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## Wealth Creation : From Rhema to Logos

Our country is constantly beset with “miracle money” Ponzi schemes. And Christians seem to be the most easily duped. Here some thoughts on what is wrong and advice on God’s Logos means for wealth creation.

This last week I read someone’s write-up on a number of current Ponzi schemes of at least 10 such schemes he was following currently. I note also that Louis Liebenberg was arrested by the Hawks for what they claim was a R4,5 billion Ponzi scheme. Mr Liebenberg who grew up in minister’s home purportedly was very vocal about “the Lord is with me” and will make his followers rich.

There seems to be a major deception out there among masses of people that you can get something for nothing or for very little through a miracle that will somehow manifest in mysterious ways. So people who have a real desire to be rich and believe it is God’s will for them to be rich and also believe in miracles....a miracle being a supernatural intervention where something can be created out of seemingly nothing....they want to know How can I receive my miracle money. And there will be someone showing them how.

I trace the problem among Christians to the influence of the “prosperity gospel” that became popular more than 40 years ago out of America. I also trace that popularity to Oral Roberts’s 1977 book “The Miracle of Seed-Faith”.

The book focuses on the concept of "seed faith," which is based on the principle of sowing and reaping. Roberts explores how this principle can be applied to various aspects of life in meeting one's needs. The core message of the book revolves around the idea that by giving or "sowing" one can expect to receive or "reap" blessings in return.

This book became very popular and its message picked up and preached by thousands ever since because it answers the question....How to I get my miracle money?

Three Key Principles of Seed-Faith:

- God is your source
- Give as a seed out of your need
- Expect a miracle

But the important process was:

First the preacher must convince you it is God's plan for you to be financially prosperous. Then you must speak the Rhyma "creative word of faith".

Then you must connect your faith to work by planting a seed for the expected harvest. If you are in need of money, you must plant a seed of money. You give money first. Your harvest is in proportion to the seed you sow. You want lots of money you sow a bigger seed. Now expect a miracle of finance to come your way, somehow somewhere.

Now there is much I can say here pointing out this is entirely unscriptural but I don't want to do a whole blog on "seed faith" prosperity. I can say at least that world wide the financial damage this has done to the lives of millions of honest seeking people of God and the opprobrium this has brought to the Charismatic movement has been devastating.

Just by way of quick scriptural instruction I refer the following:

- You cannot receive anything from God apart from the grace of God that has been paid for by the death of Christ on the cross. All gifts of God are that...gifts. You cannot make a financial transaction with the Lord.

- I encourage you to re-read 1 Timothy 6: 3-10, Paul has some very telling things to say about money and worldly riches. He writes:

***If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wrangling of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*** (N.K.J.V.)

Whatever else we might bring out of these verses, let's at least get it settled that Paul did not say, "Timothy, God wants you to be rich in the wealth of the world. Why aren't you?" What he said was, "Timothy, work at being content with having food and clothing."

On the subject of "prosperity preachers," let me say that I especially like the way the New Living Translation describes those false teachers to whom Paul was referring. In verse 5, it reads:

***These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they don't tell the truth. To them religion is just a way to get rich.*** (N.L.T.)

Now let me give you some positive advice about wealth creation...the Logos way!

And to do that I want to refer you to how the richest man in history got wealthy.  
Solomon.

1Ki 3:5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said,  
Ask what I shall give thee.....

**1Ki 3:7** And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David  
my father: and **I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.**

1Ki 3:9 Give therefore thy servant wisdom and an understanding heart to judge thy  
people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so  
great a people?

1Ki 3:10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

1Ki 3:12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an  
understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall  
any arise like unto thee.

1Ki 3:13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and  
honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

You know the story and the result. Let me apply this to your life.

I want you to notice what Solomon confessed. He did not confess riches and power or  
give a money seed. What he did confess was a very important statement....

**“I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.”**

That statement comes from **Deu 28:6** “Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and  
blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.”

What Solomon is saying “I’m like a child and I don’t know how this king thing works”

When Deuteronomy says you will be blessed in all your doings where you come and go  
whether at the office or on the farm or at home or in society...wherever you come and go  
you will know how to conduct your life so that both you and those around you will be  
blessed.

The “how to” answer to get Deuteronomy 28:6 working in your life is what God gave  
Solomon....wisdom and understanding!

You see Proverbs 8 is a whole chapter on Wisdom.....read it but here is a section:

**Pro 8:18-27** *Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and  
righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my  
revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst  
of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit  
substance; and I will fill their treasures. The LORD possessed me in the  
beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from  
everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no*

***depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:***

Does this passage sounds like John 1....”In the beginning was the Logos and he Logos was with God and the Logos was God....all things were made by him.”?

Yes because Jesus is the Wisdom of God and God made the world by Wisdom and God made the creation to respond to Wisdom...Wisdom is the Logos of God.

The Greek word Logos was made up by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus when he made a startling discovery. The world is not ruled by chaos of warring gods. He said that there is a divine order to how the heavens move and the earth obeys. He called this law of creation the “logos”.

Heraclitus lived in Ephesus. That is where the new Greek idea of Logos was born. The apostle John lived and preached in the church of Ephesus. When he wrote ‘In the beginning was the Logos” his people knew what he was writing about. Logos was a Person who is the Logos who also made creation to operate by the laws of Logos.

You can use Rhema in the heavenlies. But while you live in this world in this time you need to understand and learn the wisdom of Logos. Because that is how you create lasting wealth. When God told Adam to “subdue the earth and he productive” you do this by Logos, because the earth responds to Logos.

Now let me bring this idea back to Solomon and your life.

Solomon confessed I am a child and I don’t know how to be a success as a king....I don’t know how to come and go out.

God says ok I hear you and I have the solution. I will give you the gift of wisdom and understanding. Please note that God did not tell Solomon come to me every morning and I will give you instructions for the day. God says I will give you wisdom and understanding so you can make wise decisions every day that will teach you how a king rules. And the result of that life of growing wisdom and understanding is that you will be able to create wealth and blessings for yourself and your people.

There is no such thing as “miracle money”. There is however wisdom available for you to lead a productive life. If you ask God for wisdom as James says “if any man lacks wisdom let him ask of God who gives liberally”. Wisdom will teach you how to go out and enter in at work, at home, at decisions of life. What will follow will be a productive life of prosperity in all that you do.

This world was created by the Logos of God. It follows the laws of Logos. If you want to operate successfully in this world you need to understand how this world was created and what are its operating laws. These laws are open for all of God's creatures to follow. If a sinner discovers the law of Logos and runs his business by he laws of wisdom he will prosper.

And if we want our nation to prosper we need to know God's Logos laws about how you run a nation and an economy. If we want a successful business we need to run it according to the laws of Logos.

And if we lack wisdom we can ask God for one of the great gifts of the Spirit ....wisdom. I know we like miracles of healing and miracles of provision. There is a gift of working of healing and miracles. Those are also gifts of the Spirit...and notice it is a "gift". It is not a result of a bargain you make with God "I will give you money if you will multiply it back in bigger amount to me." That is not how the Lord made this world to function. If you lack money....ask God for wisdom.

God made this world and your time in this world to learn wisdom. And you start like Solomon....'Lord I am a child...I need your help...teach me how to come in and go out in my daily life, at work, at home, in my career, in my skills development, in social skills, in my knowledge of the Lord.

And when you gain wisdom to prosper in all that you do....remember to share your wealth gained by wisdom with those whose job was not to make money but were called to preach the gospel or were called to help the poor and needy or called to foster and care for the fatherless and the widows.