

Breaking the Curse of Poverty and Establishing a Debt Free Life IV

We will be diagnostic, prescriptive and practical in this series.

God has promised the generation of the upright that they will be blessed.

The blessing is...

- **W^holeness** is completeness: spirit, soul, body, family, social and financial.
- **B^enefits** are acts of kindness and something extra.
- **P^rosperity** is a rich, full, overflowing, abundant supply.
- **F^avor** is approval, support and preferential treatment.

Consider *Psalm 112:1-4*

^{NKJ} *Psalm 112:1* Praise the LORD! **Blessed** is the man *who* fears the LORD, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ **Wealth** and **riches** *will be* in **his house**, And **his** righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; *He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

^{NKJ} *Deuteronomy 8:18* "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you **power to get wealth**, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

Wealth is *knowledge, wisdom, understanding and experience, all working together to produce transgenerational economic security, solvency and stability.*

I

^{KJV} **Luke 19:13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them **ten pounds**, and said unto them, **Occupy** till I come.

^{NKJ} **Luke 19:13** "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them **ten minas**, and said to them, 'Do **business** till I come.'

^{NLT} **Luke 19:13** Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among **them ten pounds** of silver, saying, '**Invest** this for me while I am gone.'

“Occupy, do business and invest until I come.”

Consider **Luke 19:13b**

Occupy means to spread out in your **influence** until everything feels the **impact** of your presence.

^{NKJ} **Matthew 13:31** Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, ³² "which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Occupy means to do business as a banker.

Ways of doing business

- **Employment** – You go to work
- **Business** – You put others to work
- **Consulting** – You put your knowledge and experience to work
- **Investing** – You put your **resources** to work
- **Inventing** – You put your imagination and **creativity** to work
- **Leveraging** – You put your **reputation** and other's resources to work

Personal prosperity should benefit the community.

II

An Entrepreneur: A person, who organizes, operates and assumes the risk for a business venture. *American Heritage Dictionary*

An Entrepreneur: A person who takes the risks of starting a new business.

Many entrepreneurs have the technical knowledge with which to produce a saleable product or to design a needed new service.

Dictionary of Finance and Investment terms

Entrepreneurs must be innovators.

Innovators exploit changes as an opportunity for different business and services.

Innovators are those who introduce or begin something new, or as if new.

Innovation includes changing the value and satisfaction obtained from resources by the consumer.

The entrepreneur's motivation "A feeling of , if I never try, I'll regret it."

III

Entrepreneur must...

- Get out the front door.
- Cut the corporate umbilical cord at the appropriate time.
- Keep going even when everything else makes you feel like turning back.

The entrepreneur's commitment...

Starting a business is a financial, professional and emotional commitment.

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