

Understanding The mysteries of God concerning HIM as Our Only Source Handout #2

1. God has hidden from the World mysteries of the Kingdom just for believers (Matthew 13:10-11)

a. And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? **11** He answered and said unto them, because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

b. 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.

c. And He replied to them, To you it has been given to know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given (Matthew 13:11) AMP

d. Jesus answered, "You have been chosen It has been granted/given to you to know understand the secrets [mysteries] about the kingdom of heaven, but others cannot know these secrets it has not been given/granted to those others (EXP)

e. Why cannot others know? They have not accepted Christ or have a relationship with our God! This is the beginning of knowing and understanding the mysteries.

f. As believers we receive from God thru Revelation Knowledge. Revelation knowledge is when revelation comes into your spirit and suddenly you know something you didn't know before. (Matthew 16:18)

g. However there is another way to receive that is sense knowledge. Sense knowledge is knowledge gained through the five physical senses.

h. Sense knowledge learning is based on building a foundation. Your educational training and personal experiences in a person's life is a part of that foundation.

I. However, believers have to be very cautious about where and from whom we learn from. Especially when it involves Godly principles.

J heard a true story about a man visiting a friend who was a Professor at a Christian College. He asked his friend about another professor an atheist who was teaching at the College. His friend said "Yes, the professor in question still teaches here. He may be an atheist, but he knows the Bible."

K. You can't know the Bible if you don't know God. You can only know the words in the Bible.

L. God has not hidden these mysteries from us. He has hidden them for us

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

a. Financial prosperity is not about money, but about loving and trusting God

b. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. ⁸

It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. 9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

c. Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life! Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. But don't, dear friend, resent GOD's discipline; don't sulk under his loving correction. It's the child he loves that GOD corrects; a father's delight is behind all this (Proverbs 3:5-12, MSG).

d. When we have financial issues in our lives, it is a mistake to think that money will solve these problems. Before we can solve the problem, we must first understand how we arrived at it. Wealth by itself is not the solution if bad decisions, out-of-control emotions, or wrong-thinking is the root cause.

e. Materialism is not simply possessing things; it is a mindset that tries to replace God with physical things. If we want breakthrough in our lives, any progress we experience is tied to our trust in God where giving is concerned.

f. Most people who have the wrong idea about money do not understand the link between money and trust.

g. The true currency in the kingdom of God is trust; when we understand this, we will find ourselves in a position to receive the blessings that Jesus' finished works made available to us.

H. The world thinks money is all-important; God's perspective is the exact opposite.

i. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Luke 16:10-13).

J. The context here is the unjust steward who could not be trusted with money. "The least" refers to material wealth; "the much" refers to the blessings, the anointings, and everything else that has been made available to us.

K. Money can change attitudes and destroy friendships and marriages. It is not the cash, but the spirit of mammon on the cash.

L. We need to submit ourselves to the power of apprenticeship. The correct mindset we must have is of a steward managing someone else's resources.

M. In the heart of mammon is an attitude that says we do not need God because we are self-sufficient without Him. Mammon says to trust in riches instead of in God.

N. The spirit of mammon is in direct opposition to the Spirit of God; it is Satan, himself, in disguise. Mammon displays certain characteristics we can look for.

O. God says to sow and reap; mammon says to buy and keep.

God says to give and receive; mammon says to cheat and steal.

God is generous; mammon is selfish.

God is our security; mammon says money is our security.

P. God is our source of financial wealth; He will take care of us if we trust in Him. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

q. We know we are under mammon's influence if we are willing to do something we know is wrong if the price is right.

r. Money is a tool, but it has its limitations.

God can always do what money cannot.

Money cannot buy everything.

It can buy a house but not a home.

It can buy medicine but not healing.

It can buy a "friend" for the night but not a permanent relationship.

s. Mammon has a voice. It is always speaking to us and trying to confuse us about God's principles.

t. It especially talks to us when we are trying to give to God. It knows that giving frees us from the spirit of mammon.

u. Its voice always pulls us away from God's way of doing things not just in money affairs (Matthew 6:33)

3. **We demonstrate right-thinking when we trust God, not money, as our supply source.**

A. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10).

B. Religion tells us that money itself is the root of all evil, but this is nowhere in the Bible. It is okay to have money; even Jesus and His disciples possessed wealth.

C. Love is a relational word. A wrong relationship with money is the source of evil. Trusting money over God indicates a wrong relationship with it.

D. And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one (Luke 22:35, 36).

E. Jesus showed the disciples that they could trust Him as their source for all the provisions they needed.

F. Likewise, we can own material possessions with no issues when we trust in God instead of in wealth.

G. Real prosperity is defined by how much we give away, not how much we keep for ourselves.

H. But the Lord was with Joseph, and he, though a slave, was a successful and prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all that he did to flourish and succeed in his hand. So Joseph pleased Potiphar and found favor in his sight, and he served him. And his master made him supervisor over his house and he put all that he had in his charge (Genesis 39:2-4, AMPC).

i. Being prosperous means different things for different people. When we have the right motives and we seek God first, prosperity works anywhere.

J. Prosperity does not mean having a big house, a fancy car, or lots of money. We can be prosperous without any of those things.

K. Joseph prospered even though he was a slave and did not have many material possessions at first. God made him prosperous and successful. (Deuteronomy 28:10)

I. Joseph had the spirit of excellence and prosperity and Potiphar was blessed because of Joseph. Even when Joseph was put in prison, the prison was blessed because of him.

M. When Joseph interprets a dream for Pharaoh, Pharaoh puts him second in command of all of Egypt. Joseph blessed everyone with whom he came into contact.

N. When we trust God first, everything else will fall into place.

O. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that which withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself (Proverbs 11:24, 25).

P. By giving, we receive. Conversely, hanging on to money and being stingy will lead to lack and insufficiency.

Q. Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at, scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside. He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God. For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap (Galatians 6:7, AMPC).

R. It is not good to compartmentalize God. When we only trust Him in some areas but not in other areas, we are deceived. Deception is when we think we are right, but we are wrong.

S. We must not simply pretend to trust God through verbal confessions. There must be an act of faith

Make this declaration:

My mind is my mind. The devil can't make me think anything. I cast his thoughts down from my mind. I refused to be moved by what I feel or by what I see. I am only moved by what I believe, and I believe The WORD of God. I believe this covenant. I have a covenant relationship with The LORD Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I Trust the Lord as my source and my actions follow what I believe.