

## CHAPTER 1

### Understanding money in the Kingdom of God

Money is spiritual! There is a deeper side and meaning of money that we need to understand before we dive deep into giving.

When we talk about giving, we are not only referring to money. However, I have chosen to discuss this aspect first because, while discussing giving, we will also address the role of money, which I believe is one of the means/ways that define the act of giving.

I have always wondered why it seems that non-Christians, or worldly individuals, are often more prosperous in monetary terms compared to those who are considered children of God. It's striking to see a higher concentration of wealthy people outside the Kingdom of God rather than within it. However, the Bible states in 2 Peter 1 vs 3: **He has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness**, and He (God) is the owner of silver and gold.

Money is considered one of the basic needs in Maslow's hierarchy of needs, as it plays a significant role in various aspects of life which also means "these things that pertain to life" According to 2 Peter 1 vs 3, money is part of those things. So, I often find myself pondering why we, as children of God, do not seem to experience these blessings. Where exactly are we going wrong?

God operates according to principles, and His word reflects those principles. If one fails to obey His word accordingly, they will be lost and remain as if they have never read it. James encouraged the church not to be mere listeners of the word, but to be doers (James 1vs 22). The word of God contains everything we need, but for it to work in our lives, we must follow it diligently. Whether one is a child of God or not, following "the principles" will bring about positive changes. Being a child of God does not exempt us from following the requirements, but rather places a greater expectation on us to wholeheartedly follow them as they are.

The word of God states, "The love of money is the root of all evil". It is essential to understand that it does not say "money is the root of all evil." Instead, it is the love of money that leads to evil desires. Money itself is a

necessity, as mentioned before, and for the advancement and spreading of the Kingdom of God on earth, we need to utilize it.

It's important to know and understand that as Christians, it's not a sin to drive expensive cars, it's not a sin to own houses. These are good things that can also be found within the Kingdom of God. They are part of exercising dominion, as God instructed us to dominate the earth. I have a deep appreciation for the word of God, and if we fully comprehend it as we should, we will realize that God has indeed provided us with everything we need. What we require is the knowledge of how to tap into the blessings that God has already bestowed upon us, and one way to do so is through giving.....