

## **“The Nuts & Bolts RE: Dollars & Sense”**

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CORE: God is faithful to provide for us—but He calls us to be responsible with His provisions.

### **1. We can be hindered by UNHEALTHY BUYING HABITS**

*(Spending what we don't have for things we don't need!)*

#### **a. COMFORT buying**

Emotional wounds caused by rejection, betrayal, false accusation, and shame (to name a few) can drive us **to buy things to “comfort” the wound and “compensate” for the lie: “You don't really matter!”** When we “comfort buy” we attempt to gain the feeling of significance we fail to experience in our relationships.

NOTE: Advertisers are quick to convince us that we **need** their product to fill a void we feel inside. From Coca-Cola (“Open happiness”) to Volkswagen (“Get in. Get happy!”)(By age 65, we've watched 2 million commercials!)

This very need is addressed & put into perspective in HEBREWS 13:5-6

*(NOTE: The Beatles had it right—“Money can't buy us love!”)*

#### **b. STATUS buying**

We try to define ourselves, creating an identity by what we wear and drive, etc. It is **an attempt to purchase social status** by dressing the part, driving the part, and living the part. But we are being conned & conditioned into believing our social status is achieved by spending money on items that cost more than they should—just to communicate that we are successful.

*(i.e., paying more \$\$\$ for logos & emblems on clothes; car payments beyond your budget, etc.)*

#### **c. THOUGHTLESS buying**

This is **unplanned spending doesn't stop to think, analyze, or assess the value of what we are getting** for our money *(or question whether it is within our budget to do so).*

**Proverbs 13:16- “A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!”**

*(i.e., without monitoring we can easily spend \$100s on coffee to fast-food w/o realizing we are allowing these slow leaks to take the wind out of our sales; long-range dream-fulfillment is sacrificed for short-term gratification)*

**NOTE:** *“Comfort” & “Status” buying require inner healing; “Thoughtless” buying requires learning new ways.*

**2. We can also be hindered by UNHEALTHY THEOLOGY**

- a. **“If I want it, God wants me to have it—NOW!”**
  - a. Confusing euphoric craving & gratification with the leading of the Holy Spirit & the joy of the Lord
  - b. If we can’t afford it now—
    - i. Wait for it, or...
    - ii. Wait for something better!
- b. **“If I say a prayer—it will all work out!” (“I won’t have to do anything...or change anything.”)**
  - a. “Stewardship” means:
    - i. I trust His provision/protection, and...
    - ii. I take responsibility for my financial future!

*“The only thing worse than not having what you need—is not using what you have—wisely.” DeForest Soaries*

**PRACTICALS:**

1. **TAKE CHARGE (before you “charge it”)** Take note of the small “leaks” and plug them up; learn to say “No!”
2. **PLAN AHEAD (Luke 14:28-30- “...count the cost...(so you are) able to finish.”)**
3. **GET COUNSEL (Proverbs 15:22- “Without consultation, plans are frustrated; with many counselors they succeed.”) (Proverbs 21:5- “The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage; but he who is hasty comes surely to poverty.”)**
4. **LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS (God will give you creative ways to do this—i.e., yard sales, bartering for services, etc.)**
5. **A WORD ABOUT “GOING INTO DEBT” TO BUY A HOUSE (Randy Alcorn, *Managing God’s Money*, page 180)**

**Lana Vawser prophecy, “Major Breakthrough in Finances is Coming to the Pioneers and Great Givers in the Kingdom!” (Elijah list, posted 2/21/17)**

NOTE: In 2 Kings 3, Elisha dug trenches (i.e., prepared to steward the waters) before God poured out supernatural rain that broke the drought!

## **"Major Breakthrough in Finances is Coming to the Pioneers and Great Givers in the Kingdom!" by Lana Vawser, Brisbane, Australia**

I have had a word brewing in my spirit regarding a major increase of finances flowing into the Body of Christ:

There is **major breakthrough** coming upon the people of God **in the area of finances**. This major increase is going **to break many chains of debt** as well as chains of heaviness, which these financial issues have caused. There are **financial miracles** upon the people of God right now, coming in ways and measures of increase we have never seen.

God is not only going to break the chains of financial issues, but He is going to begin teaching His people individually. He will teach them to walk in greater ways and greater **divine insight on how to steward finances** with purity, humility, integrity and wisdom.

The Lord has seen the faithful sowing of those who have been living in these chains of debt and heavy financial strain. Yet, they have continued to faithfully give to the Lord and move in generosity in the little that they have—even in the lack. They have continued to sow out of their little, and that worship and sacrifice has moved the heart of God.

There is major breakthrough upon God's people in the area of finances. **It's about to increase!** It's about to increase and increase!

**This Breakthrough of Finances Will Activate the Capacity to Dream Again in Many**

The horrible battle many have had in the area of finances, the heaviness of the chains and discouragement, has caused many to lose their hope and ability to dream.

The huge breakthrough in finances, which is now beginning to gain momentum in the Body of Christ, is going **to breathe hope and life into many of God's people again**. The faith, hope and life will not come from the finances, but **from the revelation of Jesus as Wonderful Provider!** Not only is He going to provide for immediate needs as well as long-

standing needs, but He is going to release blessing after blessing upon the secret heart desires of God's people.

The manifestation of a physical blessing in the lives of God's people, especially in the area of finances, and the way the finances will make some of those secret dreams and desires possible, will also bring a significant healing. Breakthrough will come and destroy "lies" about the goodness and provision of God, as these lies will suddenly all fall to the ground.

Hope, life and faith will be breathed into many of God's people again as they see a deeper revelation of He knows; but not only does He know the needs and desires of His people, He cares! His love and kindness is going to heal the hearts of many of God's people.

Suddenly, the word "lavish" was booming in my spirit. There is a lavishing of His kindness and blessings like you have never seen before. Eyes will suddenly be opened to what a good, perfect and loving Father He really is. It's time to DREAM AGAIN!

"If you then, imperfect as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:11)

## **Stewardship – Waves of Wealth Require Greater Wisdom**

In the midst of this financial breakthrough, I saw a strong highlight of the Lord on stewardship. In this major increase of finances and breakthrough that is coming, we must continue to stay close to Jesus, listen to what He is saying, and continually seek Him on how to steward the increase that He has given us.

I kept hearing the words, "Waves of wealth require greater wisdom."

When I saw the word wealth it turned to abundant breakthrough. This abundant financial provision that is coming into the Church is not only to release many of God's people from the captivity of financial issues, but also to see the Kingdom extended and Gospel spread further and

wider than ever.

I had a vision where I saw finances enabling the homeless to be cared for in greater ways. The widows, orphans and those in need were being abundantly blessed more than ever. As the finances flooded into the lives of God's people, there was an increase of the fire being ignited in the core of God's people to go out and **feed the hungry, bless those around them**, and rise up as the **extravagant givers** that we are called to be.

Wisdom is needed, more than ever, for the coming increase of finances to the Body of Christ. We must seek the Lord and **seek His heart for the wisdom of pure-hearted stewardship** for this increase in finances. This increase of finances is coming with an urgency to seek the heart of God **for the strategy of Heaven in the overflow.**

I watched in the spirit as scrolls of strategy were falling from Heaven upon God's people that were crying out for His wisdom and strategy in the overflow. As they stewarded what God had given them, there was an increase in momentum happening, releasing change! I watched as change manifested all around! **The finances were putting "wheels on the vision"** and empowering the vision to be extended further than ever.

### **Pioneers and Dreamers - Favor in Finances are Coming to You**

I then saw a tidal wave of finances crashing into the lives of the pioneers, the dreamers. These pioneers and dreamers are those who have been pondering in their hearts, like Mary, the promise given to them by the Lord—the dream—and are waiting for its manifestation in provision. To them I say: The Lord is bringing favor to your finances to bring the dream to life in the natural. God is birthing the promise and it will be bigger and more amazing than you could ever hope, imagine or dream.

I saw the pioneers who have been stewarding the ground the Lord has given them and breaking ground, but they suddenly came up against what looks like a "block" or a "delay" because of finances. The Lord is going to shatter that "block" or "delay" with the extravagant provision

of Heaven. God will do this to see the next level of the vision be activated and released into forward movement and acceleration.

I kept hearing the Lord saying to the pioneers over and over, "Finances will not be an issue! There will be favor in finances! Finances will not be an issue!"

The land, the dream and the vision the Lord has given the pioneers will not be hindered by finances in the perfect timing of the Lord. There will be **breakthrough upon breakthrough**, releasing you into a land of increase, and **the vision the Lord has given you will extend further than you could ever imagine**...for His name's sake and His Glory!

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