

# Paymaster

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Deuteronomy 8:18



#### The "Gift" of God

- But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: It is He that giveth thee POWER (mental ability, management ability, health, cleverness, energy, etc.) TO GET WEALTH, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers as it is this day."
- IN OTHER WORDS, GOD HAS GIVEN US SKILLS TO OBTAIN WEALTH IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT USE US TO SPREAD HIS COVENANT, THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.



## Gift Giving

- Giving (Serving Gift) The gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously, sacrificially, and cheerfully giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure) without thought of return.
- The divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask, "How much money do I need to give to God?" but "How much money do I need to live on?"



# Philanthropy

- According to Acts 4:37. Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- ...God has gifted some believers to make large amounts of money or to inherit large amounts of money AND THEN TO <u>GIVE</u> LARGE AMOUNTS TO THE LOCAL CHURCH.
- These believers have a genuine ministry, which is crucial to fulfillment of the end-time harvest.
  They are PHILANTHROPISTS, PAYMASTERS, and GIFTED GIVERS.



#### God's Paymaster

What Are We Talking About?

#### God's Paymaster

- Webster: <u>Paymaster</u> A person in charge of paying wages and salaries.
- Someone the Lord has chosen to flow supernatural wealth through for the purpose of Kingdom building.
- God's paymasters have no bills...they pay off everyone else's.



### People with this Call

- Manage their finances and give as much of their resources as possible.
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom.
- Meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur.
- Provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for His provision.
- May have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God's work.

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## Evidence of A Paymaster

- The proof of what gift or gifts you have is whether or not God has given you grace to walk in your gifting.
  - GRACE OR GOD-GIVEN ABILITY IS THE CREDENTIAL
- The bottom line credential of this gift is...
  - The EVIDENCE of God's financial blessing being funneled into one's life,
  - The development of a generous heart, and then,
  - Obedience to PASS IT ON to the church.
- The greatest joy of a God-called Paymaster becomes funneling financial and material resources into the body of Christ.



#### The Paymaster Process

- From God's perspective, money is the single most influential tool to either advance the gospel or to hinder the cause of Christ.
- Get into God's presence and get direction for his ministry just like a preacher or teacher.
- Empty yourself of selfishness, opinions, and personal preferences in exchange for the mind of Christ.
- The ministry of philanthropy is a holy calling and a most sacred responsibility. Practice and refine your ministry.



## Trusted Paymasters





Money and its power belong to the one who directs the use of it. Those who possess it. It is not a force apart from the one who controls it, Satan or God."



- Angels on Assignment, Pastor Buck

# Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18



# The Power of Vision

Dr. Myles Munroe

- Vision means to see something coming into view as if it were already there
- Vision is when you can see it in your mind by faith and begin to imagine it
- Vision is a glimpse of your future
- Vision will persist against the odds
- Vision should always focus on helping humanity or building up others



#### How to Write Your Personal Vision

- What is my deepest desire?
- What do I want to leave to this generation?
- What is the idea that never leaves me?
- What do I constantly imagine about my future?
- What do I feel truly passionate about?
- What one thing would I do if I knew I could not fail?
- What do I see my future looking like?
- What is the most important thing I wish I could do?
- What are my constant, reoccurring dreams?
- What would bring me the greatest fulfillment?



#### Seven Principles of Vision

(from Habakkuk 2:1-4)

- 1. The principle of documentation (write the vision)
- 2. The principle of simplifications (make it plain)
- 3. The principle of shared vision (tell someone)
- 4. The principle of participation (build alliances)
- 5. The principle of timing (for an appointed time)
- 6. The principle of patience (wait for it)
- 7. The principle of faith (it will certainly come)





## My Thoughts?

- Ministry Vision
  - Flow funds to CFAN
    - \$100,000 / month or \$1.2 million annually
    - Global and Local Missions
    - Global and Local Satellite Church Planting
    - CFAN Missionaries
    - Kamal Saleem-ministry to Muslims and Islamic Extremists
      - \$50,000 annually

...just to name a few...



# **YOUR God-Given Vision**

- Is It God Inspired?
- 2. Does it embarrass you to tell others?
- 3. Can you accomplish it under your own strength or do you absolutely need God to get it done?
- 4. Can you be trusted?



#### Can You Be Trusted?

As Mike Murdock says,

The purpose of money is NOT accumulation, but movement. Money is made for Movement! Money is simply a TOOL to accomplish an end. It is also a TESTIMONY of God's faithfulness.

And it is a TEST of our <u>obedience</u> and <u>submission</u> to God.



#### Walk of God's Paymaster

What Are We Talking About?

#### Spiritual Walk

- Walking describes the purpose of living in the operational will of God to glorify God in the Church Age.
- To advance, a believer must walk according to God's plan, stay in fellowship, and grow in Christ.
- Living in the plan of God is the source of spiritual energy or divine power.
- The command to walk in the light means that God intends for a Christian to be filled with the Spirit and to learn the Word of God under the filling of the Spirit.



#### Our Personal Walk

#### - A Test And A Testimony

- Faith, Trust, Obedience, Submission
- A successful relationship with God demands trust
  - It is the most important factor of all.
  - God presents us with "trust tests" throughout our lives.
- If you fail a test, God often makes you take it again or, if you refuse, something within you begins to die spiritually.
- Ask yourself, "Am I truly trusting God in every area of my life?" Pass the test to get your Testimony!



## The Paymaster Way

- If you are called to be Paymaster...get ready for the financial tests and trials.
  - If God can get it to you, can He get it through you?
  - Faith is the currency of the Believer, whether you have a lot or little.
- Resilient People Remain Committed to Their Values When Tempted to Compromise.
- Resilient People Find Meaning and Purpose in the Storm.



# Are You Willing to Be A Water-Walker? What goes into the making...

- Paymaster Ministry:
  - Recognize God's Presence
  - Discern Between Faith and Foolishness
  - Get Out of the Boat
  - Expect Problems
  - Accept Fear as the Price of Growth
  - Master Failure Management
  - See Failure as an Opportunity to Grow
  - Learn to Wait on the Lord
  - Water-Walking Brings a Deeper Connection with God





#### The Goal: Spiritual Authority

#### **Spiritual Authority**

- There is a glory that comes from suffering for the sake of the gospel.
- Successfully passing the tests will release the highest levels of spiritual authority into our lives.
- Courage is a demonstration of faith.
- True leaders of His people, who carry genuine spiritual authority, have first proven their devotion.



#### The Goal: Spiritual Maturity

#### **Spiritual Maturity**

- You will only receive as much money as you prove to be responsible and accountable for...
- It is through our stripes that we are given authority. There is no courage unless there is real danger.
- Spiritual Maturity is always determined by our willingness to sacrifice our own desires for the interests of the Kingdom, or for the sake of others.



## A Paymaster's Most Important Skill

- The ability to WAIT Enduring delayed gratification
- Attitude is critical during the wait
  - Lord, I will trust you
  - I will obey you
  - I am betting everything on you...no plan B
- What Does It Take to Wait?
  - Patient Trust
  - Confident Humility
  - Inextinguishable Hope

# Caution to Paymasters

One of the greatest temptations to people who have material abundance and who give large amounts is to control the spiritual leadership of the church.



# Relinquish the Gift

- Never should a contribution be given with the motive of "buying" a voice in the decision making.
- Manipulation spoils the beauty and grace of giving.
- LAY the gift AT THE APOSTLE'S FEET," trusting the spiritual leaders to distribute it correctly.
- A paymaster's destiny is connected to his pastor, to his local church, and perhaps to another evangelist or apostle that God ties his or her heart with.
- A real Bible Paymaster underwrites and finances the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the saving of souls for eternity.



# Blessings for Obedience

- There is a miracle on the other side of obedience!"
- Delayed obedience is still disobedience! But ISAIAH 1:19 says, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land...
- What you make happen for a man of God, God will make happen for you!
- All the money needed to fulfill the great commission is ALREADY in the body of Christ.



#### The Challenge

- All the money needed to preach the gospel is already in the earth.
- Paymaster, there is a miracle awaiting you on the other side of your obedience!
- Don't bury your talent! Don't refuse the call!

Rise up, O Paymaster! Come forth, O Mighty Philanthropist!

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