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## Happy Is the Man Who Finds Wisdom

**P**roverbs 4:7 says *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.”*

There is a book I wrote titled *Wisdom for All Round*, I shared wisdom for fifty-four areas of life in that book. Wisdom for abundance is not included in the book and that is why I decided to write this as a book.

Proverbs 3:13 says *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;*

Proverbs 3:13(Amplified Version) says *“Happy (blessed, fortunate, and enviable) is the man who finds skillful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God’s Word and life’s experiences].”*

One of the signs of a blessed man is wisdom. You

can't be blessed and not be wise. Also, you can't be wise and not be enviable. Blessing brings wisdom and wisdom provokes envy. If you make progress and advance in life, you will be envied.

If you are moved by the envy of others, you are not fully wise. Wisdom will teach you to love those who envy you. It is human to want to envy, but it is carnal and foolish to envy.

Envy is when you think someone is not qualified to have what they have. If you think another isn't qualified to have the success they have, the access they have, the relationship and promotion they have, then, you are envious. Wisdom makes you have what others think you should not have; envy will make them to think you should not have it. Others can envy you, but you should not envy anyone in life. When you find wisdom for abundance, happy and blessed are you.

## **RETAINING AND MULTIPLYING ABUNDANCE**

Faith can receive and release abundance, you need faith to receive and release abundance but you need wisdom to retain abundance. Faith can give you abundance but its wisdom that multiply and retain what has been given. We pray for miracle for abundance daily because we lack the wisdom for abundance. When you get the miracle, God expect

you through wisdom to retain and multiply it.

## **JESUS POSSESSED WISDOM FOR ABUNDANCE IN HIS MINISTRY**

There are times we will need miracle for abundance in our life. Jesus fed five thousand with two fishes and five loaves but Jesus didn't multiply food daily to feed the people. He had wisdom for abundance. How? I hope you know that Judas was the treasurer who collected money and saved so they could feed the poor.

A certain woman brought an alabaster box of oil and broke it on Jesus' feet, while all that was going on, Judas was thinking why she would waste such instead of selling it so they could use it to feed the poor. So in Jesus' ministry, the people always bring materials things and it is being sold and converted to money.

## **MULTIPLY THE LEFT OVER BY WISDOM**

2 Kings 4:7

[7]Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

After the death of the Prophet, there was debt to be paid by the widow. The wife of the dead Prophet who died in debt came to the Prophet. The Prophet asked, what did you have and she said a jar of oil.

The Prophet told her to go sell the oil and pay her debt and live on the rest. The aspect of *live on the rest* is what I want us to understand. Through faith, the widow received miracle of abundance. However, it is only by her wisdom she could retain and multiply the left over. If the woman lacked wisdom she and her sons would spend the rest because they do not know what to do with the rest. You have to know what to do with what you have. Let it not be that it is every time you pray for abundance.

People pray regularly for monetary and material things because they lacked the wisdom to retain and multiply what they got in the past.

## THE PARABLE OF TALENTS

Matthew 25:14-30

[14]*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.*

[15]*And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.*

[16]*Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.*

[17]*And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.*

[18]*But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money.*

*[19]After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.*

*[20]"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'*

*[21]His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

*[22]He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'*

*[23]His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

*[24]"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.*

*[25]And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'*

*[26]"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.*

*[27]So you ought to have deposited my money with the*

*bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.*

*[28]Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.*

*[29]'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.*

*[30]And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

The master gave a servant five talents, another two talents and third servant was given one talent. It should be noted that the master gave them according to their ability. The master gave them talents but didn't tell them what to do with it; you have to get to the level your leader doesn't have to tell you what to do before you advance what is committed to your trust. The comment of the master to those who multiplied the talents was "good and faithful servant." Anyone that is faithful and good is a wise man. It takes wisdom to be good and faithful. The other servant that went to bury the talent was called wicked and lazy servant. What differentiate the servants who traded with their talent and the other that buried the talent is the way they think.

Wisdom for abundance is about insight that can bring abundance. It helps to think right and take right actions. Anyone that thinks negative of his leader is not faithful and good. It is important we

permit our mind to be guided by wisdom. The third servant didn't know that one of the secret of elevation is to multiply what you have and where you are. Through multiplication, you work your way to become a ruler over many. When you have wisdom for abundance, you become a leader over many. People strive to rise in life because they lack wisdom.

Matthew 25:29(Living Bible)

*[29]For the man who uses well what he is given shall be given more, and he shall have abundance. But from the man who is unfaithful, even what little responsibility he has shall be taken from him.*

One of the reasons responsibility is taken away from people is due to unfaithfulness. Nobody can envy the third servant because of the wrong thought he permitted in his heart. He thought his master wanted to use him. Don't think negatively in your heart towards your leader. Don't permit wrong thought that will limit you.

This principle is applicable to any field of human endeavor you find yourself. If you work in an institution and you increase the profit, patronages, customers among others things, you will be made ruler over many.

If you are in a church, see to increase the members, mobilize the workforce for effectiveness and for

evangelism, plant churches. Not too long you will be a leader over many.

## Seven Things to Increase in Your Life

**F**or your personal life, wisdom will teach you to increase. There is a place of prayer and there is a place of wisdom. Wisdom for abundance come as an insight to produce increase. Let's check aspects to increase.

### 1. INCREASE YOUR GIVING

You can't get more when you don't give more. When you give more to God, you will receive more from Him. Giving provoke more abundance, if your offering still remain the same over the years, don't expect abundance.

Luke 6:38

*[38] Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that*

*you use, it will be measured back to you.”*

There is a time you give at your level, but when you desire financial increase you have to give beyond your level. When you want increase, increase your giving.

What a man sow he shall reap. He who sow sparingly shall reap sparingly and he who sow plenty shall reap plenty. When you desire to harvest more, you should give more. Check your bible and you will discover that Solomon made the biggest sacrifice to God in the Bible.

## **2. INCREASE YOUR LEARNING**

Proverbs 9:9

*[9]Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.*

You will have abundance of wisdom and revelation to the degree you increase in learning. A learning heart is blessing heart. A learning heart is a leading heart. If you learn today you will rule tomorrow, a learner of today is a teacher of tomorrow. You have to give yourself to reading, listening so you can increase the knowledge in you. You don't have abundance of knowledge by praying but by leaning. Wisdom for abundance will teach you that if you want to know more, you should learn more.

## **3. INCREASE YOUR WORKING**

Proverbs 14:23

[23]In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

You are not ready to have more when you are not ready to work more. You can't be chatting all day and expect abundance. Idle chatter leads to poverty. Be disciplined with your work. Engage in productive chat not idle chat. Great people only have time for relevant things.

Luke 5:5

[5]But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

Peter said we have labour all night. God is ever ready to help you but He will help you by leading you. Jesus didn't help Peter launch into the deep, He only instructed him. If Peter had failed to work out the instruction, nothing would happen that day.

1 Corinthians 15:10

[10]*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

You don't have abundance because you don't increase your labour and effort. Increase what you do. Increase your working hour. When you expect more blessing, be ready for more work.

#### **4. INCREASE YOUR SAVINGS**

Genesis 41:35-36

*[35]And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.*

*[36]Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine."*

When you save, you are safe. Saving guarantee safety. According to the text, Joseph suggested saving of the one fifth of all the Egyptians got. That is 20% income. wisdom will not teach you to save. It will tell you that you can receive and always receive. You have to save your money before spending and wisdom will teach you to save.

How do you save your money? Every time you get your profit or salary, ensure you first remove what belongs to God. Afterwards, you should remove a certain percentage you want to save. It is advisable that you should save at least 20% of your income. What you save is for you, what you spend is for others. You can't have more if you spend all. Spending all is the way to losing all. Many lost their abundance because they spent all. Be discipline enough to have savings.

#### **5. INCREASE YOUR INVESTMENT**

Don't just save money, invest it. The third servant

saved and not invested his talent. Do you know that the third servant didn't spend the talent? He saved it, yet, his master called him a wicked servant. There is no point saving money when you don't know what to do with it. many saved their money and keep saving without knowing what to do with it, yet the bank keep using their money for business and making more from what they saved. Yes, save your money, but seek financial counsel on what to do with your money to increase it. You have to be careful not to fall for quick fix schemes. Never fall for any investment that promise you quick return. The empitier and devouring spirits come through quick fix schemes and if you fall for it, they will swallow your money.

Mental laziness make people keep money in places it will not increase. Always ask what you can do with your money to increase it. Seek the counsel of people who have financial intelligence. Investing is not just about making money, it is about making your money work for you. A good investment I can counsel you to go for is any business that can get employment opportunities for others.

## **6. INCREASE YOUR PLAN**

You can't use you time well if you can't plan your time well. Don't just have faith to get millions, you must make plans to get it. Seasonal miracle needs

prayers, daily miracle needs planning.

Faith believes it but wisdom plans it. Don't just plan in your brain, you must plan on paper. Plan for your money, time, have plan for wherever you are leading. Joseph gave a plan. Everyone needs supervision and your plan is your supervisor. Don't just plan; follow the plan.

## 7. INCREASE YOUR OBEDIENCE

Luke 5:5

*[5]But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

Peter's abundant labour failed him. His partners and instruments could not save him. Instruction is superior to your skill and knowledge. Peter obeyed the instruction of Jesus. Jesus wasn't a fisherman yet Peter obeyed Him. Jesus is God. God is the creator of the sea and the fishes. He knows where the creatures are hidden. At the instruction He gives you, if you can yield, you will always get abundance.

Just as Jesus was in the boat of Peter, Jesus is in your life now. Can you listen to Him? Obedience is the direct gateway to abundance. Obedience will make you get in one minute what will cost you months and years. Wisdom teaches that obedience doesn't need your reasoning. When you want to do something, pray to God and seek His guidance.

Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in your heart. Whatever the Holy Spirit tells you to do, proceed to do.

The leading of the Holy Spirit will not come as a voice most of the time. Sometimes it comes as a form of picture in your imagination showing you what to do. You have to know how to pick non-verbal instruction. God speaks in picture.

If you increase your obedience, you will increase your abundance. Do you want to be super-smart and super intelligence? Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

The voice of the Holy Spirit will make you to be intelligently competent than the competent. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. What you really want is around you. There is an instruction that will show you how to have it. Therefore, increase your obedience. Ensure you write instructions on paper so that you can follow accordingly.



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