**God is our source**

**John 3: 27 (KJV)**

A man can receive ***(take unto himself)*** nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

Foundation Scripture

Acts 17: 22 – 28 (NLT)

For in him we live and move and exist (have our being).

1 Corinthians 8: 4 - 6 (NLT)

* (AMP) Yet for us there is only one God, the Father, who is the ***source*** of all things and for whom we have life and one Lord Jesus Christ, through and by whom are all things and through and by whom we ourselves exist.

**Source (dictionary definition)**

A place, person or thing from which something originates or can be obtained.

The beginning or place of origin.

**James 1: 17**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

John 3: 25 - 27 (AMP)

A man must be content to receive the gift which is given him from heaven: there is no other ***source***.

***First means:***

In time, place, order or

importance. At the beginning.

Matthew 6: 31 – 34 (Luke 12: 32) – God always provides for His sons/daughters.

But seek ye ***first*** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and ***all*** these things shall be ***added*** (to lay beside or increase) unto you.” AMP Kingdom of God - ***his way of doing and being right*.**

Hebrews 1: 3

* All things are upheld by the word of his power.
* John 1: 1 – 3 (***was*** literally means “I AM”).
* Colossians 1: 15 – 18 (NLT).

Science doesn’t determine. Science discovers what already is.

**The beginning** Genesis 1: 28, 2: 5 & 2: 15

* In the beginning means - first in place, time, order or rank. First fruit.

The blessing is ***the grace***- heavens supply to man.

* Once the garden was ready, God placed his man in it.
* The source is the “BLESSING” (Genesis 1: 28).

God’s blessing is intended to be a benefit to man.

* ***Till*** and ***dress*** have the same meaning – to work or serve.
* ***Keep*** means to guard and protect the garden.

**The fall of man**

* Man was disconnected from the blessing and dominion was handed to Satan. (2 Corinthians 4: 4 & Luke 4: 6 – *It has been delivered to him*).

**Ephesians 2: 2**

Satan is the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience.

**2 Timothy 2: 15**

**Hebrews 4: 11**

Study means – effort, labour, diligence.

* Genesis 3: 17 – 24 (NLT).
* We were to tend, not toil.
* Our labour is in the word of God (2 Timothy 2: 15).
* That’s how we enter into the rest of God (Hebrews 4: 11).
* Luke 5:5
* ***We have toiled*** all night and have taken nothing (to feel fatigue, to work hard, labour, be weary).

A boat sinking load of fish

* They weren’t prepared for the blessing that awaited them.

Man did nothing to prepare himself to live in eternity with God.

**Man seeking to meet his own needs**

**Romans 1: 20** (NLT)

Because of God’s creation, people have no excuse for not knowing God.

**Psalm 14:1** (NLT)

Only fools say in their hearts, there is no God.

Genesis 11: 1 - 4

* Man wanted to be his own God – the nature of Satan.
* Man trying to meet his needs without God (Babylonian system).
* Let **us** make **us** a name (v 4). God was no longer their source. They were looking to man to meet their needs (spirit of pride – demonic).

Can we trust God as our source?

***YES!***

***Jesus did.***

**Jesus**

John 5: 19 & 30, 12: 44 – 50 (John 14: 9 - 12 & 15: 7)

* Jesus could do ***nothing*** of himself. He relied totally on the Father.
  + He knew God loved.
  + God had declared, ‘this is my beloved son’ (Matt 3: 17 & Mark 9:7).
  + Jesus wasn’t seeking His own will (key spiritual truth).

Same power to preach and heal the sick.

* He is the vine and we are the branches. Without Him we can do ***nothing***.
* Luke 9 & 10 – The twelve went out with power and authority. Jesus then sent seventy more. Devils were subject to them in His name (Luke 10:17).
* They lacked nothing (Luke 22: 35 NLT).
* Matthew 28: 19 – 20 (I am with you always).

**Joshua 1: 5**

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

**Moses (God provided for Israel)**

* God was surely with Moses.
* Exodus 3: 12 – Certainly, I will be with you.
* They left Egypt with wealth and health. There was none feeble among them. God told Moses that they would not go empty (Exodus 3: 21 – 22).
* He met their needs in the wilderness, even when they grumbled and complained (Grace).
* They had food, provision, protection and clothing that did not wear out.

We must believe God’s unconditional love for us.

John 3: 16

1 John 4: 10

* Cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
* ***But they failed to trust God’s love for them***, believing that God hated them (Deuteronomy 1: 27 - 32).
* They listened to an *’evil report*’ and their hearts were discouraged (melted). There was no fight left in them. Don’t listed to faithless statements that have no scriptural basis, or your heart will also be discouraged.

**Daniel** (Chapter 6)

* Daniel had an excellent spirit.

**Daniel 6: 16**

Your God whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.

* God was with him and God was his source.
* The presidents and prices conspired to bring him down.
* Daniel 6: 5 – It must involve the law of his god.
* The convinced King Darius to sign a royal statute preventing anyone from praying to any od or man for 30 days, except to the king.
* Daniel responded by praying and giving thanks to the Lord three times a day in public view.
* Daniel had no fear of man or the wicked counsel of man.
* His faith was in his god and he trusted him even in the den of lions. He had no fear knowing that God loved him and would take care of him.

**Daniel 6: 28**

Daniel prospered under the reign of Darius and Cyrus because he trusted his God and wouldn’t bow his knee to the dictates of man.

**God is our strength**

**Joel 3: 10**

Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, ***I am strong***.

Strong means – powerful, mighty, warrior, champion or valiant.

Psalm 27: 1, Psalm 28: 7 & Psalm 29: 11

* Strength means fortified place or defence (force), also power and boldness.

**2 Timothy 1: 7**

For God has not given us ***the*** spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Isaiah 40: 28 - 31

* Wait means – to look eagerly for, to bind together.
* Strength - means to be firm or vigor.

Isaiah 41: 10

* Strengthen – means to be alert physically or mentally. To be courageous, steadfastly minded, establish or fortify.
* We are strong because the Lord our God is with us wherever we go.

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 13 (NLT)

**Joy –** gladness or rejoicing

* They heard the word (men, women and children) and understood.

Almost 50,000 people (including servants and singers) returned to Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah.

* Their initial response was guilt, shame and remorse
* The joy of the Lord is your strength (fortified place or defence).
* The teacher has to bring understanding of the word, not entertainment, humour, motivation to action or admiration. If you do not have a greater understanding of God’s Word, I have failed.

All Scripture is God inspired and profitable for:

-Doctrine

-Reproof

-Correction

-Instruction in righteousness.

* The word can bring a Holy Spirit conviction okly (2 Timothy 3: 16). However, sin consciousness should never be greater than our knowledge of Jesus our Savior and the finished work of Calvary.
* The people could walk in joy because God was doing a great work.
* Leaders have a special need to understand and walk in God’s word. They are influential and their ignorance or disobedience can be far reaching.

2 Corinthians 12: 9 – 10

* Paul’s ministry was severely buffeted by demonic resistance. Grace was the key to his success.
* There is strength in grace. It is God’s supply.
* God’s strength is made perfect in weakness
* The law of Moses always demands, grace always supplies.
  + 1 Corinthians 15: 10
  + 2 Corinthians 8: 9
  + 2 Corinthians 9: 8
  + Hebrews 4: 16

Empower, enable or increase in strength

Ephesians 6: 10

* Be ***strong*** in the Lord and the power of His might.
* We have been given spiritual armour. Once it on don’t take it off.

Philippians 4: 13

* It is through Christ (the Anointed One) that we are strengthened.

Matthew 19: 23 – 30

He is a God of the impossible

* Strengthen means – to empower or enable, to be strong.
* All things mean all things – with God ***ALL*** things are possible.

**We must learn to cast our cares**

**Matthew 6: 34 (NLT)**

So, ***don’t*** worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

1 Peter 5: 5 - 7

* Humility trusts God. Pride trusts self.
* We must cast all our cares on Him (not people). Cast means to throw upon. Care means – distraction or anxiety. God cares about us and has an interest in us.
* God wants to get the grace to us, but pride is a ‘grace blocker’.

**Proverbs 3: 5**

Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Philippians 4: 4 - 9 (KJV & NLT)

* Don’t be anxious (worried or fretful) about anything.
* Give it to God in prayer. Ask and you shall receive.
* We must cast down imaginations (2 Corinthians 10: 3 – 5).

1 Samuel 30: 1 – 8 (King David)

* Ziklag was burned and their wives and children taken. Located in the south west region of the kingdom of Judah.

David had to cast his care. His very life was at stake.

* Achish was the King of Gath. David sought refuge from him when he fled from Saul.
* David encouraged (strengthened) himself in the Lord. Then he enquired of the Lord (asked or prayed).

2 Chronicles 16: 7 - 12 (King Asa)

* King Asa started well and encouraged Judah to seek the Lord. He put down idolatry and when a great Ethiopian army came against him he trusted the Lord and prevailed. He then has rest from wars for 20 years.

**Jeremiah 17: 5**

Cursed be the man that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the Lord.

* However, when King Baasha (Israel) made war, he did not seek the Lord but help from a Syrian king.
* This displeased God and Asa became angry when he was told.
* King Asa sought not the Lord but physicians when he had diseased feet.
* He failed to trust God and it cost him peace and ultimately his life from disease.

e didn’;t cast the care to God

Luke 10: 38 – 42

* We work ***with*** God, not ***for*** God.
* Cumbered means – to drag all around or distract.
* Lord ***don’t you care*** that my sister has left me to serve alone. Martha thought that what she was doing was more important, but Jesus corrected that wrong thinking.

Obedience is always the key to the blessing of God.

* There was only one thing worth being concerned about and Mary had discovered it and it would not be taken away from her.
* The Word of God is needful – necessary or business (Father’s business).
* Martha worked and Mary rested – drawing on Jesus as her source.
* Are you diligent or faithful?

Apart from God, we are nothing and can do nothing.

**John 2:5**

Whatever he ***says*** unto you, ***do it***.

* **Diligent** – constant in effort to accomplish something.
* **Faithful** – Someone who is trustworthy and reliable.
  + Matthew 25: 21 (well done good and faithful servant)
  + Faithful – trustworthy, sure, true

**Serving God or money**

**Luke 16:11 (NLT)**

If you are untrustworthy in worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven.

Matthew 6: 19 – 24

* Can’t serve two masters (God or money – our choice)

To ***serve*** can also mean to be a slave

* Where your treasure is, your heart will be also.
* The devil is a murderer, a liar and a thief (John 8: 44, John 10: 10 and Mark 4: 15).

1 Timothy 6: 9 – 10 & 17 – 19

* ***The love*** of money is the root of all evil.

***1 John 2: 15-16***

***(NLT).***

Don’t love the world or what it offers.

* ***The lack*** of money is also evil. Its roots are in the curse which we are redeemed from (Deuteronomy 28: 44 - 47).
* You can be wealthy but not worldly (deceitfulness of riches - Mark 4: 19).
* People who long after riches fall into temptation.
* Trust God, not uncertain riches.

***Galatians 6: 6-9***

Don’t be weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap if we faint not.

Psalm 35: 27

Do we favour God’s righteous cause.

Favour and pleasure have the same Hebrew meaning (delight in, pleased or willing).

Prosperity is the word ‘Shalom’.

Proverbs 10: 22

* The ***blessing of the Lord*** makes rich and He adds no sorrow with it.
* Proverbs 1: 32 – The prosperity of fools shall destroy them. Prosperity here is the word ‘Shalva’ – security or abundance.

**Giving to God (Tithing)**

Tithing is life, not law.

Tithe (the tenth part) is a principle throughout the entire Bible.

Hebrews 11: 4 NLT & Genesis 4: 1 – 4 NLT (firstfruits or firstborn).

* Abel made an offering to God by faith (not by keeping the law).
* Abel’s offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man and God showed His approval of his gifts.

Abel’s offering was the first individual act of faith recognised in Hebrews Faith Hall of Fame.

* There was no faith in Cain’s offering. It wasn’t from the heart.

Genesis 14: 18 -24 (NLT)

Hebrews 7: 8

* The tithe is the umbilical cord to the blessing.
* Abraham gave a tenth to Melchizedek 430 years before the law.
* He refused to keep anything that belonged to the King of Sodom.
* Abram recognised that it was God who made him rich.
* Jesus is our eternal High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Genesis 26: 12 - 13 (NLT)

Genesis 28: 20 - 22

* Isaac sowed in famine and he reaped a hundred-fold return.
* Jacob promised to give a tenth to God. It was a heart response.

***The tithe activates the principles of sowing and reaping and connects us to God’s supernatural provision.***

Leviticus 27: 30 & Exodus 34: 26

* The tithe belongs to the Lord ***(It is holy - separated or set apart)***.
* It was intended to support the Levitical priesthood which was set apart as holy unto the Lord. They ministered on behalf of the people (Num 18: 21).
* Jesus now ministers on our behalf as Melchizedek.

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 2 & 10 - 11

* The tithe is holy (The law itself was holy and right and good – Rom 7:12).
* Giving is worship to God. We remember His faithfulness to us.

Malachi 3: 6 – 12 (God was ***robbed*** of the opportunity to pour out a blessing)

* We have tithers rights.
* God never changes and His principles are eternal.
* The only difference now is that we give as we purpose in our hearts.
  + 2 Corinthians 6 – 10
  + 1 Corinthians 16: 1 - 2 (proportional to your increase)

Psalm 112: (Psalm 1: 1 – 3)

* A righteous man delights in God’s Word (delight means pleasure).

**Psalm 84: 11**

No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

* His seed shall be mighty in the earth.
* Wealth and riches shall be in his house.
* It doesn’t affect his right standing with God. He is not worldly.
* Gracious, full of compassion and lends (no borrowing).
* Not moved, not afraid of evil.
* Heart is fixed (firm, stable, stand, ready) trusting in the Lord.
* His heart is established (take hold or stand fast).

The rich young ruler

Mark 10: 17 – 31

***Galatians 6: 7***

A man always reaps what he sows.

* He was relying on self-righteous obedience to the law of Moses.
* He was a faithful tither to God, but he lacked.
* This was a test of his heart as his trust was in riches (verse 24).
* God will always return on the seed sown.

***The righteousness of grace always exceeds the righteousness of the law***. Grace sets a higher standard.

The law said don’t murder, Jesus said don’t be angry with your brother.

The law said don’t commit adultery. Jesus said not even to look at a woman lustfully.

The law said tithe but under grace we give from the heart. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law (Galatians 5: 18).

Zacchaeus

Luke 19: 1 – 10

* Zacchaeus encountered grace Himself and received Him joyfully.
* God loves a cheerful giver and Zacchaeus gave from his heart not from a legal requirement.
* His heart giving far exceeded the requirements of the law.

**There are three levels of Giving to God**

**Matthew 6: 24** - All money has a spirit on it – either the Spirit of God or the spirit of mammon (riches – Mark 4: 19 & 1 Timothy 6: 10). Wealth that is devoted to serving God, rather than trying to replace Him, is blessed. Mammon is basically the ***spirit of the world,*** and that spirit is a liar.

* Tithes (It isn’t really giving, it’s returning to God, because you can’t really give what doesn’t belong to you).
* Offerings (Is giving – you have a choice to give or keep).

***Romans 11: 16***

For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

* Extravagant Offerings

**Offerings**

* Tithing isn’t really giving, it’s returning to God what’s His.
* Tithing is what brings the blessing on the balance of our finances. It is the foundation on which our giving is built.
* Remember, tithes and offerings rebuke the devourer.

***Numbers 18: 25 – 28***

As a church we tithe off the tithe in support of other ministries.

**Multiplication principles**

Matthew 14: 15 – 22 (Mark 6: 35, Luke 9: 12 – 17).

Getting everyone in groups of 50’s was the first miracle.

It may have been a desert place, but there was plenty of green grass. Being out of fellowship with God is a “*Desert Place*” even if you have the world’s comforts.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes didn’t happen in the master hands – it happened in the disciple’s hands. Each received a basket full of leftovers.

Principle one

***Something must be blessed before it can be multiplied. In other words, it has to be given to the Lord first. Bring them to me*.**

* A desert place doesn’t disqualify you from the blessing.

***Desert place:***

Solitary, remote, lonesome,

wilderness or uninhabited location.

* How many loaves do you have. ***Do you have seed***?
* Your finances will only multiply when the Lord puts His blessing on it.
* Jesus receives our tithes today (Melchisadec) and He is the only One who has the power to bless it so it can multiply. The tithe is holy unto the Lord.

Had the disciples eaten it themselves, it would have remained 5 loaves and 2 fish.

Principle two

***Only that which is given away can be multiplied.***

* The disciples had to give away the blessed loaves and fishes to activate multiplication.
* We give over and above our tithes because only that which is shared can be multiplied.

Luke 5: 1 – 11

* The boat was the seed.
* Once it was sown it returned a bountiful harvest - a boat sinking load of fish which astonished seasoned fishermen.
* Peter didn’t feel worthy to receive the blessing.
* Fear of unworthiness stops us from receiving the blessing of God.
* Jesus said ‘fear not’
* Multiplication came after the seed was sown into the master’s hand.
* Have a need, sow a seed.

**The Famine Factor**

Genesis 26: 1 – 6 & 12 - 16

* God is not moved by a market downturn. He is unchanging and owns it all. The kingdom is not subject to natural cycles.

The famine was extensive throughout the land.

The power was Isaac’s obedience not the seed.

* God told Isaac to stay where he was, even in the midst of a famine. Remember, Egypt is a type of the world and it is not our source, God is.
* Isaac sowed in famine = faith in God – and God blessed him.
* Isaac prospered and the Philistines became jealous of him.
* They recognised the blessing on Isaac.
* The economy doesn’t have to be booming for you to be blessed. Conditions don’t have to be perfect

1 Kings 17: 8 – 16 (NLT) – Luke 4: 25 - 26

* This widow woman was in a desperate situation. They were under the influence of a severe famine.

***DON’T EAT YOUR SEED.***

It must be sown first.

* Must deal with the fear first (she had spoken words of death).
* Don’t eat your seed, sow it first.
* Sowing activated supernatural multiplication.
* There was continual provision for her, Elijah and her son. Obedience was key to the blessing.
* Her son’s life was also restored again. (cup of water – prophets reward).

2 Kings 4: 1 – 7 (NLT)

* The widow was not a stranger to Elisha the Prophet.
* Debt had made this woman impoverished to the point where her two sons were being considered as slave payment. The sons would have to work off their father’s debt (Leviticus 25: 39 – 41).
* Elisha said, “***Tell me what you have in your house*”?** Have a need, sow a seed.
* She ***obeyed the prophet*** and became debt free. Debt brings bondage.
* This was supernatural debt cancellation.
* Will you trust God to take what you have and multiply it (no matter how insignificant it may seem)?
* God always fill empty vessels not full ones. Pour out what you’ve got first.

Luke 15: 11 - 24

* The young son could have sown a portion of his inheritance and prospered.

***Proverbs 20:21***

An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning, but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

* He wasted (scattered) his substance.
* He spent all – ***He ate all his seed.***
* He got caught up in a severe famine and joined himself to a local farmer and became a servant.
* Return to your Father as your source, not the world.
* Guilt and shame held him in bondage. He saw himself as unworthy, because he was. His father extended grace and forgave him.
* Restoration was immediate, not progressive. He was returned to his rightful place as a son.

**Thankfulness to God**

***Psalm 118: 1***

O ***give thanks*** unto the Lord, for he is good, because his ***mercy endures forever***.

All throughout the Psalms, David gave thanks to God. Why, because God is good. Every good gift and every perfect gift come from above (James 1: 17).

* The government is never our source.
* Man is never our source.
* God is our source and we should develop thankful hearts.

***1 Thess 5: 18***

In everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Ephesians 5: 20

* Giving thanks ***always for all things*** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 8: 10 -18 (NLT)

* Remember God and don’t become proudful (I have achieved this wealth through my own strength and energy).
* He gives you the power to get wealth (strength, ability, might, substance, riches, power, success) – to establish His covenant.

Luke 17: 11 – 19

* The lepers acted on the word of Jesus and were cleansed (to cleanse by curing, make clean or purify).
* The Samaritan wasn’t entitled to go to the Temple where the priest was. But he went by faith, trusting Jesus at His word.
* Nine put their faith in the law. The law could cleanse and re-establish an outcast into community, but it couldn’t save.

His heart overflowed with gratitude.

* One turned back and glorified God with a loud voice (honour or magnify).
* Fell down on his face ***giving thanks to Him*** – a Samaritan.
* Your faith has made you whole (Sozo – to save). This was righteousness by faith.

***Psalm 103: 1-2***

His response should have been:

***Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me. Bless his holy name.***

***Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits.***

Luke 12: 13 - 21

* The ground was blessed and brought forth plentifully.

***Proverbs 13: 2***

The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

* God was not his source. He was trust in his own ability to sustain him.
* The heart of man naturally wants to keep, not give.
* The born-again man will naturally want to give. Why? God’s DNA.
* We must be rich (wealthy) toward God.
* We are not to be a store house but a distribution centre.

Romans 1: 20 – 23 (NLT)

* God’s invisible qualities are seen through creation.
* They wouldn’t worship Him as God ***or give him thanks***.
* Their minds (hearts) became dark and confused.

***John 11: 41***

Father I ***thank you*** that you have heard me.

This is how Jesus commenced praying before raising Lazarus from the dead.

2 Corinthians 2: 14 - 15 (NLT)

* We always triumph in Christ. So be thankful.

Colossians 3: 15

1. Let God’s peace rule in your heart and be thankful.

**Jesus prayer to the Father**

With all that Jesus was about to face at Calvary, His focus was not on Himself but us. Jesus prayer to the Father (great concluding prayer) was powerful and revealing. Right until the end, He relied on the Father as His source, His strength, His supply and our future hope.

It was in fact intercessory prayer which was a forerunner to His future ministry as the Great Eternal High Priest.

John 17: 1 – 26 (NLT)

Jesus totally relied on the Father to complete the work He was given.

Verses 2 - 3

***2 Timothy 1: 12***

For I know whom I have believed

* God had given Him all authority (Matthew 28: 18 – 20).

***Hebrews 7:25***

Jesus is still interceding for us today.

Anyone who comes to God through Him will be saved.

* That power has now been delegated to the church.
* Eternal life comes through knowing Him.

Jesus hadn’t gone to the cross, yet He declared His work finished.

Verses 4 - 5

* He brought glory to God by completing the work He had been given.
* Herein is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit (John 15: 8).
* The Word was with the Father from the beginning (Proverbs 8: 22 – 31).

Verses 6 – 8

* Everything Jesus had was a gift from God (anointing, grace, power, authority).
* The word will open the hearts and minds of men (Psalm 119: 130).

Verses 9 – 12

* Jesus prayed for the church, not the world.
* We have been given the power of His name (Philippians 2: 10 – 11).
* It was faith in the name of Jesus that made a lame man whole (Acts 3: 16).

Verses 13 – 17

The world will not appreciate our Christianity because they don’t know the Father or His Son.

* We are not of this world. We are people of the world and not everyone likes it.
* Jesus prayed that the Father would keep (guard or preserve) us from the evil. The devil is still active in the earth. He was in Jesus ministry.
* The word is truth. It will guard us against the world (Psalm 119: 11).

We have been set apart, made Holy.

KJV - sanctified

Verses 18 – 19

* He didn’t send us broken and powerless. Jesus became a sacrifice so we could walk in victory, not defeat. We cannot do this without Him.

The miracle of the new birth is that God Himself, by the Holy Spirit, came to live inside our re-created human spirit.

Verses 20 – 23

* This prayer covers us as well and all those who come to faith through our witness.
* Jesus prayed that we would be in unity. Strife and division are demonic.
* Unity in the church will reveal God’s love. He loves us as much as He loves Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4: 6 - 7 (The light of the knowledge of the glory of God – we have this treasure in earthen vessels).

Verses 24 – 26

* Jesus asked that we would be with Him. He wants us to see His glory.
* This prayer was prayed before Jesus went to the cross and the Holy Spirit was given. The love of God has now been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5: 5).

**Debt, the curse and wealth transfer**

Debt is the umbilical cord to a failed world economic system (Babylon System) where you are the tail, and not the head. (Genesis 11).

Giving is the key to debt freedom

The depth of you praise will determine the magnitude of your harvest.

Romans 13: 8 (owe man nothing but to love).

Proverbs 13: 22

Proverbs 28: 8

Ecclesiastes 2: 26

Ecclesiastes 9: 16 (A poor man’s wisdom is not heard).

Deuteronomy 15: 6 (Don’t borrow).

Deuteronomy 28: 12 (You shall lend unto many nations and not borrow).

Nehemiah 5: 4 – 13 (financial integrity is paramount).

**God wants his people to give, not borrow**

**Psalm 37: 21**

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.

Exodus 25: 1 -2

Exodus 35: 4 -5 & 21 – 22

* Willing hearts gave to God.

Exodus 36: 5 – 7

Luke 8: 3

Ministered to the Lord through giving

Chronicles 29: 6 – 9

David gave of his personal possessions.

Leaders also gave willingly.

**We have been redeemed**

God has redeemed us from poverty (the default position on earth is the curse)

* You can be poor if you want.
* You can be sick if you want.
* God will allow you to be sick and broke.
* God allowed Adam to eat from the tree in the midst of the garden.

We don’t have to struggle to be redeemed. We already are.

* Abraham didn’t have to struggle
* Jesus didn’t struggle. He simply did the will of the Father.
* We don’t work for an inheritance.

Lack exists in the believer for two reasons:

1. Ignorance of the covenant.
2. Ignorance of how to appropriate the blessing.

Kingdom people are redeemed from the curse of the law.

Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us.

The teacher brings revelation.

Revelation is what puts us on top – not titles or degrees.

Whoever has revelation will walk in the blessing / victory.

Romans 5: 17

Proverbs 22: 7

It is impossible to rule in this world system without financial empowerment.

Must allow the blessing of Abraham to come on us.

Ecclesiastes 9: 16

A poor man’s wisdom is despised.

The poor has no influence.

A lack of financial integrity will never bring Bible success.

Pay your taxes.

There are no ‘get rich quick’ schemes in the Bible.

The diligent will prosper.

Proverbs 28: 8

The wealth of the sinner is being gathered for us.

Don’t ever use others for your own advantage, especially financially. You will reap what you sow.

Leaders should never put themselves in a position where they take from those they lead. Leaders add to, not take from.

There is no back door to the blessing of God. You can’t receive by praying when he told you to give.

We are to be controlling this financial system instead of this financial system controlling us. This is the Babylonian system and we are not a part of it. ***If you are not a giver, you will always be tethered to it. It is your source.***