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10 AWESOME DAYS OF PROSPERITY

Pastor George Pearsons

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God's Great Storehouse—Part 1

Day #1

- A. “God’s Great Storehouse”—Word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, Nov. 10, 2011
1. “I have a great storehouse. Much more has been stored up in the storehouse of riches beyond your wildest dream that I laid up for you before the foundation of the world.”
 2. “Much more is stored up there than what the Church has ever called for.”
 3. “I never have held back on the Church,” saith The LORD and the God of plenty. “I’ve made it available to you. I put it in My WORD. I gave you promise and stood behind it with the blood—the precious blood of your Savior.”
 4. “But there has been a backwardness in My people about laying hold of the things that I have provided for you.”
 5. “But I will say this: There is a people in the land. There is a people around the world. There is a people strong and mighty growing much stronger and much mightier and more bold to lay hold and put their claim of faith on the things that I have laid up for you and it thrills Me,” saith The LORD, “because it’s been yours all the time.”
- B. “I have a great storehouse.”
1. Deuteronomy 28:12: “The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure....”
 - a. *Treasure* (HEB) = storehouse
 - b. HEB: Treasures such as silver, gold, etc.
 - c. BBE: “...His store-house in heaven.”
 - d. CEV: “...The storehouses of the skies.”
 - e. NIV: “...The storehouse of his bounty.”
 - f. *Stone Edition Chumash*: His storehouse of goodness
 2. Hebrews 13:20-21 (AMP): “Now may the God of peace...strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be and equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will.”
 - a. Make you perfect (GK)—to outfit
 3. Psalm 31:19 (NIV-84): “How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.”
 - a. *Goodness* (HEB) = prosperity, good things, property

4. Proverbs 2:6-7 (NIV-84): “For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory [KJV: wisdom] in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.”
5. 2 Peter 1:2-3 (AMP): “May grace (God’s favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).”

C. “Much more has been stored up in the storehouse of riches beyond your wildest dream that I laid up for you before the foundation of the world.”

1. Ephesians 3:20: “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”
2. AMP: “Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].”
3. MSG: “God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!”
4. Malachi 3:10 (MSG): “Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don’t open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.”
5. “I have plans that you have never dreamed of,” saith The LORD. “They are beyond your wildest imagination. I did it just for you. Heaven is overloaded with things that I have prepared for your enjoyment. If you will simply come to that place where you just say, ‘God, I am so grateful,’ and give Me an opportunity.”—Word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, Southwest Believers’ Convention, Aug. 7, 2009



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God's Great Storehouse—Part 2

Day #2

- A. **“God’s Great Storehouse”** Word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, Nov. 10, 2011
1. “I have a great storehouse. Much more has been stored up in the storehouse of riches beyond your wildest dream that I laid up for you before the foundation of the world.”
 2. “Much more is stored up there than what the Church has ever called for.”
 3. “I never have held back on the Church,” saith The LORD and the God of plenty. “I’ve made it available to you. I put it in My WORD. I gave you promise and stood behind it with the blood—the precious blood of your Savior.”
 4. “But there has been a backwardness in My people about laying hold of the things that I have provided for you.”
 5. “But I will say this: There is a people in the land. There is a people around the world. There is a people strong and mighty growing much stronger and much mightier and more bold to lay hold and put their claim of faith on the things that I have laid up for you and it thrills Me,” saith The LORD, “because it’s been yours all the time.”
- B. **“Much more is stored up there than what the Church has ever called for.”**
1. An untapped supply exists.
 - a. Unclaimed treasures of heaven are awaiting our bold claim of faith.
 - b. There is supply in the storehouse that the Church has never before accessed.
 2. Isaiah 45:3 (AMP): “And I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, Who calls you by your name.”
 - a. MSG: “I’ll lead you to buried treasures, secret caches of valuables.”
 - b. NIV-84: “I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places.”
 - c. GW: “I will give you treasures from dark places and hidden stockpiles.”
 - d. Psalm 104:24: “O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.”
 3. Proverbs 8:18-21 (AMP): “Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation, and right standing with God). My fruit is better than gold, yes, than refined gold, and my increase than choice silver. I [Wisdom] walk in the way of righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude

in every area and relation), in the midst of the paths of justice, that I may cause those who love me to inherit [true] riches and that I may fill their treasuries.”

- a. Verses 18-19 (MSG): “Wealth and Glory accompany me—also substantial Honor and a Good Name. My benefits are worth more than a big salary, even a very big salary; the returns on me exceed any imaginable bonus.”
4. Psalm 103:2 (AMP): “Bless...the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits.”
5. “For all of you who will take My WORD and stand on it, the Kingdom is for you, the angels are for you, all of heaven’s reserves are at your call.” —Word from the Lord through Brother Copeland, Oct. 28, 2010

C. “I never have held back on the Church, saith The LORD and the God of plenty. I’ve made it available to you. I put it in My WORD. I gave you promise and stood behind it with the blood—the precious blood of your Savior.”

1. Deuteronomy 28:12: “The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure.”
 - a. *Open* (HEB) = to let loose, to be thrown open
 - b. MSG: “God will throw open the doors of His sky vaults.”
 - c. The same word *open* is used in Malachi 3:10.
2. Psalm 84:11 (AMP): “For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace and favor and [future] glory (honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”
3. Psalm 34:8-10 (NIV-84): “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”
4. Philippians 4:19 (AMP): “And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
 - a. BBE: “And my God will give you all you have need of from the wealth of his glory in Christ Jesus.”
5. Luke 12:32 (AMP): “Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom!”
6. Romans 8:32 (NIV): “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
7. 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV): “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”
8. James 1:17: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
9. Everything we need is in God’s Word.
 - a. 2 Peter 1:4: “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises.”
10. It is all backed by the blood of Jesus.

A Time of Great Wealth

**Word From the Lord Through Kenneth Copeland
November 17, 2011**

What about 2012?

It is a time of great wealth for you, a time of great opportunities. Continue to stay in My rest. Heaven's release is continuing to increase. It is building up. Enjoy it! It is working!



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God's Great Storehouse—Part 3

Day #3

- A. **“God’s Great Storehouse”** Word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, Nov. 10, 2011
1. “I have a great storehouse. Much more has been stored up in the storehouse of riches beyond your wildest dream that I laid up for you before the foundation of the world.”
 2. “Much more is stored up there than what the Church has ever called for.”
 3. “I never have held back on the Church,” saith The LORD and the God of plenty. “I’ve made it available to you. I put it in My WORD. I gave you promise and stood behind it with the blood—the precious blood of your Savior.”
 4. “But there has been a backwardness in My people about laying hold of the things that I have provided for you.”
 5. “But I will say this: There is a people in the land. There is a people around the world. There is a people strong and mighty growing much stronger and much mightier and more bold to lay hold and put their claim of faith on the things that I have laid up for you and it thrills Me,” saith The LORD, “because it’s been yours all the time.”
- B. **“But there has been a backwardness in My people about laying hold of the things that I have provided for you.”**
1. *Backwardness* (Merriam-Webster) = behind; not as advanced in learning or development
 2. Joshua 18:1-3 (NLT): “How long are you going to wait before taking possession of the remaining land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has given to you?”
 3. MSG: “How long are you going to sit around on your hands, putting off taking possession of the land that God...has given you?”
 4. *Slack* (HEB)
 - a. Postpone, put off and waste time
 - b. Slow, sluggish and lazy—backwardness
 - c. Easily influenced and swayed
 5. How long are you going to put off taking what is rightfully yours in God’s great storehouse?

C. “But I will say this: There is a people in the land. There is a people around the world. There is a people strong and mighty growing much stronger and much mightier and more bold to lay hold and put their claim of faith on the things that I have laid up for you and it thrills Me,” saith The LORD, “because it’s been yours all the time.”

1. Deuteronomy 1:8: “Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.”
 - a. NLT: “Go in and occupy it.”
 - b. MSG: “Go in and take it.”
2. *Possess* (HEB)
 - a. To dispossess and drive out the previous tenants, expel
 - b. To take possession of
 - c. To claim as yours
3. *Claim* (Merriam-Webster)
 - a. To take as the rightful owner
 - b. To assert in the face of possible contradiction
4. Matthew 11:12: “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”
 - a. AMP: “And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].”
 - i. It takes a faith-intense effort to get out of debt.
 - b. NIV-84: “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”
 - c. *Take it by force* (GK) HARPAZO
 - i. Harpoon
 - ii. To seize or carry off by force, catch, pluck, pull
 - iii. To claim for one’s self eagerly
 - iv. To snatch out or away
5. John 14:13: “Whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”
 - a. *Ask* (GK) AITEO
 - i. Call for, require, demand, insist
 - ii. Adamant in requiring or demanding assistance
 - b. Not arrogant or rude
 - c. (GK) Whatever you demand, claim, require and insist on the basis of your covenant and as your Christian right, I will personally see to it that it is carried out.
 - d. It thrills God when we boldly place a demand on what is already ours and claim everything He has provided.

The Lord of the Storehouse

**Word From the Lord Through Kenneth Copeland
January 23, 2012**

God is The LORD of the storehouse. He is the treasurer.

Remember that lousy old saying about the king sitting in his counting house, counting out his gold? No, no, no. That's not right. Our King is not in His counting house, counting out His gold. *We* are His tabernacle. He sits on the throne of grace. He's not counting out anything. He's The LORD of the harvest. He's The LORD of the treasure. He's The LORD of the treasure house, which is part of THE BLESSING of Abraham in Deuteronomy 28:12.

That is part of what will come on us and overtake us, if we hearken to the commandment of The LORD. Jesus said, "If you do what I tell you, My Father will love you and I will love you."

Why would He hold that treasure until you got to heaven? You don't need it there. Here's where you need treasure. Here's where you need things. The treasure is on the inside of us. You activate it with the voice of faith. As you do that, it releases THE BLESSING. It goes out and causes ALL things to be added to you. It is not going to fall down from heaven. It's on the inside of you.



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God's Great Storehouse—Part 4

Day #4

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 3. “I never have held back on the Church,” saith The LORD and the God of plenty. “I’ve made it available to you. I put it in My WORD. I gave you promise and stood behind it with the blood—the precious blood of your Savior.”
 4. “But there has been a backwardness in My people about laying hold of the things that I have provided for you.”
 5. “But I will say this: There is a people in the land. There is a people around the world. There is a people strong and mighty growing much stronger and much mightier and more bold to lay hold and put their claim of faith on the things that I have laid up for you and it thrills Me,” saith The LORD, “because it’s been yours all the time.”
- B. **“But I will say this: There is a people in the land. There is a people around the world. There is a people strong and mighty growing much stronger and much mightier and more bold to lay hold and put their claim of faith on the things that I have laid up for you and it thrills Me,” saith The LORD, “because it’s been yours all the time.”**
1. Mark 11:22-24—We claim with our faith.
 - a. Never passive, retreating, backward or shy
 - b. A confident trust; fully persuaded
 - c. An aggressive and forward-directed force
 2. Hebrews 10:38-39: “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”
 3. Mark 11:24: “...Believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
 - a. *Receive* (GK) = take
 - b. Take with much force
 - c. Seize with a grip that can’t be shaken off
 4. Hebrews 11:32-34: They possessed, claimed, laid hold of and took by their faith.
 - a. “And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of

- the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”
- b. MSG: “Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies.”
5. We must become strong in faith in order to claim and lay hold of what already belongs to us in God’s great storehouse.
 - a. Caleb’s faith was strong enough to possess what was already his.
 - b. Numbers 13:30: “And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it!”
 - c. Joshua 14:10-13 (NIV-84): ““Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.’ Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.”

C. Romans 4:17—We Claim With Our Words

1. Proverbs 18:20-21: “...Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”
 - a. Words control the entire course of a person’s future and the circumstances surrounding their lives.
 - b. Words are spiritual containers that carry faith or fear, life or death.
 - c. Words are spiritual magnets that draw good or bad, depending upon what is spoken.
 - i. *Lasso*—a loop of rope that is designed to be thrown around a target and tightened when pulled
 - ii. *Tractor beam*—a device with the ability to lock onto and pull one object to another
2. Romans 4:17: “(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”
 - a. NRSV: “Calls into existence the things that do not exist”
 - b. GK: Calling the things not being as being
 - c. “You activate it with the voice of faith. As you do that, it releases THE BLESSING. It goes out and causes ALL things to be added to you.”—Word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, Jan. 23, 2012
3. *Call* (GK) KALEO = to summon, order and command
 - a. Summons—an authoritative command demanding someone to appear in person
 - b. Jury duty summons—“You are hereby notified to appear.”

4. What God has provided by His grace, we must possess with our words of faith.
5. 2 Corinthians 4:13: “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

The Dual Nature of the Storehouse

Word From the Lord Through Kenneth Copeland
January 23, 2012

Some have thought that the storehouse was in heaven, and rightly so. Only a very few have even considered that there was a storehouse there, except to have the idea, propagated by religion, that the heavenly storehouse was to be opened only after one gets to heaven.

Nothing is any further from the truth.

Even fewer have understood the dual nature of the storehouse. Dual only in concept of the natural mind, because, you see, it is the same storehouse.

But for the sake of your understanding, the duality of the storehouse is that the storehouse in heaven is also inside your spirit man. All of it. It doesn't have to come from heaven to the earth. All things are already in the earth that you need to do the job in the earth that I called you in the earth to do. And the power that reaches out from inside you, and procures all those things, I've set aside for you, and put your name on it, [so you can] accomplish that which I have called and hold you responsible for. That power is in you and on you.

It is the power to excel. It is released by faith.

It is because of My love for you that you will come behind in nothing. No thing!

That power is called THE BLESSING. B-L-E-S-S-I-N-G that came from the BLESSED One, the BLESSED Redeemer, the BLESSED Father, the BLESSED Holy Ghost. The One who is that power has BLESSED you, and has done so in My Name and in My blood, as though you have never sinned.

So rejoice. Look to the storehouse. It is all there, and it is all waiting for My WORD to energize your faith, the key to the Kingdom, and unlock that storehouse. For as one among you recently said, this is a voice-activated system.

Activate it. Release it. And you'll surely know great reward on the earth and in heaven.



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The Law of Progressive Increase

Day #5

A. Psalm 115:11-14: "...The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children."

1. *Shall increase you more and more* (HEB) = will continue to add, over and above
2. "One of the most exciting things I ever discovered about God's law of sowing and reaping was the fact that financial harvests are not seasonal. If you plant year round, you can be receiving year round. If you will keep planting consistently, you will receive just as consistently. If you continually cast your bread on the water, eventually it will come in on every wave!"—Kenneth Copeland, *From Faith to Faith*
3. There is a supernatural momentum, an exponential growth and a blessing cycle that occurs when giving and receiving are set on a consistent and uninterrupted course.
4. That is called "The Law of Progressive Increase."
5. The key to progressive increase is consistency.
 - a. In consistency lies the power.
 - b. "The longer you walk and the longer you sow and the more deposits you make, the greater your harvest will be. And soon, your tithe is what your salary was when you started. It keeps increasing and increasing and increasing. It goes from ten times to a hundred times. Do you know what I read in the scripture about God? He multiplies. He doesn't just add to us—He multiplies! Our days are multiplied. Our goods are multiplied. That is why the Word talks about abundance and abounding—these kinds of words describe God and what He does."—Gloria Copeland, *The Kingdom of God—Days of Heaven on Earth*

B. Luke 6:38—The Law of Progressive Increase: Case Study No. 1

1. "Give, and it shall be given unto you...."
2. Stage One: Good measure
3. Stage Two: Pressed down
4. Stage Three: Shaken together
5. Stage Four: Running over

C. Mark 4:30-32—The Law of Progressive Increase: Case Study No. 2

1. "And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: but when it is sown:"

2. Stage One: It grows up.
3. Stage Two: It becomes greater than all herbs.
4. Stage Three: It shoots out great branches.
5. Stage Four: The fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

D. Genesis 26:12-14—The Law of Progressive Increase: Case Study No. 3

1. “Then Isaac sowed in that land....”
2. Stage One: He received in the same year an hundredfold.
3. Stage Two: And the man waxed great.
4. Stage Three: He went forward.
5. Stage Four: He grew until he became very great.
 - a. Verse 13 (NLT): “He became a very rich man, and his wealth continued to grow.
 - i. He became the richest man in the world.
 - b. *Waxed great* (HEB) = to increase, advance, be promoted, to exceed, to tower
 - c. *Very great* (HEB) = speedily, quickly, rapidly
 - d. HEB: “The man was great. He kept going on and was great, until he became exceeding great.”
6. Stage Five: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds and a great store of servants.

E. The Law of Progressive Increase: Case Study No. 4

1. Kenneth and Gloria Copeland were married in 1962 and financially struggled until they heard the word of faith in 1967.
2. Stage One: They became partners with Oral Roberts for \$10 per month in that same year.
3. Stage Two: They launched out in their own ministry in 1967.
4. Stage Three: They decided to sow seed and tithe and stand on Romans 13:8 (AMP) that said, “Keep out of debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another.”
5. Stage Four: Over the next 45 years, Kenneth Copeland Ministries experienced “The Law of Progressive Increase.” They have experienced supernatural momentum, exponential growth and a blessing cycle that is still growing because their giving and receiving has been and still is set on a consistent and uninterrupted course.



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The Laws of Poverty—Part 1

Day #6

A. Proverbs 10:15—The Laws of Poverty

1. NIV: “The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.”
2. Poverty
 - a. *Pauper* (LATIN) = a very poor person
 - b. HEB: To be destitute, needy, poor, impoverished, insufficient, deficient; to live in a state of lack and extreme want
 - c. The spirit of poverty has a look and an odor.
3. There are spiritual laws that govern poverty as well as prosperity.
4. There are spiritual laws that set poverty in motion.
5. “You will have to spend time in The WORD in order to get your thinking straight, your speaking straight and your actions straight. As long as you are thinking, talking and acting poverty, you are going to get more of it than you can stand—it will overtake you.” —Kenneth Copeland, *Living in Prosperity*

B. Law No. 1—Don’t Acknowledge God

1. “Prosperity is the result of doing God’s ways.”

“Some pass the poverty test, but fail the prosperity test. You get your needs met and receive great abundance. But, your heart will begin to grow cold if you don’t keep God’s Word first place in your life. All of a sudden, you are taken with the things that have been added to you. They could be things like cars, planes, houses, land—whatever it is that you like. You have to walk circumspectly to walk in prosperity. You have to keep putting God first.”

“When all your needs are met, remember where you got it. Remember that it was God that gave you the power to get wealth. One thing about wealth—it can come quickly and it can go quickly.” —Gloria Copeland, *The Kingdom of God—Days of Heaven on Earth*
2. Jeremiah 17:5-6 (NIV-84): “This is what the Lord says: ‘Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.’”

3. Deuteronomy 8:11, 19: “Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.”
4. 2 Chronicles 26:5 (AMP): “He (King Uzziah) set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the things of God; and as long as he sought (inquired of, yearned for) the Lord, God made him prosper.”
 - a. 2 Chronicles 26:16 (NLT): “But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord’s Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar.¹
 - i. AMP: “But when [King Uzziah] was strong, he became proud to his destruction; and he trespassed against the Lord his God, for he went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.”
5. Jeremiah 17:7-8: “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters.”
6. Proverbs 3:6 (NKJV): “In all your ways acknowledge (know) him, and He shall direct your paths.”

C. Law No. 2—Don’t Exercise Self-Control

1. Proverbs 21:17 (NIV-84): “He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.”
 - a. Loves pleasure more than God
 - b. Loves wine and oil more than God
 - c. Matthew 22:37 (NIV): “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
2. Proverbs 23:19-21 (NIV-84): “Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path: Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.”
 - a. Verse 21: “The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.”
3. Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV-84): “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”
4. Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
5. Proverbs 16:32: “He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.”

¹ 2 Chronicles 26:5 As in Syriac and Greek versions; Hebrew reads *who instructed him in divine visions*.



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The Laws of Poverty—Part 2

Day #7

A. Proverbs 10:15—The Laws of Poverty

1. NIV: “The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.”
2. Poverty
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B. Law No. 3—Don’t Work

1. Proverbs 6:6-11 (NIV-84): “Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.”
 - a. MSG: “You lazy fool, look at an ant. Watch it closely; let it teach you a thing or two. Nobody has to tell it what to do. All summer it stores up food; at harvest it stockpiles provisions. So how long are you going to laze around doing nothing? How long before you get out of bed? A nap here, a nap there, a day off here, a day off there, sit back, take it easy—do you know what comes next? Just this: You can look forward to a dirt-poor life, poverty your permanent houseguest!”
2. Proverbs 24:30-34 (NIV-84): “I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.”

3. Proverbs 20:13 (NIV): “Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.”
 - a. MSG: “Don’t be too fond of sleep; you’ll end up in the poorhouse. Wake up and get up; then there’ll be food on the table.”
 - b. *Sleep* (HEB) = to be slack or languid (sluggish in character; lacking force or quickness of movement, *Merriam-Webster*), to grow old and stale
4. Proverbs 19:15 (NIV-84): “Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry.”
5. Proverbs 10:4-5 (NIV-84): “Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.”
6. Proverbs 20:4 (MSG): “A farmer too lazy to plant in the spring has nothing to harvest in the fall.”
7. Proverbs 21:5 (NIV): “The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”
 - a. “The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.”
 - b. *Hasty* (Merriam-Webster) = in a hurry
8. Proverbs 13:4 (NIV-84): “The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.”
9. Ecclesiastes 10:18 (NIV-84): “If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.”

C. Law No. 4—Don’t Give and Tithe

1. Proverbs 11:24-28 (NIV-84): “One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell. He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it. Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”
 - a. Verse 24 (NLT-96): “It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything.”
 - b. Verse 24 (MSG): “The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.”
2. Proverbs 28:22 (NIV-84): “A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.”
3. Joshua 7-8: Achan hid the tithe in his tent and caused Israel’s defeat at the Battle of Ai.
4. 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV): “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”
5. Proverbs 22:9 (NIV-84): “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.”

D. Law No. 5—Don't Obey God

1. Deuteronomy 28:15 (NIV): “However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you.”
 - a. Poverty is a curse.
 - b. Deuteronomy 28:38 (NLT): “You will plant much but harvest little, for locusts will eat your crops.”
2. Isaiah 1:19-20: “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”
3. Job 36:11-12 (NIV): “If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment. But if they do not listen, they will perish by the sword and die without knowledge.”
 - a. NLT: “If they listen and obey God, they will be blessed with prosperity throughout their lives. All their years will be pleasant. But if they refuse to listen to him, they will be killed by the sword and die from lack of understanding.”
 - b. HEB: They will cross the river of death.²
4. Genesis 26: Isaac obeyed God and reaped the hundredfold return in a time of intense famine and poverty.
5. Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NLT): “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you on high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God.”
 - a. “And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee.”
 - b. Verse 2 (NIV): “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God.”
 - c. Verse 13 (NLT): “If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom.”

² Job 36:12 Or *they will cross the river* [of death].



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Our Generous Father—Part 1

Day #8

A. James 1:5—Our Generous God

1. NLT: “If you need wisdom, ask *our generous God*, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”
2. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of *God, that giveth to all men liberally*, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”
3. NIV-84: “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask *God, who gives generously to all without finding fault*, and it will be given to him.”
4. AMP: “If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of *the giving God* [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.”
5. WUEST: “The giving God who gives to all with simplicity and without reserve”
6. Verse 5 is referring to the nature of God’s extreme generosity.
 - a. He is not just generous with His wisdom.
 - b. He is a generous, liberal giver of everything.
7. God is most generous all the time. You’ll never catch Him on a bad, stingy day, because He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

B. Ephesians 1:3—He Has Already Generously Supplied Everything

1. The purpose of this study is to enlarge our capacity to receive the generosity of our loving, heavenly Father.
2. The more we meditate upon His generosity, the more we are able to receive all that He has already provided.
3. So many miss out on what God wants to do when they don’t comprehend His immense generosity.
 - a. Many think that He is holding back on His provision.
 - b. “I have never held back on the Church, saith the God of plenty. I’ve made it available to you. I put it in My WORD.” —Word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, November 10, 2011
 - c. We can only receive as much as we allow Him to give.
4. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”

- a. MSG: “How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him.”
 - b. NIV: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”
5. 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT): “By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.”

C. Psalm 23:1 (AMP)—“The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.”

1. “Midrash Shocheh Tov elaborates on how these words, ‘I shall lack nothing’ describes God’s boundless generosity towards the Israelites in the wilderness.” —*The Tehillim*
2. “Elsewhere, we find a similar statement, ‘These forty years, HASHEM your God has been with you, you have lacked nothing’ (Deuteronomy 2:7).” —*The Tehillim*
3. “Rabbi Judah said in the name of Rabbi Elazar: ‘Travel has three detrimental effects. It wears out clothing, it exhausts the body, and it forces one to skimp on food (due to the great financial burden of travel). None of these deprivations befell Israel, who lacked nothing in the wilderness.’” —*The Tehillim*
4. “Furthermore, it is human nature that when a person welcomes a guest, on the first day of his visit he slaughters a fat calf for him. On the second day, a sheep. On the third, a hen. On the fourth day, he serves beans, and on the fifth day even less. Not so in the wilderness, as it says ‘These forty years,’ which represents the entire period, from the beginning to end. On the last day of the forty years God was just as generous as on the first.” —*The Tehillim*
5. “Rabbi Nechemiah said: They lacked for nothing. All they had to do was say a word and their wish was immediately fulfilled. If they so much as said, ‘let the Manna taste like calf’s flesh,’ so it did. Or, they could give it the taste of rich oil, or fine flour, or spiced wine, or sweet cakes. The Rabbis say: ‘It was not even necessary for them to speak. All they had to do was to think, and their heart’s desire came to pass immediately.’” —*The Tehillim*
6. Psalm 84:11 (AMP): “For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace and favor and [future] glory (honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”
7. Psalm 34:9-10 (NIV-84): “Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”



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Our Generous Father—Part 2

Day #9

A. James 1:5—Our Generous God

1. NLT: “If you need wisdom, ask *our generous God*, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”
2. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”
3. NIV-84: “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask *God, who gives generously to all* without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”
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B. God’s Overwhelming Generosity

1. Deuteronomy 28:2: “And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.”
2. Psalm 31:19 (AMP): “Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear, revere, and worship You, goodness which You have wrought for those who trust and take refuge in You before the sons of men!”
 - a. *Goodness* (HEB) = prosperity, abundance, property
3. Psalm 35:27: “Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.”
 - a. *Pleasure* (HEB) = delight, desire, is pleased to do
 - b. Psalm 147:11 (NIV): “The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.”
4. Psalm 103:2 (AMP): “Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits.”
5. Proverbs 10:22 (AMP): “The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].”

6. Malachi 3:10 (AMP): “Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”
 - a. MSG: “Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don’t open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.”
7. Luke 12:32 (AMP): “Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom!”
8. Luke 15:31 (NIV): “‘My Son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”
 - a. “All that I have is thine.”
 - b. AMP: “All that is mine is yours.”
9. Romans 8:32 (NIV): “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
10. Philippians 4:19 (AMP): “And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
11. 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV): “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”
12. Hebrews 11:6: “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
 - a. *Rewarder* (GK) = one who pays off and discharges that which is due
13. James 1:17: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

C. Matthew 7:7-11—How to Receive His Generous Supply

1. NIV-84: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”
2. James 1:6: “But let him ask in faith...”
3. Mark 11:24: “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
4. 1 John 5:14-15 (NIV): “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”
5. 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV): “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”



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The Generous Life

Day #10

A. Ephesians 5:1—Following The Father’s Example

1. AMP: “Be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].”
2. Philippians 4:19 (AMP): “And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
3. Jesus was noted for His generosity.
 - a. John 13:27-29 (NIV-84): “As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. ‘What you are about to do, do quickly,’ Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor.”
 - b. Mark 12:43-44 (MSG): “Jesus called his disciples over and said, ‘The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.’”
 - i. 1 John 3:17-18 (AMP): “But if anyone has this world’s goods (resources for sustaining life) and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him? Little children, let us not love [merely] in theory or in speech but in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity).”
4. Jesus was and is not a cheapskate—and neither are we!
5. Our passion is to follow in His footsteps of generosity.
 - a. Act like Him, talk like Him and walk in the same generosity as Jesus.
6. My motivation for accumulation is distribution.
7. True prosperity is the ability to use God’s power to meet the needs of mankind in any realm of life.

B. The Righteous are Generous

1. Genesis 12:2 (AMP): “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].”
2. Psalm 37:21 (NIV): “The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.”
3. Psalm 37:25-26 (NIV-84): “I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.”
4. Psalm 112:5 (AMP): “It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.”
 - a. Verse 9 (AMP): “He has distributed freely [he has given to the poor and needy]; his righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) endures forever; his horn shall be exalted in honor.”
5. Luke 12:33-34 (MSG): “Be generous. Give to the poor. Get yourselves a bank that can’t go bankrupt, a bank in heaven far from bankrobbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.”
6. Proverbs 11:25 (NIV-84): “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”
 - a. Verses 24-25 (AMP): “There are those who [generously] scatter abroad, and yet increase more; there are those who withhold more than is fitting or what is justly due, but it results only in want. The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered.”
 - b. Verses 24-25 (MSG): “The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”
7. Galatians 6:10 (KNOX): “Let us practise generosity to all, while the opportunity is ours; and above all, to those who are of one family with us in the faith.”
8. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV): “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

C. 2 Corinthians 9:6-14 (NIV-84)—The Result of Generosity

1. Verse 6: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”
2. Verse 7: “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
3. Verse 8-9: “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’”

4. Verse 10: “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”
5. Verses 11-13: “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.”