

Kingdom Economics

Kingdom Strategy for Financial Prosperity

Matthew 6:33 (AMP)

But **FIRST and Most Importantly ... seek** (aim at, strive after) ... **HIS KINGDOM and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** ... [His way of doing and being right - - the attitude and character of God], ... and all these things will be given to you also.

KINGDOM MINDSET

What you Believe is What You will Receive

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Kingdom Mindset Verses

Luke 6:38 (GW)

Give, and you will receive. A large quantity, pressed together, shaken down, and running over will be put into your pocket. ... **The standards you use for others** will be applied to you.”

What are the “standards you use” when giving to others?

Do you give from a heart of love or from a heart feeling pressured?

Do you decide whether they “deserve it” before you give? ... How do you base that decision?

Is your giving Spirit lead or are you lead by your natural feelings?

Acts 20:35 (TLB)

And I was a constant example to you in helping the poor; for I remembered the words of the Lord Jesus, **“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”**

“God so loved that HE gave”

Giving is from a heart of love and reflects God’s nature ... Which we possess, right?

Ephesians 5:1 (AMPC)

Therefore, be **imitators of God** [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

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Kingdom Economic Principle #1

God will Prosper you according to the level of **YOUR Ability to Handle It**

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Kingdom Economic Principle #2

What You Tolerate - - You will Never Change

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Kingdom Economic Principle #3

The System that has Enslaved You will never Empower You to Break Free from It

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Kingdom Economic Principle # 4

Personal Savings - - - Pay Yourself

Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

The wise man saves for the future, ... but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

(AMP) There is precious treasure and oil in the house of the wise [who prepare for the future], ... But a short-sighted and foolish man swallows it up and wastes it.

Personal savings should be viewed as a bill (or whatever works for you) as a means of paying yourself for working. ... It seems we work to pay everyone else and not ourselves ... Again, this whole series is about a mindset shift.

You want to pay yourself so that you may fulfill your life goals and priorities. ... Remember why we need wealth? ... Provide for: God's house; My house; Children's house; Those in Need.

We need to save with the same conviction that we give tithes and offerings or pay our electric bill. ... One problem I see is instead of saving to meet our goals - folk save to spend it on some form of entertainment. ... Once again believing the thought process of the world which says - You worked hard all week, go out and enjoy yourself. ... Now, you budget for entertainment not save for entertainment

Most people waste enough money on a weekly basis on "incidentals" that they could take that money and start a savings plan. ... I use this means of thinking before spending my money or for that matter my time - - **R.O.I. principle** ... "Return On Investment" ... If my return is nothing or very little - I'm not investing in it. ...

Side Note

The world sees this as a pompous or arrogant attitude. No, it is a Kingdom mentality. We carry the riches of heaven within us. We carry the mysteries of God Himself. We are to be faithful stewards of what belongs to Him. Everything we are and everything we possess came from the Father. We have no right to squander anything of His on the lusts of our own flesh.

The R.O.I. principle isn't about being selfish - - It is about understanding your "self-worth". The value God has placed upon you. ... You are worth the precious blood of Jesus

Luke 16:10-12 (NLT)

10 "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. ... 11 **And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, ... who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?** ... 12 And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

Some practical R.O.I. questions:

1. Is it better to "buy" your lunch or bring your lunch to work?
2. Is it better to go out to eat for supper or make a home cooked meal?
3. Is it better to overpay your taxes all year long so that you can get a big return at the end of the year or pay your taxes yourself at the end of the year?

Practical Tip

You could always have your saving automatically deducted from your paycheck or by some other means like transferred from your checking to savings account

Take Away

What is your attitude concerning savings in light of:

Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

In what ways can you apply the R.O.I. principle concerning your finances?

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Kingdom Economic Principle # 5

Write out a financial plan

Habakkuk 2:2 (AMPC)

And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.

Purpose of a written plan

1. A written plan will allow you to outline your goals ... Say you want to save \$2,000 a year
2. You write out a detailed step by step plan on how to achieve your goals ... Need to save \$39 a week ... How can we save that?
3. It keeps you on track and give you a point of agreement with your spouse.
4. It gives total transparency for both of you to see which will avoid any misunderstandings

Dangers of no written plan

1. Lack of accomplishment ... Victories bring encouragement - Defeats bring discouragement
2. Creates suspicion between couples as to where the finances are going

4 components to a Bible-based plan

1. Write it out on a piece of paper
2. Keep it plain and simple
3. Review it weekly or at least monthly
4. Follow it

You must have a written plan in order to improve your financial condition

What is your written plan on how to give more to your church to advance His Kingdom?

Live in abundance?

Become debt free?

Save more money?

Help others?

Learn more about finances?

Increase your credit score?

Provide for your children's children?

Create new sources of income outside of your job?

Take Away

Deuteronomy 11:10-12 (NLT)

10 For the land you are about to enter and take over is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you planted your seed and made irrigation ditches with your foot as in a vegetable garden. ... 11 Rather, the land you will soon take over is a land of hills and valleys with plenty of rain ... 12 a land that the Lord your God cares for. He watches over it through each season of the year!

1. You are about to enter into a new season which will require a new mindset / belief system
2. New behaviors must accompany the new belief system
3. The Lord is directly involved in this new season and watches over it with you

What are some practical steps you can take to adopt a Kingdom mindset along with Kingdom behaviors?