

# Concepts of FAITH



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Success Image

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INNER MAN

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**W**hen you place the Word of God in your heart by confessing what God has said about you, you create a success image in your human spirit. That spirit is where your treasure is (the Word), and the world cannot take that away. Adverse circumstances and the storms of life may come, but what is firmly established in your heart cannot be taken away.

Let's look at a misunderstood scripture that sheds light on this subject:

*Sell that you have, and give*

*alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not (Luke 12:33).*

Traditionally, we have misinterpreted this verse to mean that we are laying up treasures in heaven which are unavailable to us on earth. We won't need money in heaven; we need it here on the earth.

**YOUR BAG IS YOUR SPIRIT (HEART)**

When Jesus said, *Provide yourselves bags which wax not old,*

He didn't mean to get a purse that you would use in heaven! What part of you doesn't get old? Paul said, *Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day* (II Corinthians 4:16). According to Paul, the part of you that doesn't wax old is your human spirit. Your inward man is renewed day by day; it never ages.

The Greek word for *treasure* in Luke 12:33 means *deposit*. Jesus is saying that, by giving, you are providing yourself (the human spirit) as a bag, a purse, or a container, in which you store or deposit God's Word (the Treasure). Moths can't corrupt this bag; neither can thieves steal it because this container is the heart.

Jesus said, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*. The treasure isn't being stored for you to get later in heaven. It's in your heart—the production center of God's Kingdom. This is God's Kingdom at work on the earth.

### YOUR NEED HAS BEEN SUPPLIED

Inflation is a thief, but it can't steal what you put in your heart. Put God's Word in your heart, and thieving circumstances will not be able to rob you. Confess daily: "I have given, and it shall be given unto me. I sow bountifully; therefore, I'm reaping bountifully. My God meets all of my need according to

His riches in glory by Christ Jesus".

Paul wrote the Phillippian church and said, *My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus* (Phillippians 4:19). He used the word *need*, not *needs*.

Prior to this, he had said, *...no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only...ye sent once and again unto my necessity* (v15-16). The Phillippians had been obedient to the laws of prosperity and had hidden the good Word of God in their hearts. Because they gave to help Paul, God's servant, then God was promising to supply all their need. He was saying that their needs wouldn't pile up, but that they would have one need at a time and that he would meet each need as it came due.

The promise came because they had stored the Word of God in their hearts and acted on it by giving. According to Luke 12:33, when we sell what we have and give alms, we are provided *a treasure in the heavens that faileth not*.

### THE WORLD'S SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO FAIL

God's system of success we are discussing is not positive thinking or a scheme dreamed up to work in the world system. It works in the spiritual realm. It

works out of the human spirit, not out of man's intellect. If you only confess out of your head (your mind), the system won't work because it's a spiritual operation.

*Your inward man is renewed day by day; it never ages.*

*Provide yourselves bags which wax not old....* Let your spirit produce what you need. Let it be the ground in which you deposit the seed of God's Word. Out of that seed good things will grow and you will reap the harvest on earth.

*...A treasure in the heavens that faileth not....* After all the world's schemes fail—when everybody is hiding in the mountains, storing up for the famine—God's system of sowing and reaping will prevail. The present world system is failing because it was designed to fail. God's system won't fail; it will prevail. When everyone else has an empty gas tank, your tank will be running over because of the good seed you have sown in your heart.

Jesus says that it is unfailing on the higher plane where no thief approaches and no moth corrupts. (Luke 12:33) We begin to think, *That must be in heaven because no thief can get up there and there will no moths or insects there to corrupt it.* But wait a minute! He says, *Provide yourselves bags that wax*

*not old.* How many ladies do you know whose purses are no older now than when they bought them? Jesus is saying, "Provide *yourself* as a container, a depository, that will never wax old".

You may say, "That must be in heaven". No. In II Corinthians 4:16 the Apostle Paul says, *...but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* Jesus was saying that you provide yourself. Your human spirit, which the Bible calls "the heart", becomes the container that you put the treasure in.

Now how do you put it in there? In Romans 10:18 Paul tells you: *The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart. First in thy mouth, then in thy heart.* It gets in your mouth before it gets in your heart. The psalmist David said, *...my tongue is the pen of a ready writer* (Psalm 45:1). Proverbs 3:3 refers to writing *upon the table of thine heart.* How do you do it? With the tongue. The tongue is the instrument that writes on the heart.

When we operate in the realm of the spirit with God the Father, we will find the wisdom of God to bring our prosperity on earth.

Consider the account of Elisha in II Kings 6:1-6. When he and the sons of the prophets went out to cut down some poles at the edge of the Jordan, one of the ax head flew off and sank in the river. The prophet

Elisha cut a stick and threw it in the water where the ax head had sunk.

The people standing around must have wondered, “What in the world is he doing?”. Elisha used the stick to cause something to happen: The ax head floated to the top! Under the world’s system ax heads don’t float, but Elisha was operating in the spirit realm. An ax head floating on water is a spiritual operation that cannot be explained in natural terms.

When you operate in the spirit realm, the people around you who operate in the natural realm will react to you just like the people reacted to Elisha. They’ll say, “What in the world is he doing by confessing abundance and no lack? The news tells us that inflation is eating up our bank accounts”!

People have told me, “God’s not concerned about material things”. Isn’t an ax head a material thing? There is certainly nothing spiritual about it! God produces miracles of like substance. When Elisha wanted the ax to float, he threw something in the water that would float and received a miracle of like substance.

### **God’s SYSTEM PRODUCES ABUNDANCE**

We must realize that God designed a system in the earth, in you, that will produce everything

you need in this life—not just enough to barely get along, but more than enough so that you can live the abundant life!

You must work the system diligently; otherwise, it won’t produce for you, just as the world system won’t produce for the man who is too lazy to work at it.

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Some people can start with nothing and make a million dollars. Why? Because they know how to operate the world system. Others, not diligent in operating the world system of business, could start with a million dollars but lose it to someone who applies himself in the ways of the world.

### **OPERATE IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM**

God’s principles, which operate on a spiritual plane, put a positive charge around you and ward off all that the Devil can send against you. This faith force, which works on a higher plane, causes the blessings of God to come to you when everyone else is in lack.

Knowing how to live on that higher plane is worth digging for in the Word of God. Jesus said that you are providing a treasure on a higher plane that *will fail not*. That

treasure won't fail *when it's on that higher plane.*

If you drag the supernatural principles down to the level of the world, they will fail. If you say, "This system doesn't look as though it's going to work" you're dragging the spiritual principles down to the level of what you see, feel, and hear. They won't work!

Apply the giving principle to small matters first until you learn how to give successfully. It will work just as well to get you a parking place downtown as it will to bring in \$50,000 to pay a note. God's way is a miracle of like substance. No matter what you give up—whether it's money or your parking place—it works by the same principle.

### LEARN THE LANGUAGE OF SUCCESS

So many times when people pray, they only pray the problem. "Dear God, I don't know what I'm going to do. I owe all this money! I've lost my job! No money is coming in. Lord, I'll never get these bills paid! This is a big mountain in my life, Lord, and I pray that You'll move it out of the way. Please do something about these problems".

In a prayer like this, the goal is set only on the problem; and as it is prayed, the impulse is released to the heart to produce that goal. But Jesus said that the Father knows

what we have need of, even before we ask Him (Matthew 6:8) Our part is to pray the answer.

Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Word says that whatever I desire, when I pray, believe I receive it and I shall have it. So I am doing that now. I have given, so I believe that it is being given unto me—good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. I proclaim that all my needs are met according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I can pray this, Father, because it is according to Your Word, and I know that Your Word works"!

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and keep it there!*

When you pray such a prayer as this, there will be people around you who will try to talk you out of it. Don't listen to them. Set your goal on the solution and keep it there!

One lady said she received healing for arthritis after hands were laid on her in the name of Jesus. She was almost totally well for several months. Then people started calling her and leading her into conversations like this: "How are you doing"? "Oh, I'm just doing fine". "Well, you know these things come back sometimes. Don't you feel any pain"? "Well, yes, there is just a little bit". "Yes,

that's what I thought".

That lady said she began to listen to that until she eventually lost her healing. When she started talking about her problems, her mind was soon back on the arthritis and it came back on her.

I can never overemphasize the importance of the words you speak. Jesus said that we will have whatsoever we say. (Mark 11:23-24) We cannot talk sickness and disease and expect to walk in health. The same is true of prosperity. We cannot continue saying things like, "We never can afford the things we need", and expect to walk in prosperity.

It may be true that you can't afford very much at that time, but don't talk about it. Instead, keep your words in line with God's Word: "I have given, so I know it is given unto me. It's mine now even though I don't see it. It belongs to me. God said it is mine, so I am going to believe God"!

God's faith will never fail and God's Word will never fail, but you can cause your own faith to fail by getting your eye on the problem. Learn the language of success and practice it.

### THE THREE D'S OF BUSINESS

#### 1. Don't curse your own fig tree.

Don't speak against your finances, your car, or your business.

#### 2. Don't substitute faith for

#### good business practices.

There is an element of common sense that must be included. Don't forget it.

#### 3. Don't substitute formula for principle.

Don't just speak your desire, but believe what you say will come to pass. Believe everything you speak out your mouth will come to pass.

When you believe what you are saying, you are releasing spiritual forces. It won't work just because you say it, but saying it is involved in working the principle.

### DO THESE THINGS TO MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS

- Set your goal on prosperity by knowing God's will for your success.
- Recognize the Kingdom as the Source of supply.
- Seek the Source (Kingdom) instead of things.
- Sow good seed in the Kingdom.
- Obey God's Word by doing the sayings of Jesus.
- Be a giver and not a grabber.
- Don't take thought by saying wrong things.
- Continue to speak God's Word concerning prosperity.

If you will begin to apply these principles today, then you will make your way prosperous and you will have good success.