**The Great Exchange**

**Part Three - Poverty for Prosperity**

**Isaiah 61:1-3**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion - to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

**The great exchange includes prosperity for poverty.**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

**3 John 2**

Beloved, I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health - even as your soul prospers.

**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

**1 Timothy 5:8**

But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

**Philippians 4:19**

But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory.

**This great exchange provides wisdom as currency.**

**Isaiah 48:17**

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.”

**Proverbs 8:18**

With me (wisdom) are riches and honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.

**This great exchange allows us to support God’s Kingdom agenda.**

**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.

**Three Principals of the Wisdom Exchange**

**1. Tithes and Offerings**

**Malachi 3:8-12**

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse - the whole nation of you - because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty. 12 “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

**Matthew 6:24**

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

**2. Budgeting**

**Proverbs 6:6-8**

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

**Proverbs 27:34**

Know the state of your affairs and watch your business interests closely.

**3. Investing**

**Proverbs 21:20**

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

**Proverbs 13:22**

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children, but a sinner’s wealth is stored up for the righteous.

**Luke 16:11**

So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?