

## 4. WISDOM IN WAR

I feel the Lord wants to continue from last week on the importance of wisdom in waging the warfare of wealth. Let's read [Ephesians 3:10](#).

### **EPHESIANS 3:9-10 (NKJV)**

**9 AND TO MAKE ALL SEE WHAT IS THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY, WHICH FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE AGES HAS BEEN HIDDEN IN GOD WHO CREATED ALL THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST;  
10 TO THE INTENT THAT NOW THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT BE MADE KNOWN BY THE CHURCH (EKKLESIA) TO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES,**

Let's refresh our memories from the first lesson in this series, Poverty Is Anti-Covenant, that Biblical wealth is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In fact, you cannot gain wealth without Him. He's the one that shows you where and how.

### **PROVERBS 8:21 (NKJV)**

**21 THAT I MAY CAUSE THOSE WHO LOVE ME TO INHERIT WEALTH, THAT I MAY FILL THEIR TREASURIES.**

The word wealth is a very interesting Hebrew word (H3426). It's a semi verbal expression that literally means "to be, to exist." It's "yes" in the Hebrew pronounced "yaysh." It expresses possibility or ability like "God is able." But here's what's very interesting. In the Passion Translation, it says that the Aramaic is, "I will leave great hope as an inheritance to my friends."

### **COLOSSIANS 1:27 (NKJV)**

**27 TO THEM GOD WILLED TO MAKE KNOWN WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES: WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

Glory is the "true apprehension of God and His unchanging essence," which is Holy Spirit in us. And in the NT, it also means wealth. Doxa "embraces all which is excellent in the divine nature." THE GLORY OF GOD IS CONTAINED IN YOUR BODY.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 (NKJV)**

**7 BUT WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS, THAT THE EXCELLENCE OF THE POWER MAY BE OF GOD AND NOT OF US.**

Treasure in the Greek is "anything laid up in store, wealth, spiritual treasures, and metaphorically "the storehouse of the mind, where the thoughts, feelings or counsels are laid up," which is why it's so important to renew the mind. SO CHRIST IN YOU IS THE GLORY OF GOD IN YOU AND THE WEALTH OF GOD IN YOU THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN YOU. The greatest glory is God in you and within that glory is wealth.

Paul is saying in [Ephesians 3:9-10](#) that his job was to make all see the FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY that God hid until now. Fellowship is stewardship. We are stewards of the mystery, which is CHRIST IN US. He then goes on to say that the INTENT or PURPOSE of revealing the mystery is to reveal the MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD through the church TO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN HEAVENLY PLACES.

Some say that the principalities and powers in heavenly places are referring to angels but others say it's referring to evil powers. You really can't tell from the Greek and the text doesn't make it clear. But we can say that we are to

reveal his multifaceted wisdom to both! And THAT WISDOM IS THAT JESUS CHRIST MADE A WAY FOR GOD TO DWELL IN MEN AND WOMEN. If you think about it, we are God's spoils of war in the face of the enemy.

With that said, we now have THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM LIVING IN US. This is the same wisdom that rejoiced with the angels when God created everything detailed in [Genesis 1](#). That wisdom is the HOW. So let's dig a little more into how wisdom creates wealth.

#### **PROVERBS 9:10-11 (NKJV)**

**10 "THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING.**

**11 FOR BY ME YOUR DAYS WILL BE MULTIPLIED, AND YEARS OF LIFE WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.**

The word fear usually refers to the fear of God and is a positive quality. Listen to this definition from Zodhiates: "This fear acknowledges God's good intentions, motivated and delighted Jesus, is produced by God's word, makes a person receptive to wisdom and knowledge, is identified with wisdom, restrains from sin, gives confidence, helps rulers act justly, results in good sleep, and when used with humility, leads to riches, honor, and life ([Prov. 22:4](#))."

It's the beginning of wisdom. Beginning is THE START OF A PROCESS according to the Hebrew. This tells us that wisdom is a process and can grow in its influence in our lives. THE KEY TO WISDOM IS SUBMITTING TO HER VOICE AND DOING WHAT SHE SAYS. Notice long life is a result of wisdom. Many miss this key element of divine health thinking it's strictly supernatural. The reality is taking care of ourselves with wisdom is crucial to divine health.

Ok. Let me read you some scriptures on wisdom and wealth from my personal time with the Lord early last year.

#### **PROVERBS 8:14A (PASSIONNTPSA)**

**14 "YOU WILL FIND TRUE SUCCESS WHEN YOU FIND ME, FOR I HAVE INSIGHT INTO WISE PLANS THAT ARE DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU.**

The reason you find true success when you find wisdom is because wisdom CONTAINS INSIGHT INTO THE WISE PLANS THAT GOD HAS DESIGNED SPECIFIC TO YOU. That's important. Each of us has a unique call and destiny that will only be fulfilled by discovering and engaging the plan God has designed for us.

Plan is "design, scheme, or method of doing." It's from a Latin word for "plane" and originally meant "to soar." That's why planes are called planes. What is prophetic about this is that THE LAW OF LIFT is above the law of gravity literally. That was wisdom. Wisdom gives us access to kingdom laws that we'd otherwise not see or know.

Listen to [Jeremiah 29:11](#) out of a different translation. I can't remember which one but it's a good one.

**"I KEEP IN MIND MY PLANS AND PURPOSE FOR YOU TO HAVE AN EXPECTED END OF WELL-BEING, PROSPERITY, HAPPINESS, WEALTH, AND RICHES."**

God keeps those unique plans designed just for you in His mind constantly and they include good things!

#### **PROVERBS 4:7-9 (PASSIONNTPSA)**

**7 WISDOM IS THE MOST VALUABLE COMMODITY—SO BUY IT! REVELATION KNOWLEDGE IS WHAT YOU NEED—SO INVEST IN IT! WISDOM WILL EXALT YOU WHEN YOU EXALT HER TRUTH. SHE WILL LEAD YOU TO HONOR AND FAVOR WHEN YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE BY HER INSIGHTS. YOU WILL BE ADORNED WITH BEAUTY AND GRACE, AND WISDOM'S GLORY WILL WRAP ITSELF AROUND YOU, MAKING YOU VICTORIOUS IN THE RACE.**

### **PROVERBS 24:3-4 (PASSIONNTPSA)**

**WISE PEOPLE ARE BUILDERS— THEY BUILD FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITIES. AND THROUGH INTELLIGENCE AND INSIGHT THEIR ENTERPRISES ARE ESTABLISHED AND ENDURE. BECAUSE OF THEIR SKILLED LEADERSHIP THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND THE PLEASURES OF SPIRITUAL WEALTH.**

### **PROVERBS 8:12 (PASSIONNTPSA)**

**“FOR I AM WISDOM, AND I AM SHREWD AND INTELLIGENT. I HAVE AT MY DISPOSAL LIVING-UNDERSTANDING TO DEVISE A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.**

To devise a plan for your life also means "to discover clever inventions." If you want to invent something, seek out wisdom! Sit in her presence and allow her to reveal things to you.

### **PROVERBS 8:31 (PASSIONNTPSA)**

**31 I LAUGHED AND PLAYED, SO HAPPY WITH WHAT HE HAD MADE, WHILE FINDING MY DELIGHT IN THE CHILDREN OF MEN.**

Wisdom is playful and fun! Wisdom delights in us and likes working with us! And GOD DELIGHTS AND LOVES TO BLESS US! It's not only because He's a good daddy and wants us to prosper but remember wealth is warfare and enforcing the victory of Jesus and restoration of glory. The Father doesn't have a poverty bone in His body! He's very comfortable with wealth and extravagance.

### **ECCLESIASTES 5:19-20 (NLT)**

**19 AND IT IS A GOOD THING TO RECEIVE WEALTH FROM GOD AND THE GOOD HEALTH TO ENJOY IT. TO ENJOY YOUR WORK AND ACCEPT YOUR LOT IN LIFE—THIS IS INDEED A GIFT FROM GOD. 20 GOD KEEPS SUCH PEOPLE SO BUSY ENJOYING LIFE THAT THEY TAKE NO TIME TO BROOD OVER THE PAST.**

Do you see that?! IT'S A GOOD THING TO RECEIVE WEALTH FROM GOD AND THE GOOD HEALTH TO ACTUALLY ENJOY IT! And God wants you to ENJOY YOUR WORK. He doesn't want you stuck in a job you hate. LABOR IS PREFALL. Labor is fulfilling and satisfying and a gift from the Lord. It's sad and a waste to see people work so hard all their lives toward enjoying their retirement only to not have the health to enjoy it. TOIL IS AFTER THE FALL.

### **ECCLESIASTES 2:26 (AMP)**

**26 FOR TO THE PERSON WHO PLEASES HIM GOD GIVES WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE AND JOY; BUT TO THE SINNER HE GIVES THE WORK OF GATHERING AND HEAPING UP, THAT HE MAY GIVE TO ONE WHO PLEASES GOD. THIS ALSO IS VANITY AND A STRIVING AFTER THE WIND AND A FEEDING ON IT.**

We please God with LIVING FAITH.