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Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?

Many today have said yes to believing in Jesus but haven't said yes to being a follower.

What do we mean by that?

Well, let's have a look at a few things that show up
When your sick, where's your first port of call?
When you need money, where's your first port of call?
When you need an answer, where's your first port of call?



God's word says by the stripes of Jesus I'm healed!

As a follower, I take that word and I apply it to my life. But as a fan of Jesus you head off to the doctor as your first port of call.

How? I speak it out over my life several times a day.

A great way to do this is at meal time, take it like a medicine and speak it out 3 times at each meal.

If I need money, what's the answer? This is really big one.

Christians can except salvation.
Some Christians can except healing.
Few can except finance God's way.

Over the last year or two I keep running into this one.

Many have latched onto the word that says give to the poor.

Proverbs 19:17 NIV

Says, "whoever is kind to the poor lends to The Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done".

This is true, but it doesn't say ask someone you think has money to give it to you as the money they have is very precious as they worked hard for it and The Lord expects them to be good stewards of what He gave them and if they are not good stewards He will not keep their flow running.

I am asked for money about 100 times a week now.

Why does The Lord say no?

Many of these people that ask tell me for money and even said I don't love people because I won't give them money.

My response to them is The Lord has not told me to, so then quote the word to me. Giving money to them when The Lord is not said to is disobedience and that brings a curse on us.

We must learn to walk in obedience to His word because obedience brings blessing Deuteronomy 28 is an amazing word in regards to obedience and the blessings that go with being obedient.

As we have learned this principle, we have taught many and the same thing happens to them because it's a kingdom principle . We have a giving programme that is prayed over and carefully put in place each year and yes sometimes The Lord says give extra here or there.



The way The Lord sends money most often is to someone that is a sower. His word says He gives seed to the sower.

Why does The Lord often not answer the prayer of those that ask for money? Because The Lord has already supplied.

How?

He has laid it out in His word very clearly seed sowing.
Everything we get is by a seed.
God wanted a family He sowed His son.
He told us to multiply, HOW?
Again, He placed seed in the female
The female of every kind.

He gave us example after example all the way through the word. We can look at packets of seed, example a packet carrot seed, we sow them and we get carrots.

Father sowed His son and got a family. He shows us to sow money to get money!!!

Surely not?

Well I began this journey of learning how to increase financially. I had very little to lose.

I was tired of never really having what I needed and I came across a preacher that was teaching on money God's way and oddly enough there was several of His fellow preachers teaching this at the same.

I went to church one Sunday and we had a visiting preacher there and he was teaching the same subject. The Lord was trying to get something over to me and I couldn't wait to get to the next meeting. I sat as close to the front as possible with a note book and pen.

Before we go to far in, the preacher said he had a book to give away and who wanted it? I put my hand up as fast as possible and the preacher throw it at me. By now The Lord had my attention.

Every morning I'd get up and I couldn't wait to hear what was being shared on TV here in New Zealand, it was channel one and channel two every week morning at 5am until 7am. I heard just about every word they shared.

I learned I needed to partner with a ministry that taught this principle from God's word.

How were we going to do that? We had no money

I had been made redundant from my banking job, hubby had a little garden run and there wasn't enough to pay for our food let alone consider becoming a financial partner to a ministry. What's more a very financially well-off ministry!

This didn't make sense to our natural mind. We very soon learned money isn't natural, money is spiritual. We have to learn that the world's way is the Babylonian system. God's way is supernatural. (Kingdom- finance)

So, after much prayer we borrowed a \$100 from our credit card and sowed it into the ministry that was teaching us.

We wrote it down in a note book and then stood on The Word, how? We took the word of God where it says Luke 6:18 amp

"Give and it shall be given unto you, they shall pour into your lap a good measure-pressed down, shaken together, and running over (with no space left for more)

For with the standard of measure you use (when you give to others) it will be measured to you in return".

So, we looked at this verse and if I was going to have a change in our financial picture, I needed to really check this out.

We also borrowed to become a financial partner to one of the best teachers on this subject in the world.

We needed \$20 a month to be a full partner

Things almost right away began to change.

Malachi 3 where it says bring the tithes into the storehouse but it also talks about offerings

We learned as we sowed into a teacher / ministry on a higher level than ourselves,

we would get in the stream on what was happening in their life and ministry. This truly goes against our natural thinking, but it works, because remembering we're working in the kingdom way of doing things

People began to phone us and want to give us money because we believed HIS word and made it our own

We started a ministry and our tithes were 3 times the amount of some of the other churches around us.

How did I know this?

Because I was their bank officer for 10 years and also, I worked at 2 of these churches doing their tithe counting.

The Lord was wanting to make it clear if you do it how the word says He will show up

Over the next few years, The Lord called us to build business the same way and as we stepped out and took risks He showed up, time and time again

He loves it when we take His word as truth.

Like any Father, He loves us to believe Him.

Many say I love you Lord but really do not believe His word.

I know any father would be disappointed if his children didn't believe him

The Lord wants us to believe He is not withholding money from you!

You just haven't learned how to tap into His supply

As we sowed and remained faithful The Lord cared for us in amazing ways

Does He want us to give everything He sends to us away to the poor? NO

We are to be a testimony of His amazing goodness.

Sure, the religious will try to manipulate us to giving when The Lord is saying no.

Why would The Lord say no to those that beg? Strangely, because He loves us and wants to teach us HIS ways.

If you kept getting handouts would you learn this? Why because you have no need to.

When you learn this, your life will never be the same again.

This has to be a lifestyle change.

This is not something you study once and that's it, you will have to keep studying this as for some reason this teaching leaks out and we must keep pressing in on it to make it a lifestyle.

You will never outgive God.

Because He wants us to teach people the truth of God's word.

Begging for money is not God's way.

We are to take all our requests to HIM only

It's time for God's people to come out of the entitlement mentality.

For some strange reason many of God's leaders and been taught to ask for money and that sowing is not of God. It simply is not true!

This was our biggest lessons we've ever learned and we started back in 1995 and we still keep learning more about it.

We have to be faithful with the money He send our way or He will not give you more.

What does that mean?

Everywhere we spend or use money must be under His direction.

Here in New Zealand many just go to the welfare and ask for money when they need it.

They have no understanding that The Lord wants to supply and it's HIM we're to go to not man.

It's up to The Lord to get someone to give to you if you're a sower.

He is calling His people to sow their way out of poverty.

Ask The Lord what is blocking you from coming out of poverty?

There is often many things in the way.

What's your attitude towards people with money?

Especially wealthy ministries.

Family attitudes.

For some it's towards the rich.

Others have said well Jesus was poor, because He had nowhere to lay His head.

This word is out of context. Jesus had a treasurer that looked after the money it was Judas Iscariot.

Take the risk.

Many of you will perhaps go and buy a cup of coffee for \$5 but if you sowed it into a bible teaching, true truth teaching ministry you will reap a financial reward.

Remember, The Bible tells us what we sow we reap.

Often when we give others see that, but when you sow a true partnership seed and make it a monthly offering only GOD sees and He will reward you
