future for you. Don't do it!

So God provides us with bread to consume in one hand and seed to plant in the other hand.

We must understand that we are the ones that separate these two from each other, by exercising good financial understanding, stewardship and responsibility.

People who eat from both hands literally live from hand to mouth, and God wants to help you to another lifestyle.

- Change from an **all-consuming-lifestyle** to be a person who learns how to build a strong and stable financial situation!

This is the most basic lesson to be learnt on biblical stewardship!

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✦ 3. Don't eat the seed

Seed has powerful reproduction power

The reason why God calls a part of your income a seed, is because there is a very powerful ability in a seed.

The seed, when it is replanted in the soil, brings back to the planter a many times bigger return than what he put in the ground.

The seed has a reproducing power that has sustained life and brought prosperity to humanity ever since God created earth. And seed power works in the financial world as well as in agriculture

Activate Seed Power to boost your finances

Your financial seed – money that you set aside from consumption – is the tool God has given you to bring you onwards from your current financial situation.

Your financial seed will help you to move on into God's prosperity so you can have financial freedom!

✦ Again, we should not eat the seed that was intended for planting. This concept is so important, so absolutely crucial!

Financial seed = money you save for investment

Just like a farmer plans for consuming only a portion of his harvest and setting aside the rest for further planting, you need to do the same with your money.

Save part of your income, and then invest it in things that can help your finances develop.

If you don't plant your seed where it should be – in your financial field – you will not see a big enough harvest in the future. You will experience lack instead of financial development.

Because of our short-term thinking- my needs here and now- we deprive ourselves of the financial development that God has made possible for us.

The only guarantee to find a sufficient harvest in the future is that we set aside and sow our seed **now!**

✦ Discussion

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1. How can I activate SEED POWER in my finances?

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✦ 4. Your future is in your seed

The Bible says – Rom. 9:29 (NKJV)

29 "Unless the Lord of Sebaoth had left us a seed, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah."

The prophet Isaiah describes a situation where there was no future if it was not for the power of what the seed could produce. The Lord left them a seed, and with that seed they could avoid a destruction that otherwise was waited for them.

It is in the seed that your future and your hope is deposited. In the seed you have the tool to change your tomorrow!

No seed, no future! No seed, no progress!

Without the seed you will remain on the same financial level or even be worse off in the future. Your bright future lays in the power of the seed.

Consider money that you save and invest as a seed, and understand that that seed holds the beginning of a new future.

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5. You find the seed together with your bread

✦ The Bible says – Gen. 1:29-30 (NKJV)

29 "And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life,

I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so."

If we look into these verses we can see that verse 29 speaks of man's provision as both food and seed, while in verse 30 he mentions animal's provision only as food. Why?

Animals just consume

The animals only eat the fruit or the herb. They are not able to improve or develop their living situation. The reason is that they can't handle

THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING.

Jesus himself spoke in the sermon he held on the mountain in Matthew chapter 6 that the birds do not sow nor reap (Matt 6:26). They are only fed by the heavenly Father. They can't cultivate the creation.

Have you ever seen an elephant plow a field with his trunk, plant a seed, water it and then harvest a big return?

The animals' can't distinguish between the meat of the fruit and the seed in it. They just consume it all and then, pruuuth! The seed comes out from the other end!

Man has the ability to consume AND to make investments

Man is the only creature who can create wealth.

We as human beings are to eat the meat, pick out the seed, plant it and get a tree or an herb that can yield us far more than what we put in the ground.

We have the ability to increase our wealth and supplies by implementing THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING.

That is why God gave the commandment to man to tend, cultivate, and keep the creation.

In every fruit man can find his seed for further multiplication. That is, in every income source, man can also find his source for investment.

✦ Don't look for it far away, it is near you, in what you earn today! You just have to separate investment money from consumption money!

Maybe it is not enough for what you want to do, but if you start applying this principle, it will be the beginning of a financial revolution.

Can you see 2 Cor. 9:10 in this?

God's supplies us with both the bread and the seed, and he does it at the same time. **It comes to us by our regular income.**

But the seed will only produce **when it is taken out from the income** and put back in the ground - invested.

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✦ 6. Apply the seed in the soil

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.”

Paul says here that the seed will only multiply when it is applied in the soil. A seed that is consumed has come to its end. It stops functioning as a seed and dies in your “stomach”.

It can no longer reproduce and so bring you a development.

You make the choice how to spend your money

Either you grind it to flour and make bread out of it and enjoy it **now**. Or you are disciplined and prudent, putting it into action by investing it so that it will multiply and give increase in the **future**.

We usually pray for more daily bread, while 2 Cor 9:10 emphasizes

1. God's provision of more seed and
2. us putting it into action by planting it

The increase in our lives will not come to pass by us receiving more daily bread, but by us planting more seed and releasing the dynamic of Seed Power.

When we plant more of our seed, we will get more bread and more seed for further planting.

If we just receive more bread, after we consume it, we will still be in the same financial situation!

So the key to your financial breakthrough is that you separate the seed and sow it regularly. Then you will become not only a person who sows, but a Sower, a person who understands the principle of Seed Power, applying the law of sowing and reaping.

Get going – Planting your seed is trusting God

Planting the seed in the ground requires faith and conviction. When we plant it we partly lose control over it. That's why it is easier to just pray for financial blessing than to take risky steps of investing, but the real break-throughs requires actions in faith and commitment.

Jesus said of the grain of wheat that it must fall into the ground and die, if not to remain alone. But if it falls into the ground and dies it will produce much fruit (John 12:24).

If you don't put your seed money into investment, it will remain the same, but if you let go of your fear and trust God, then the investment can produce so much more for the sower.

✦ So to plant the seed requires faith, as God shows the Sower how to plant (*method- your business idea*), where to plant (*the field-your market*) and when to plant the seed (*the season-the timing*).

Doing things step by step

Some people ponder what kind of business they should start. First, they should do their part and set aside seed money. Secondly, they should pray and ask God for guidance, and he will show them where to plant it.

✦✦✦ **Summary** – do you get the concept!

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- **Business idea**
- **Market**
- **PLC**