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Victory in Troubled Times, Part 4 *Finances*

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Opening Summary

Perilous times have come. But, fear not. For even in these times you can have victory, if you follow the ways of God. Recently, the Lord has been having me speak in a prophetic manner about judgment, things to do so you are not negatively affected by the chaos around you. In this lesson, we will look at 12 things to help you win during difficult and dangerous times.

- I. Always have a flow of income coming your way through giving (Ecc. 11:1-6).
- II. Get serious about getting out of debt.
 - A. Deceitfulness of riches is a tool satan wants to use against you (Mark 4:13).
 - B. The bank called the loan on several churches.
 - C. Satan puts evil thoughts in the mind of people in authority (Pro. 22:7).
 - D. The lender can pressure you to compromise (Deu. 28:14-68).
 - E. Satan can pressure you by taking your job.
 - F. Those in authority can make decisions that personally affect you negatively.
 - G. For example: There can be a vaccinated person who doesn't care about how the world vilifies the unvaccinated. The world will come for the vaccinated, next.
 - H. The first thing to do to get out of debt is to stop digging.
 - I. All extra money should go to the debt.
- III. Give to the poor consistently (Pro. 19:17).
 - A. Word of Faith sows seed monthly to organizations that feed the poor. My wife and I personally give consistently to help the poor.
 - B. Giving to the poor keeps the door of blessing open.
- IV. Give tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:6-7).
 - A. This implies that they left God.
 - B. Return to God by tithing and giving offerings (Deu. 28:14-68).
 - C. Tithing is in both the Old and New Testaments (Heb. 7:2).
 - D. Today, Jesus is the recipient of our tithes (Heb. 7:7-8).
- V. Acknowledge the Holy Spirit first and listen to Him about purchases (Rom. 8:14).
 - A. My spiritual father, Bro. Kenneth E. Hagin once told us ministers about his ministry: "The Lord told me my ministry is going to have some financial trouble because I hired a bunch of people He didn't tell me to hire."
 - B. Pray about your purchases. Even those things you routinely do.
- VI. Stay in your assigned place (1 Cor. 7:20-24).

- A. Satan will do what he can to move you from your assigned place (Rom. 11:29).
 - B. If you've removed yourself, return to the place God assigned you.
- VII. Work hard (2 Thes. 3:10).
- A. Society wants to award slothfulness with first class reward.
 - B. Thank God you have a job on which to work hard.
 - C. When bosses must decide who to keep and who to lay off, they will keep the one who gives 110% and lay off the one who only gives 75%.
 - D. Receiving government money without work is outside God's system.
- VIII. All your prayers should be motivated by love (Gal. 5:6).
- IX. Stay in position for your faith to work.
- X. Don't cosign for others (Pro. 22:26-28).
- A. Don't loan money to family. Instead, give money to family and stay in the love of God.
 - B. If you decide to cosign, assume it's your debt and have a plan to pay it off immediately, in case they default on it.
- XI. Do your *Will* today.
- A. Leave an inheritance for your grandchildren (Pro. 13:22).
 - B. A man should have life insurance for his wife.
 - C. Spell things out so the family doesn't fight over it.
 - D. Consider leaving part of the inheritance to the church.
- XII. Don't be King Jehoshaphat: Don't do business with the wicked (2 Chr. 20:35-37; Mark 4:19).
- XIII. Listen to God for direction and do what He says. Then He will provide for you supernaturally.
- A. Judgment had fallen, but the Lord gives Elijah direction (1 Kings 17:1-6).
 - B. If one source ends, God has another one for you (1 Kings 17:7-9).
 - C. God provided supernaturally for the widow woman (1 Kings 17:10-14).
 - D. She was the only woman in that area that always had enough (1 Kings 17:15-16; Luke 4:25-26).

Closing Summary

Deceitfulness of riches is a tool satan will try to use against you. You can remove that from the equation by following the principles given in this lesson. It is God's will for you to have divine protection and supernatural provision in good times and bad. So, *prepare yourself* for victory in Christ Jesus, and you will win in troubled times!