

## 7. How to Prosper in Hard Times



### Prospering in hard times continued

So many are financially struggling right now.

25 years ago The Lord lead us to study God's word in regards to money.

I was troubled by the poverty on God's people.

I had trouble understanding a God that would leave people without their needs met

I was raised in poverty and could see others around me in our community better off and we stood out because of our lack.

I was often given clothes to wear and some cases it was my schoolfriends mother's dress and her shoes.

As you know, kids can be cruel and the issues it caused me, impacted me.

When I got saved, I was still concerned with God's people in such lack.

I couldn't work out what kind of God they served.

Jesus had a treasurer ; Judas. He was in charge of the money. Why would Jesus need a treasurer? This was my question.

So there came a time in 1995 when on our local New Zealand TV channels there was teaching on finances at 5am and by 7am I had listened to 4 different teachers and all of them were teaching on finance. I couldn't wait to get up at 5am each day and write down everything I was taught.

I had worked in a local bank for 10 years and I'd seen much wealth. One day when our wages came through, mine was held up and the management team came to me and said my wages wouldn't be in until the end of the day because there was a processing error.

I checked my bank account and I had a deposit of one million dollars in my account.

I had never seen this kind of money.

Beside this deposit was the same amount reversed.

I knew what a million looked like now.

I'd often ask The Lord why did so many ungodly people have the most money ?

He was about to take me on a journey.

He said, MY people operate in the Babylonian system ( The World's system)

We are not of this world and that He had a kingdom system

What did that mean to me ?

I studied and found as I paid attention to the teaching I was about to learn some amazing lessons.

I had been taught that it's ungodly to be rich, backed by Jesus had nowhere to lay His head. simply taken out of context

Also it's humble to be poor.

Yes it was very humbling to go to junior school in my girls friends mothers dress and shoes and at times not have enough to.

I was troubled by the fact the body of Christ could except salvation and some could except The Lord heals but most just could not except The Lord has wealth for His people.

I learned that Jesus didn't lack and His word says we will lack no good thing if you seek The Lord Psalm 34 : 10 Also He will supply all our needs Yet that wasn't the case.

Many in the last months have told me because they they live in a 3rd world country or a Muslim country they can't feed their families I understand the poverty they face but

GOD's word is true and we need to know how to work The word to get results.

Many of these people have been taught that we should send them money and they have to ask us.

This is so true for these people

I have had a flood of photos of the horrors of all this over the last month.

It is our job to teach people that Jesus came to preach the good news to the Poor & we think it means the good news of salvation I believe He was trying to tell the people that

He came to preach the good news to the poor because they didn't need to be poor any more.

There is so much in God's word about how He gives His people the power to get wealth and how He wants to fill our homes with good things and give us houses we didn't buy.

I have found this to be true

Last year we had a house given to us

This is a result of applying the principles of the covenant we have with The Lord.

The same way we are in covenant in marriage where what belongs to one spouse belongs to the other spouse also

The same applies to what belongs to The Lord when we get saved now belongs to us.

This is hidden in God's word Why?

He wants us to press into Him and find out how to make this work.

He's only interested in relationship with us

He places such a high value on us pressing into him so He can reveal the hidden secrets of His heart.

He loves you and because of how special you are to HIM, He wants to reveal His secrets and plans

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