

Understanding The mysteries of God concerning HIM as Our Only Source Handout 1

1. God has hidden from the World mysteries of the Kingdom just for believers.

- a.** And He said to them, To you has been entrusted the mystery of the kingdom of God [that is, the secret counsels of God which are hidden from the ungodly]; but for those outside [of our circle] everything becomes a parable, AMP (Mark 4:11)
- b.** He said to them, "The privilege of intimately knowing the mystery of God's kingdom realm has been granted to you, but not to the others, where everything is revealed in parables.(TPT)
- c.** God has not hidden these mysteries from us. He has hidden them for us.
- d.** We operate on this earth different than the world. We must Resist the temptation to succumb to the world's philosophies or the worlds way of doing things. We can look to Jesus as our example.
- e.** Beware of others' philosophy and deceit, which is according to the world and not Christ (Colossians 2:8).
- f.** The devil's strategy is to use philosophy to rob us of our identity, and all that Jesus bled and died to give us.
- g.** The world's traditions go against God's Word and make it of no effect (Mark 7:13). When we add anything to the Bible that is not already there, we nullify its effect for us.
- h.** When the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, his strategy was to attack Jesus' identity, but that strategy did not work. Jesus correctly quoted the Scriptures in their proper context because He was thoroughly familiar with the Word (Matthew 4:1-11).
- I.** Satan cannot deceive someone who knows their true identity in Christ.
- J.** Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (TPT)

2. God Is Our Source (1 Corinthians 8:6)

- a.** In these last days so many people are facing overwhelming financial challenges. They look at their paycheck, then look at their needs and wonder, How are we going to pay for this? Where will the money come from? What are we going to do?
- b.** "Don't look to the government, your job for your supply. Don't look to other people for your supply.
- c.** Jesus is our Source.
- d.** "Yet for us there is [only] one God, the Father, Who is the Source of all things." (AMP)
- e.** The purpose of this study is to renew our minds and become fully persuaded that God is our Source for everything we need especially financial needs.
- f.** Philippians 4:19— "But my God shall supply all your need according to his

riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

g. BBE: “And my God will give you all you have need of from the wealth of His glory in Christ Jesus.”

h. MSG: “You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need.”

i. JBP: “My God will supply all that you need from his glorious resources in Christ Jesus.”

J. “But my God will supply your needs so completely that He will eliminate all your deficiencies; He will meet all your physical and tangible needs until you are so full you have no more capacity to hold anything else. He will supply all your needs until you are totally filled, packed full and overflowing to the point of bursting at the seams and spilling over.”

k. Our Supply is From Heaven

l. “Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light.” (James 1:17) AMP

m. “Every good endowment that we possess and every complete gift that we have received must come from above, from the Father of all lights, with whom there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency.” (JBB)

n. “The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven....”
Deuteronomy 28:12

o. BBE: “His storehouse in Heaven”

p. CEB: “His own well-stocked storehouse”

q. MSG: “God will throw open the doors of His sky vaults.”

r. “Heaven always has a good economy. That is where we receive from. It doesn't matter what is happening in the earth. We are not receiving it from the earth. We are receiving it from heaven

s “My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2 (NIV):

t. We must believe if God gave his Son for us and with Him he shall always freely give us all things (Romans 8:32)

3. **We must not confuse our priorities or focus on the wrong things.**

A. God `s plan is for each of us to always have more than enough including finances. However, our focus must be on seeking God, not on getting rich. Whatever we focus on the most is the thing to which we give strength.

B. The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be filled with darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:22, 23).

C. He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him (Proverbs 28:22).

D. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5).

E. When we have thoughts about money that do not line up with the word of God, we have the authority to cast them out.

F. Even before we focus on God's desire to bring money our way, it is important to have the right attitude about finances. This helps us reconcile financial prosperity with grace.

G. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before (Philippians 3:13).

H. Paul focused on the things of God. He did not divide his attention between God and the things of the world. The quickest way to destroy a person's vision is give them two visions. We cannot accomplish our goal if our attention and resources are divided.

i. Godly prosperity affects our entire lives, not just our finances.

J. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

K. It is fine to hold down a job, but we must see work in its proper perspective. God's plan for financial freedom does not rely on the natural results of work.

L. Our work and our efforts are not the source of the money we see. We are under grace, and this grace is the source.

M. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth (Ephesians 4:28).

N. The purpose of work is to be in a position to help others in need. This is what it means to be a blessing. God blessed Abram so that Abram could bless others and prevent misfortune in their lives (Genesis 12:2, 3).

O. He who gives to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay (Proverbs 19:17).

P. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).

Q. Many believers do not realize the moment they receive Christ they are in fulltime ministry. Every where you go, what you do, where you work, where you live, is designed by God for you to be a light in a Godless world that needs Christ! This is why we must let HIM lead us to our wealthy place!

4. **The world's way of operating financially is not the same way that God operates. The Scriptures tell us exactly what to focus on.**

A. Giving financially involves the same kind of trust a farmer has when he plants seed in the ground, trusting that he will eventually reap a harvest.

B. God's way to achieve financial prosperity and man's way are completely different. God is not a man that He should lie (Numbers 23:19). His thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8, 9).

c. God's kind of prosperity is a result of faith. The highest form of giving is to help share the Gospel.

D. And God is able to make all grace, every favor and earthly blessing, come

to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient, possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation (2 Corinthians 9:8, AMPC).

F. God is well able to provide the grace and financial sufficiency that we need. When we give, He will increase favor in our lives because we trust Him.

G. His promises certainly include charitable donations, but those promises are all-inclusive and do not stop at just money.

H. " In everything I showed you [by example] that by working hard in this way you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed [and brings greater joy] to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35 AMP)

H. We receive by faith. Faith can be seen through our confident posture. The centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant demonstrated his faith through his words (Luke 7:1-10).

i. The woman who asked Jesus to heal her daughter also spoke her faith (Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:25-30).

J. Are you confident that God will take care of your financial needs!

5. **God gives us the power to get wealth in order to establish His covenant with us and His covenant on earth.** (Deuteronomy 8:18)

a. "Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the power to become rich, and He does it to fulfill the covenant He made with your ancestors." (NLT-96)

B. Verse 19: "Do not forget the Lord your God and walk after other gods, and serve them and worship them."

C. "You don't need other gods when you have Me."

D. "I will take care of you."

E. "I will supply you with everything you need according to My riches in glory."

F. Look to God as your Covenant Source.

G. "He has given food and provision to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever and imprint it [on His mind]." Psalm 111:5 (AMPC):

H. Allow the Holy Spirit to get involved in your finances. "Praying in the spirit makes you smarter than yourself"