

Understanding The mysteries of God concerning HIM as Our Only Source Handout #3

1. **We have been given insights to operate in this Godless world to have victory in every area of our life. Without knowing and understanding the mysteries we cannot walk in the dominion that Christ paid for. (Matthew 13:10-11)**
 - A.** We Are Not Subject to the Times (Colossians 1:12-14)
 - b.** Verses 12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light: who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.
 - C.** God wants us to experience the fullness of His glory—to have days of heaven on earth. This means we should have a fruitful life.
 - D.** It is time to walk in the fullness of our covenant, for He has redeemed us!
 - E.** We no longer live under the dominion, rule, control or influence of whatever direction the world system is going.
 - F.** We are now subject to and governed by another economy and another system called, “the kingdom of God.” (Romans 14:17)
 - G.** We are subject to the authority of God’s WORD, the blood of Jesus and the Name of Jesus.
 - H.** The entire kingdom of God depends on His Word. Trying to live as Christians without the Word limits the potential for manifestation of what grace made available
 - i.** Because of Kingdom principles we prosper and thrive in tough times.; We are no longer subject to the times; The times are subject to us.
2. **Jesus Separated Us From the World’s Failing System** (John 17:14-17)
 - a.** Verses 14-17 I have given them thy WORD; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy WORD is truth.
 - B.** Sanctify = to separate
 - c.** John 17:20-21 (NKJV) I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me d.
 - d.** Jesus keeps us protected from the world’s system.
 - E.** Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.
 - f.** By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine

nature. 1Peter 1:4 (AMPC)

g. The wicked one does not touch him. 1 John 5:18 (NKJV)

h. We are as separated from this world's system as Jesus. (John 17:16)

i. Verse 17 Sanctify (separate) them from the world through the WORD.

j. We are living The Separation Effect. No matter what is going on around us, we remain protected, prospering and healthy. We are delivered. We are no longer subject to the world's collateral damage.

k. So God's plan is for each of us to always have more than enough including finances

3. **Some people have trouble believing all of the Word of God because they do not understand what God says about money. If we do not fully trust God, we will believe Him in all other areas of our lives except for our finances. We cannot "cherry pick" the Word like this.**

A. The Bible gives us practical advice on how to handle money, but if we ignore that advice and trust ourselves over God for sound money management, we make ourselves the source of our own prosperity.

B. This fear is a stronghold we must conquer, and overcoming it will give us power, authority, and dominion in our financial lives

c. It is okay to have money; how we handle it shows our level of trust in God.

D. And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions (Mark 10:17-22).

E. Giving is the key to your financial success. Many believers are afraid to give is that they consider giving to be a loss instead of a gain. They see it as giving their money away, not sowing it like a farmer for a future harvest.

F. The rich young ruler demonstrated his unbelief when he called Jesus "good master" instead of "God." He saw Jesus simply as a teacher.

G. The first answer Jesus gave the man, to obey the law, was based on the fact that he asked Jesus what to do instead of what to believe.

h. The man only had faith in what he could do, himself, to inherit eternal life, not in what Jesus could do.

i. the young man said he had kept all the commandments, but no one except Jesus was able to keep all of them. The man had broken the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," and the tenth,

“Thou shalt not covet.”

K. The man’s sorrow at Jesus telling him to sell what he had and give to the poor was a second indication of his unbelief.

4. **We are not of this World and Giving unto God is key. We should plan our giving in advance, with the proper motives and no fear.**

A. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come (1 Corinthians 16:2).

B. Paul told everyone, not just some people, to give. However, he said to give as God had prospered, not comparing themselves to each other.

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

D. Paul told the Ephesians to work at an honorable, legal job. The purpose for working at all is to have money to help others.

E. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:33-35).

F. Paul labored at different jobs to earn the money to help others and minister to them.

G. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

H. Fear hinders us as Christians and puts us in a place where we are afraid to give the way the Bible tells us to.

i. Giving is a characteristic of God, but too many Christians are self-centered and unwilling to give anything.

J. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

K. If we experience fear, it came from the devil, not God.

L. Just like God needs faith in order to bring His will to pass in our lives, the devil needs fear to bring his will to pass. This happened with Job.

M. For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me (Job 3:25).

N. The number one fear that the enemy tries to inflict on Christians is the fear that what God promised will not come to pass.

O. Give, and it shall be given unto you... (Luke 6:38). The devil wants us to be afraid to believe this.

5. **Jesus believed God regarding His identity. Do you? We must have the faith of Jesus.**

A. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me

(John 16:8, 9).

B. The Holy Spirit was sent to convince the world of the sin of unbelief, not to convict us of wrongdoings.

C. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:16, 17).

D. It was up to Jesus to believe what He had just heard concerning His identity. Likewise, we are empowered when we believe in our identity in Christ.

E. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread (Matthew 4:1-3).

F. This was the big test of Jesus' faith.

G. Whenever God says something to us or something significant happens in our lives, the enemy will test us and try to talk us out of believing what God says

6. **We should give on purpose, without fear. Giving is an act of faith and love.** (Mark 12:41-44)

a. Giving is still very important to Jesus, because tithing and making offerings is giving what the world trusts.

B. Money is the currency of exchange in the world, but trust is the currency of exchange in the kingdom of God.

C. It is interesting that the motto on money reads, "in god we trust." We must trust him, and not be afraid to give.

D. Now he who ministers seed to the sower both ministers bread for your food, and multiplies your seed sown, and increases the fruits of your righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:10).

E. Paul explained that money should take two forms: as bread to meet our own needs and as seed to sow toward helping others.

F. If we consume too much of our bread and do not sow enough seed, we run into issues in the physical realm.

G. We must avoid hyper-consumption and spending one hundred percent of our seed. If we spend all our money and have nothing left to sow, we need to adjust our lifestyle.

H. We should give because we have purposed in our hearts to do so, not as an afterthought.

i. It is good to get in the habit of believing in the multiplication of what we give. As we study the concept of sowing, our faith will grow in this area. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

J. We live by our giving, not by our labor.

K.I have coveted no man's silver, gold, or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my necessities, and to them who were with me. I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is better to give than to receive (Acts 20:33-35).

L. This demonstrates the importance of leaders leading by example in the area of giving.

m Willful giving is pleasing to God. Generous sowing means a generous harvest.