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HOW GOD ACTUALLY FUNDS A BUSINESS

My notes and Dan Romer's notes on need, faith, seed, usefulness, excellence, and purpose

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I recorded this at my son's soccer game. His coach makes us show up one hour before the game, so I sat there going over my notes from a Dan Romer video called How God Actually Funds a Business.

I like Dan. He teaches a lot about the Bible, business, and Christian entrepreneurs. This one blessed me.

In my video I highlight seven of his statements and tell you what I think about each one. On this page you get both sets of notes. WHAT I SAID comes first. WHAT DAN SAID comes second. All of it is for you as a Christian entrepreneur.

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SECTION 1 · MY NOTES

WHAT I SAID

*These are my notes. Each point starts with what I said in my video, with the time. Then **From my teaching** gives you what I have taught on that subject over the years.*

1. God is not moved by need. God is moved by purpose. 00:58

Dan said your need has never moved money, not once. God is not moved by need. Then I added a line to that. God is moved by purpose. I have taught this for years.

If God was moved by need, then every time Satan created a need, God would have to move.

If God let Himself be moved by need, Satan could easily manipulate God.

So the fact that you have a need does not mean God jumps. It has to be tied to a purpose. God gives you prosperity with a purpose and money with a mission. It has to be tied to His will.

You need to understand God's will for your life and God's will for your business. Then you make a demand on that. Say amen to that.

FROM MY TEACHING

I first wrote this back in 2014, and I still teach it the same way. God is not moved by need, He is moved by purpose. While God does not let Himself be driven by need, a lot of His children do.

Look at Jesus at the pool of Bethesda. Crowds of sick people were lying there, and Jesus healed one man and moved on. Jesus went places where there was a lot of need, but He did not allow the need to drive His ministry. He allowed the Father's purpose to drive His actions. We would do well to learn from Him.

So when people ask you, "Why are you not helping this person? Why are you not doing this or that?" you can respond, "I only do what I am led to do. It's that simple." If you have the courage and confidence to live like that, you will become a success in God's eyes.

To be clear, I am not teaching a prosperity gospel. I am teaching the Word. God is certainly not against you prospering. He just wants you to remember the purpose of your success.

God gives you power to get wealth so that He can establish His covenant. Your wealth is not just about your comfort. It is about advancing God's Kingdom and fulfilling His covenant promises on earth.

I grew up on welfare, and I hated buying food with food stamps. My wife grew up without running water or electricity. So for us to open our hearts to grow financially, and to look at money as a tool to advance God's Kingdom, it took a renewing of our minds. But this is how we live now. We live to give. We see money as a ministry.

I have written it this way before. When you are doing what God called you to do and you see God as your source, supernatural provision will always manifest.

2. Loud prayers will not open the door. Faith will. 02:22

Dan said loud prayers are not going to open the door. I understand that people get emotional. But crawling on the floor, crying out in tears, and getting loud does not change whether you are in faith. You can have an emotional experience and still be in fear, doubt, and unbelief.

God needs us to pray in faith, without doubting and without wavering. James tells us in chapter 1 that if any of us lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and upbraids not, and it shall be given to him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. The one who wavers is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think he shall receive anything from God.

So if you are going to ask God for something, ask in faith. It is not about your volume. It is not about tears. It is not about emotions. It is about faith.

When you pray over your business and your family, make sure you are praying in faith. If you emote, that is fine. God hears the cries of His people. But God is not really moved by that. God is looking for faith in the earth.

FROM MY TEACHING

Here is where religion has deceived so many believers. Religion teaches you to beg God for what He has already given you. Religion has you crying out for provision when the provision is already in you.

The truth is that your faith doesn't move God to provide. Your faith accesses what grace has already provided.

I had to learn this myself. For years I thought, I exercise faith, and God responds to my faith and gives me the answer to my request. I was sincere when I believed that, but I was sincerely wrong. God had to teach me. "No, son. I don't respond to you. You respond to Me. I reveal to you what I already planned for you, and you then respond in faith."

So the answer is not longer prayers and not louder prayers. It is faith prayers, accessing what grace has already made available.

Faith is so key to our walk with God that we cannot please God without it. That is why God is looking for faith on the earth. Jesus Himself asked whether the Son of Man would find faith on the earth when He comes.

Now hear me on emotions. For years, many preachers, myself included, preached against emotions. Ruling your emotions is still right. But if we are not careful, we end up serving God more with our heads than with our hearts. Just know this. You cannot operate in fear and faith at the same time.

3. No seed, no harvest. 03:36

Dan said a lot of believers pray for a harvest in a field where they did not plant any seed. Oof. I have said many times, if you do not like the harvest you are reaping, check the seed you are sowing.

You have to have seed in the ground. Either your business is giving, or you are giving from the money you take out of your business. There has to be a level of giving connected to your business for you to make a demand on God connected to your business. You have to have financial seed in the ground. It is the law of sowing and reaping.

There are two models.

- **The Hobby Lobby model.** The business gives. They started by giving away 10 percent of the profit, and now they are up to around 60 percent, to charity and to ministry.
- **The Dave Ramsey model.** Instead of giving from the business, he and his wife give personally. They take the money out of the business, and then they give.

It does not matter which model you use. Either way, there has to be seed in the ground. If you do not have seed in the ground, you do not have anything to make a demand on.

FROM MY TEACHING

I wrote this in Today's Word. Some of you have been deceived into thinking that you can sow nothing and still reap something. That is not how the Kingdom works. A farmer who never plants a seed will never see a harvest, no matter how much he prays over empty ground.

Let me tell you how I learned to tithe. The tithe is the first 10 percent of your income, given to God. I wanted to tithe, but as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army, I did not make enough money to pay my bills and tithe. If I tithed, I was going to fall behind. So I went to my pastor at the time, Richard B. Peoples Sr. I love this man. He taught me so much. I sat in his office and cried because I told him that I could not tithe.

He said, "Son, you say that you cannot afford to tithe. I tell you that you cannot afford NOT TO!" After much prayer, I got a second job working at Blockbuster Video. I worked that second job so I could honor God and still pay my bills. I did it long enough to get to the point where I could drop the second job. All these years later, I have never ONCE stopped tithing. I have never ONCE skipped a paycheck.

If you give God the tithe and you freely sow beyond that, you will reap what you sow. If you sow financially, you will reap financially. If you choose not to, God will still love you, and you will still go to heaven if Jesus is your Lord. But you will NOT reap what you have NOT sown.

Remember, your inheritance is not your harvest. If we are in Christ, we all get an inheritance of righteousness, and we all get to go to heaven. But your harvest is based on what you sow. If you sow little, you reap little. If you sow nothing, you reap nothing. The harvest is just the seed all grown up.

And if you have been sowing and things feel quiet, do what I do. On spring break I spent time at the beach praying, and I kept reminding myself of this. I have seed in the ground, and the seed is always working. The silence is not a sign that nothing is happening. It is a sign that something is happening underground.

While the world's economy is based on buying and selling, the Kingdom economy is based on sowing and reaping. When you give, you are declaring, "God, not my job, is my provider!"

4. Why haven't I made myself useful? 05:03

Dan said many people ask, God, why don't you send us a blessing? He said the better question is, why haven't I made myself useful?

When you are useful, when you are adding value to the world, the compensation is going to come. But I have to add value to the world. So I need to ask myself what type of value I am adding. If I am not adding value to the world, there is a reason nothing is coming back.

FROM MY TEACHING

You were created for God's glory. One of the ways God gets that glory is when there is an obvious need in this world and God makes you the answer to it.

Look at David. His brothers did not want him around when it was time for someone to fight Goliath. David ignored his brothers and asked about the giant anyway. While his brothers saw him as a problem, Saul saw David as the answer. David solved the giant problem, and it helped propel him into his destiny.

So develop your God-given talents and abilities. Your talents are not just for personal fulfillment. They are tools for Kingdom advancement and financial increase. The better you develop your gifts, the more valuable you become in the marketplace.

When that time comes, God will make you indispensable to your organization or your business. When people go to your boss, your boss will send them straight to you. Why? Because you are the one with the answers.

That is how I teach sales too. Sales is not something you do to people. It's something you do for people. You're finding a match between their problem and your solution.

I am at a stage of my life where I could be chilling in the Dominican Republic and living off my retirement pay. Isabella and I stay involved in things designed to add value to the world and impact people's lives, because we believe that's what we're called to do. Why do you think I get up every morning to write Today's Word, my daily devotional? I have been doing it for 29 years because I understand the assignment.

God's wisdom is not just for your benefit. It equips you to be the solution in situations that seem insurmountable to others. I confess it this way. Father, I am THE ANSWER because You give me the answers.

5. Your anointing is not a pricing strategy. 05:30

Dan said your anointing is not a pricing strategy. Just because you are anointed does not mean you know how to manage resources. You can be anointed and be broke.

Your anointing for what you do, spiritually speaking, is great. But you still need financial literacy and business acumen. You still need to make good decisions. You still need to manage the resources. You have to be a steward of your business.

FROM MY TEACHING

I tell the business owners I coach this all the time. If you want a nonprofit, go raise money a different way and provide this as a ministry. But if you're going to run a business, then you've got to run it like a business, and you have to make money.

That includes your prices. Don't have a poverty mindset. If someone can't pay full price, they need to wait until they can. Don't automatically discount for church members or friends. And if you don't know your numbers, you cannot negotiate. You need to know your floor, the lowest price you can take and still make money, before you sit at any table.

The anointing was present for multiplication, but for the anointing to function at max capacity, it needs systems in place. If every decision in your business or your nonprofit requires you, that's a terrible place to be. You can't be the one doing everything, because you become the bottleneck.

God can only give you what you have the ability to manage. A lot of people say, "I want God to give me $100 million." But do you really have the ability? Have you developed your mindset to that point? Is your heart really open for that? Do you have the systems in place?

This starts at home. I talk with our kids now about revenue, gross profit, and expenses. But honestly, we only started a few years ago. For years, money was almost taboo to discuss with children.

Many believers say they want MORE, but God will not release MORE until you are ready to manage MORE. If you are not managing the little you have well, don't think God will release MORE. Success is about stewardship, not ownership.

6. Favor opens the door. Excellence keeps you there. 05:53

Dan said favor can open the door, but it is excellence that keeps you there. You still have to execute with the spirit of excellence. You win a contract, you high five, and now you have to go execute. I need to execute with the spirit of excellence.

God is more apt to release favor where one of His children is operating in excellence. Why would God open the door for you if you are not going to do anything once you walk through it? Excellence attracts favor.

FROM MY TEACHING

I lived this in the Army. God called me to become a Warrant Officer at 24 years old. God gave me favor with all sorts of senior leaders and chaplains, and He opened door after door for me to operate at levels that far exceeded my rank. In Bosnia, I was the pastor of the Gospel service while running the network. The same thing happened in Iraq, in Baghdad.

Once favor opened the doors for me, THE BLESSING manifested time after time. I had amazing jobs, and I kept performing at levels that exceeded my education and experience. But if I did not have the faith to WALK THROUGH THE DOORS that favor was opening for me, I would not have done, by God's grace, what I have been able to do.

Joseph is the same. Favor opened the door, but THE BLESSING caused Joseph to prosper in Potiphar's house. And even with Pharaoh's full backing, Joseph still had to carry out a complex strategy over fourteen years. Grace doesn't eliminate the work. It makes the work effective.

My mother taught me the other half of this at a young age. When I was 13, I started working as a cashier at a bodega, a small corner grocery store. I was trusted to handle cash because of whose son I was. It had nothing to do with me. It had everything to do with my mother and her reputation. A good reputation built on virtue opens doors that no amount of networking or self-promotion can match.

So never compromise to get through a door. Whatever you compromise to get, you're going to have to compromise to keep. As a Christian business owner, you should never compromise.

I have told you many times that grace is not a license for laziness. It is an empowerment to prosper and to glorify God.

7. Heaven funds the function. 06:10

The last thing Dan said that I highlighted is that heaven funds the function. Heaven does not just fund some fantasy.

Some people say, I really want to do this, I really want to do that. Well, what is the function? What are you doing? Are you adding value to the world? Are you helping people? Is there an overall purpose behind this, or do you just want more money, another car, another house, another purse? God can still give it to you. But there has to be an overarching purpose.

God is a God of purpose. He is a God of strategy, insight, wisdom, revelation, knowledge, and understanding. He gives you all of this so you can execute it, and there should be a purpose behind it.

What is the purpose behind your business? Why do you want the money? What are you going to do with it? If it is only for you, it is not advancing God's kingdom. If it is part of advancing God's kingdom, then God is in it. You got it?

FROM MY TEACHING

God will never send you into the earth with a purpose and specific assignments without having ALREADY made provision for all the resources you will need. Jesus taught us to count the cost before starting a project, so we don't run out of money midway through. Well, if Jesus taught us to count the cost, don't you think He did? God tallied up everything you will need to DO what He called you to do, and He already made a way for you to receive it.

Isabella and I learned this building our school and church in the Dominican Republic. When God first gave us the VISION, we had no idea where the money was going to come from. But our job was NEVER to come up with the money. We donate. True. But it is NOT our bill. If the VISION came from God, the provision must come from God. Where God leads, God feeds. Where God guides, He provides.

We built that school and church debt-free, and we operate it debt-free every month. This is nothing but the grace of God. The vision attracts the provision.

If it is His will, it is His bill. Joseph was handed a national building program, with storehouses in every city, grain beyond measure, and overseers across the land. He did not raise a dime of it, because the throne that gave him the assignment funded the assignment. So when the assignment costs more than what is sitting in your bank account, you do not quit.

The person who is called to impact the world is going to NEED things the person called to impact their local community DOES NOT NEED. So God will not release provision where His vision is not present. But where the vision is, the provision has already been stored up.

This is the same teaching as my first point, need versus purpose. I put it this way in a confession. I focus on Your purpose, and I know You will finance the purpose You brought me into this world to perform. I focus on Your vision for my life, and I trust You will release the provision. My success in life is tied to that assignment. I can never succeed outside of what You called me to do. Being successful at something You did not call me to do is not success.

VIDEO 2 · DAN ROMER

Then watch Dan

Now watch Dan's full teaching. I skipped over a lot of it on purpose because I want you to watch his video. His notes are below, in the order he teaches them.

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpo3zVGAXrw
Dan's channel: https://www.youtube.com/@Dan_Romer_Official

SECTION 2 · DAN ROMER'S NOTES

WHAT DAN SAID

Everything in this section is Dan Romer's teaching from How God Actually Funds a Business. Lines in quotes are his words from the video, with the time he says them.

His big idea

Dan teaches that need, desperation, and sincerity do not attract money. Money follows solved problems and real value. Prayer lines you up with God, but it does not replace the laws God built into how His world works. He teaches it in three points.

1. **Money moves toward solved problems, not toward sincere people.**
2. **Anointing gives you power, but value gives you access.**
3. **Value without purpose is exhausting. Heaven funds the function God actually sent you to do.**

MY THOUGHTS

His big idea lines up with something I have written. God's grace does not cancel His laws. Hold his three points next to my seven above and you will see how much we line up.

Opening: your need has never moved money 00:00

- "Your need has never moved money, not once." 00:00 Not in your worst month, not when you prayed until you had no words left, not the night you sat in your car in the parking lot and felt like everything was falling apart.
- Money did not pass you by because heaven is cruel, or because you lack faith, or because of a curse on your family line.
- "Money has passed you by because need is not the language that money speaks." 00:39
- "Despair has never been a currency before. Sincerity has never been a currency." 00:43
- "You can be the most prayerful person in town and still be the poorest person in the room, and there's a reason for that." 00:51
- "The market has never heard anything clear from you." 00:57

MY THOUGHTS

This is the line I opened my video with. Dan says your need does not move money, and I have taught for years that God is not moved by need, He is moved by purpose. I unpack that in point 1 of my notes. So stop leading with your need and start with God's will for your life and your business.

The misdiagnosis and the empty field 01:15

- "Because if you make the wrong diagnosis, you will spend another ten years treating the wrong disease." 01:18
- "Most believers pray for a harvest in a field where nothing has been sown." 01:25
- The church softens it with Christian words and calls the empty field a delay, a season, or a test. "We call it a test. This is not a test. This is an empty field." 01:40
- "Prayer was never intended to replace the principles and laws of God. Prayer aligns you with God. Law is how God's world actually works." 01:47
- Dan says there is a law of money that most churches have never taught.

MY THOUGHTS

When I heard the empty field, all I could say was oof. A farmer who never plants will never see a harvest, no matter how much he prays over the ground. For me that seed includes your giving, and I lay out the two giving models in point 3 of my notes.

Point 1: Money moves toward solved problems 02:17

- "Money moves towards solved problems, not towards sincere people." 02:17

- "The first task that God gave to man was an economic task." 02:22 It came before any church, offering, or temple.
- Dan reads Genesis 1:28 with business eyes. Being fruitful is productivity. Multiplying is expansion. Subduing is solving problems.
- "So, the mandate to rule is the mandate to manage business. This is not a poem for prayers. This is a job description." 02:55
- "And God did not place man on earth to ask for something from the earth. He placed man on the earth to make the earth bear fruit." 03:06
- "Many of you have asked God, 'Why don't you send a blessing?' And the question was always: 'Why haven't I become useful?'" 03:18
- He quotes Proverbs 22:29 and points out who stands before kings. It is not just the anointed or the desperate person. It is the skilled person.
- "Skill opens royal doors whose handles sincerity cannot even reach." 03:48
- "Loud prayers will not open this door." 03:57
- Jesus spent 30 years in a carpentry workshop and 3 years in public ministry. Measuring, cutting, deliveries, payments, invoicing, tools. Thirty years of becoming a master at something.
- "There were no shortcuts in the Lord's life." 04:38
- "Mastery preceded the manifestation of His influence on the world." 04:42
- "The size of your income is the size of the problem you've learned to solve." 04:51 If your income is low, do not start by asking what is blocking you. Ask what problem you are solving.

> **MY THOUGHTS**
> Reading Genesis with business eyes is something I teach too. Adam was assigned to tend and keep the Garden, and you are assigned to tend and keep your business or your division at work. Those thirty years in the workshop remind me that greatness is developed in obscurity. And his question about becoming useful is the one I want you asking yourself every day, which is why it is point 4 in my notes.

Point 2: Anointing gives you power, value gives you access 05:06

- "Anointing gives you power, and value is what gives you access." 05:06
- Dan affirms the anointing. It is real. It carries authority in the spirit and breaks the yoke.
- "Anointing is not a pricing strategy. Your salary is not determined by your anointing. Your salary is determined by the value you bring to other people." 05:34
- Jacob worked for Laban, who cheated him over and over. Yet Laban admitted that the Lord had blessed him because of Jacob. Dan's point is that a dishonest employer who did not even love Jacob's God could see that his business did better with Jacob in it. "This is the Kingdom economy in the market." 06:04
- "I'm not asking if you are anointed. Does the organization work better because you are in it?" 06:19
- Joseph and Daniel follow the same pattern. Favor brought them into their positions. Daniel 6:3 says Daniel was set over the others because an excellent spirit was in him.
- "Favor opened the door, and excellence kept him in office for three administrations and two empires." 06:49
- "You cannot replace skills with prayers that you refuse to develop." 06:56
- "Many believers seek elevation without learning." 07:05 They want a platform without training and pray for a promotion they do not have the skills to succeed in. "It's a good thing you didn't get that promotion." 07:18
- He quotes Paul telling Timothy to present himself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed. "This development is not something unspiritual, it is not something carnal. Development is a form of worship." 08:24

MY THOUGHTS

Anointing and excellence go together. Whatever you are called to do, God has anointed you for it, and you still need the financial literacy and business acumen to steward it. Dan's promotion line reminds me that God will not release more until you are ready to manage more. I cover this in points 5 and 6 of my notes.

Point 3: Value without purpose is exhausting 08:29

- "Value without purpose is simply exhausting." 08:33
- Dan warns that someone will take this teaching and build value for its own sake. They get skilled, useful, and hired, and then they are so tired that neither sleep nor an energy drink helps.
- The main thing is alignment with the goals of the Kingdom of God. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
- "Heaven funds the function. Heaven doesn't just fund some fantasy." 09:19
- He quotes Isaiah 45:3 about treasures hidden in darkness and riches in secret places. The treasure is not lying out in the open. It is hidden inside what God sent you to do.
- "You can have talent and be broke because you are putting world-class skill into something God never sent you to do." 09:47
- "Two people, one God, opposite results." 09:56 Jonah had a gift, a calling, and a clear word, and he ran. He paid the fare, and the ship and crew almost lost everything. "Everything he touched while running from God cost him dearly." 10:10
- Elijah went to the brook during a national famine, and ravens fed him. "The bird, which had no interest in his service, fed him because he was standing in the right place." 10:25
- "Value makes you valuable, but purpose provides funding." 10:37

MY THOUGHTS

Heaven funds the function is the line I closed my video with. God is a God of purpose, and He gives you strategy and wisdom so you can execute it. Elijah at the brook is the picture. When your life is solely about God's vision for you, you will never lack provision.

Dan's summary and why the system is fair 10:43

- "Solve a real problem. Improve until you are undeniably effective, and stay within the bounds of what God truly sent you to do." 10:45
- "God did not create a system where the loudest scream gets the biggest check." 11:03
- "But God created a system where usefulness gets funding, and that system is fair and open to you tonight." 11:12

MY THOUGHTS

Solve a real problem, get undeniably effective, and stay inside what God sent you to do. Say amen to that. His line about the loudest scream is the same thing I said about loud prayers in point 2. It is not about your volume, it is about faith.

Dan's 30-day assignment 11:20

- Write down in one sentence the problem you solve.
- Name a specific person who has that problem.
- Name the price of your solution.
- "If you can't fill out these three simple points, you have no problem with revenue. You have a value problem." 11:35
- Add one skill in the next 30 days that solves a clear problem.
- He closes by saying that instead of raising the volume of your complaints, you can raise the price of your usefulness. "The king is not trying to make you rich. He is trying to make you useful. Because a useful son is a secure son." 12:05

MY THOUGHTS

Don't just read this one. Write your three answers down, and then write down what you are going to do with the money when it comes. That second answer tells you whether your business is advancing God's kingdom or only you. Grow yourself while you do it, because God will only give you what you can manage.

BOTH OF US

Where we agree and where I push further

Where we agree.

- Need does not move money. Dan said God is not moved by need. I add that God is moved by purpose.
- Prayer does not replace God's laws. God IS gracious, but His grace does not cancel His laws. Gravity is a law. You can pray all day long, but if you step off a building, you are coming down.
- Daniel is the model. Three different kings listened to Daniel because they could see the excellence in his actions and the results of his performance. They were not drawn to God by sermons or Bible studies. They were drawn to God by a young man who was good at his job.
- Skill before promotion. Grace-based excellence doesn't mean you don't need education, training, or practice. Daniel and his friends studied diligently.

Where I push further.

- **The seed is financial too.** Dan's empty field is about value and skill. I also look at your giving. There has to be financial seed in the ground connected to your business, whether the business gives or you give personally.
- **Every calling carries anointing.** Whatever you are called to do, God has anointed you for it. The excellence you display at work can draw people to Jesus just as much as any sermon in church. I agree that anointing does not set your price. It still takes business acumen and stewardship.
- **Provision is tied to faith, not only work.** God's provision is not just tied to your work. If it were, God would be limited by your paycheck. NO! God's provision is tied to your faith. Peter was an expert fisherman, and his expertise could not guarantee success. He toiled all night and had NOTHING to show for it. This is why we must rely on God and His grace for success.
- **Jacob and Laban.** Dan uses Laban's words to show Jacob's value. I have also taught this story from another angle. Jacob was blessed and broke at the same time. The problem was never Jacob's work ethic. The problem was the system he was working inside of. A blessed man in the wrong system will make somebody else rich.

THE WORD

Scripture (NLT)

For my notes

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."
James 1:5-7 (NLT)

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."
Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

"You will always harvest what you plant."
Galatians 6:7 (NLT)

"Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath."
Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."
Colossians 3:23 (NLT)

For Dan's notes

"Then God blessed them and said, 'Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.'"
Genesis 1:28 (NLT)

"Do you see any truly competent workers? They will serve kings rather than working for ordinary people."
Proverbs 22:29 (NLT)

"'Please listen to me,' Laban replied. 'I have become wealthy, for the Lord has blessed me because of you.'"
Genesis 30:27 (NLT)

"Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire."
Daniel 6:3 (NLT)

"Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15 (NLT)

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."
Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

"And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness."
Isaiah 45:3a (NLT)

APPLY IT

For your week

1. Write down God's will for your life and God's will for your business. Then make your demand on that.
2. Pray over your business and your family in faith. Not volume. Not tears. Faith.
3. Check your seed. Choose your model, the business gives or you give personally, and put financial seed in the ground connected to your business.
4. Ask yourself one question every day this week. What type of value am I adding?
5. Name one area of stewardship you need to grow in. Financial literacy, business acumen, decisions, or managing resources. Work on that one.
6. The next time you win, high five, then go execute with the spirit of excellence.
7. Answer three questions in writing. What is the purpose behind my business? Why do I want the money? What am I going to do with it?
8. Take Dan's 30-day assignment. Write the problem you solve in one sentence, name a person who has it, and name your price.

THINK IT THROUGH

Reflection questions

1. Where have I been asking God to move on my need instead of His purpose?
2. When I pray over my business, am I praying in faith or just praying loud?
3. Where is my seed in the ground right now? Which model fits my business?
4. If my income is the size of the problem I have learned to solve, what problem do I need to learn to solve next?
5. Does the organization work better because I am in it?
6. Where did favor open a door for me that excellence now has to keep open?
7. Is my business advancing God's kingdom, or is it only for me?

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