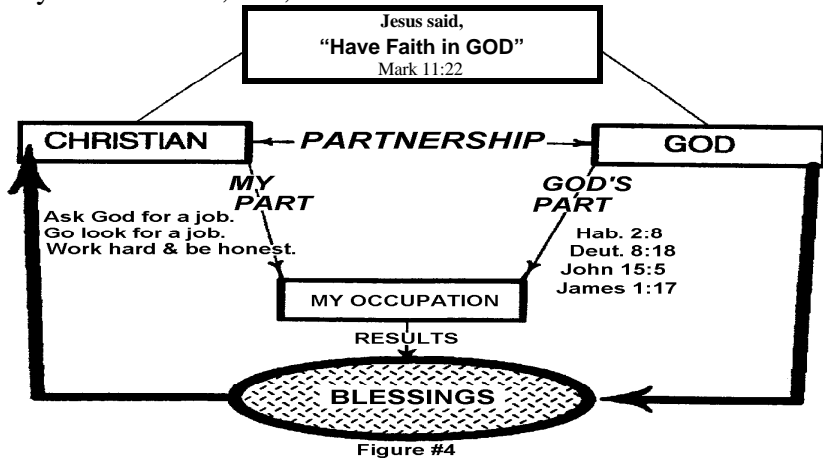


Paul said: **Phil. 4:13** "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME."

Therefore, if you are a farmer, make God your co-farmer; if you are a businessman, make God your co-businessman; if you are a surgeon or a physician, make God your co-surgeon or co-physician. Do not operate without Him assisting and holding your hands. If you are a driver, make God your co-driver, etc., etc.



With God and the Christian working together, BLESSINGS WILL SURELY COME.

Proverbs 10:22 "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it."

Whenever God is your partner, success will come.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Lesson #1: Most of God's children do not have enough money.

We should get money the right way. Work hard and be honest.

God is rich because He owns everything.

Lesson #2: God withholds financial prosperity from His children because they cannot be trusted:

- a. they get proud.
- b. they forget the Lord, the GIVER.
- c. they transfer their love from God to the money.
- d. they spend God's money on sinful things. Poor stewardship.

God withholds financial prosperity from His children because they do not have faith in God.

- a. they will not listen to His Word.
- b. they will not obey His commands.

Lesson #3: STEP #1 We need to get a job.

- a. ask God for the right job.
- b. go out and look for the right job.
- c. do not work on Sunday. Avoid the curse.

STEP #2 Work hard and be honest.

Today's Lesson #4:

STEP #3 Make God your Partner.

GOD'S STEPS TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY Part 2



WHAT ABOUT WORKING ABROAD???? Is it OK????

I am glad you asked this question. Let me answer your question by asking you the following questions:

1. What is your motive for working abroad? Money? Opportunity? If your answer is yes then you have the wrong motives. You will find money and opportunity here in your own country in the will of God.
2. Is it right for you to leave your wife and children? Yes or No? The Bible answer is no. **1 Peter 3:7** "...husbands, dwell with them (your wife)" **Ephesians 6:4** "...fathers...bring them (your kids) up in the nurture (correction and discipline) and admonition (teaching) of the Lord."

How can a husband or father obey the above verses in another land? It's impossible. You say "my family needs the money". God gives a great promise to provide what you need in the following verse: **Matthew 6:33** "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

What did Christ mean when He said "all these things"? The answer are found in the following verses: FOOD and WATER in verse 26, CLOTHING and SHELTER in verses 28-30 (**Matthew 6:25** and **31**) **Philippians 4:19** "But my God shall supply all your need..."

When a man leaves his wife he is in great danger of falling into temptation and sin. He becomes unfaithful to God, especially in most Muslim lands because there are not Bible believing churches there. Bibles are usually confiscated at the airport and witnessing is forbidden. He often becomes unfaithful in his marriage and has a second family. A man needs his wife.

On the other hand the wife is left without her husband who is suppose to meet her needs. She also finds herself in great temptation. The wife becomes a target of other men. The children are deprived of having a father image in the home. Often times the boys become effeminate because they are raised only by their mother.

3. Is it worth it to gain dollars and in turn destroy your family?

Show me one God fearing, God honouring family where one of the

parents works abroad.

Mark 8:36-37 "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul (wife, children, blessings)? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul (wife, children, blessings)?"

The only time it is right for a man to leave his wife and family is to defend his country in a war. Otherwise, the family is to be together as a single unit.

Let's learn from the Bible how we can get money from God and not from the wrong source. Let's do this the best way, the right way, God's way. Let's seek God first. "WISE MEN STILL SEEK GOD"

The mother is to be a homemaker. This is the best profession for a mother. **Titus 2:5** "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

A mother's first responsibility is to make a good home for her husband and her children. The greatest ministry she has is to fulfil this responsibility. Let's don't get responsibility confused with opportunity. Responsibility is duty.

The children and the husband need a Godly mother and wife to be there when they come home from school and work. Children are a gift and a heritage from God. **Psalms 127:3**

REMEMBER, FAITH IN GOD MEANS BELIEVING HIS WORD & OBEYING IT. Real faith always produces action.

If you are holding a job, be honest with your time and effort. If you are in a buy-and-sell business, be sure that a kilo is a kilo. **Deut 25:15**

Avoid any form of cheating. Follow this policy: **Luke 6:31**

Remember this: **Galatians 6:7-8**

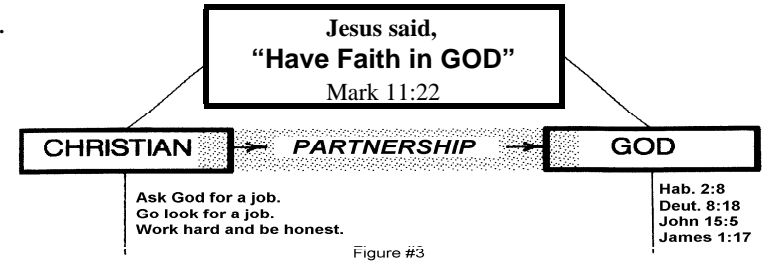
Do not lie about your prices. Be a person of **TRUTH**. Honesty is always the best policy.

Proverbs 19:5, 9 "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish."

Do not strive to be rich overnight. Do the best you can the right way and God will honor you. **Proverbs 11:18** "The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward."

THIRD STEP: MAKE GOD YOUR PARTNER IN YOUR OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.

Make a covenant (promise) with God and ask Him to be your partner or co-laborer whatever your occupation. In the practice of your occupation, it is imperative you covenant with God that you will be partners.



Why must Christians covenant with God that they be partners?

First: God owns every thing.

Haggai 2:8 "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts."

Second: We can't do anything by ourselves.

John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Deuteronomy 8:18 "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He (God) that giveth thee (you) power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."

Third: God gives us everything we have.

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

What do these verses tell us? God owns the money; He gives His children the power to get it; and He Himself gives it. No wonder He could say in **John 15:5** "Without me ye can do nothing."

You may say, "IT'S TOO HARD, I CAN'T DO IT." . God never asks us to do something we are unable to do. If He did, God would be an unfair God.