

To Live in God's Abundance

The whole universe is filled with our Creator's abundance, everything is created to glorify God and is also in the absolute control of God. It is absolutely right for God's children to enjoy His total abundance. But it may not be so in realistic situation. Because in the saint's life, the economic view that has not been corrected cannot let him receive God's abundance. Before a saint receives economic blessings, he must first receive healing in his economic view. Only upon receiving the life and perspective that is pleasing to our God, will we now be able to enter God's abundance.

1. God really values the economic view of the saints

- 1) Because no one can serve two masters <Mt 6:24, 19:24>
- 2) Because the place where your treasure is, there your heart will be also <Mt 6:21; 1 Jn 2:15>
- 3) Because the healing of the saint's economic view is closely related to the growth of his life <Mt 6:25-33; Ge 13:8-9; Php 4:12-13>
- 4) Because the healing of the saint's economic view is closely related to his eternal crown <Mt 6:19-20; 2Cor 9:6-9>
- 5) Because the healing of the saint's economic view is closely related to the abundance of his living on earth <3:10-12; Dt 6:10-11, 28:1-6, Mk 10:28-31; Mt 25:14-30>

2. "Abundance" is God's absolute promise <1Jn 1:2>

- 1) The whole universe reveals the abundance of the Creator <Ge 1:22>
- 2) God's promise in the beginning is "thriving" and "enormous" <Ge 1:28>
- 3) God's promise to Abraham (A model of every blessed person) and his offspring is also abundant provision <Ge 13:15>
- 4) Every time God performs his miracles, God manifests His abundance (manna, 5 loaves & 2 fishes, wedding at Cana)
- 5) God has revealed his abundance and glory in the history of Israel <1Ki 10:23>
- 6) The whole history manifests that: every region, tribe, nation which receives the light of Gospel, enjoys God's economic blessings and is also greatly used by God

3. After man departs from God, he loses God's abundance

- 1) Wealth is God's blessing, but at the same time it is also a tool used by Satan to tempt man <Ge 3:1-6; Mt 4:1-11>
- 2) The greed for wealth is the root of all evil, and is the rapid way of sinking into death <Jas 1:15; 1Ti 6:9-10>
- 3) After man sinned and became flesh, he lost the authority to rule over everything and instead became slaves to material wealth <Mt 19:21-22>
- 4) Men's sins also brought about material curses, disasters and scarcity, causing them to keep worrying about having not enough to eat <Ge 3:17-19>
- 5) Even after receiving wealth, the discontentment, insecurity and greediness in men will still cause them to have a sense of poverty
- 6) Extreme thriftiness, stinginess or usage of money on wasteful, meaningless purchases that do not glorify God

4. In Christ, we have already become the most affluent ones [Economic Healing]

- 1) Christ was cursed, He bled and died on our behalf, rendering us no longer under the law of sin and curse. Then Christ resurrected to triumph over death's authority, thus we have restored all the promises and inheritance God has given to Abraham
- 2) In order to receive the eternal treasure, we have already sold everything to receive Christ <Mt 13:44-46; Lk 19:1-10>
- 3) The life that is greatly loved by God and the heart which loves God more than all likings of the world is able to enjoy the freedom and abundance bestowed by God <Mt 6:24; 1Jn 2:15>
- 4) Upon receiving the evidence of Emmanuel, we are able to enjoy the creator's abundance in the whole universe <Ps 104>
- 5) Christ became poor for our sake, so that through His poverty, we might become rich <2Cor 8:9>
- 6) In Christ, we have received the secret of being contented in any and every situation, whether living in want or in plenty <Php 4:12>
- 7) In Christ, we will definitely receive God's complete and abundant provision timely <Mt 6:25-34>
- 8) In Christ, we receive wisdom to use all our material wealth to glorify God <1Ki 29:10-19>
- 9) The life with contentment and thanksgiving is already in abundance, and besides that, it will receive more abundance and make many become rich <Php 4:19; 2Cor 6:10>

5. After receiving "economic healing", the blessings of stewardship will come

- 1) True economic blessing does not lie in wealth accumulation but in the correct usage <1Co 10:31; 2Co 8:1>
- 2) The loyal steward is not about receiving much material wealth, but knows the appropriate way to manage it <Mt 25:14-30>
- 3) And does not lie in the amount of offertory, but in the depth of love for God and Kingdom <Mk 12:41-44>
- 4) The material wealth is for usage, not for earthly accumulation, and must be used for acquiring eternal friends <Mt 6:19-21; Lk 16:9>
- 5) "Tithing" is the beginning of a believer's confession of faith, and is also the strength of God's church <Ge 14:20, 28:22; Nu 18:21-24; Mal 3:10-12; Mt 23:23>
- 6) The many kinds of offertory by the Saints (Lord's Day, Thanksgiving, Missions, Church Building...) are very important for the ministry of area evangelism and world evangelism. And besides that, will also become the scale to measure the earthly abundance and eternal crown to be received by the saints <Lk 8:1-3; Mk 10:28-31; 1Ti 6:17-19>
- 7) The purpose of the saints' earthly career does not only lie in earning money as its sole purpose but the career is also to be used as a way to bless people. Bringing along the healthy economic view and testimonies of working with a heart of honesty will open up many doors of evangelism and missions <Ac 18:1-3>
- 8) When the saints and church faithfully shoulder the mission of stewardship, the economic strength of the era will follow <Isa 43:3-4, 60:1-5>