The Blessings of Partnership

As my partner in the ministry, it is imperative to me that you understand the potential power that is available through partnership in the work of God. Some of the greatest miracles that are recorded in the Bible came through this partnership. Even people that were experiencing famines and financial crises learned through obedience to the man of God that they could receive a harvest of miracles and blessings from God. God set a spiritual law in motion when He said in 2 Chronicles 20:20, "...Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper."

When people gave out of their need, they received a miracle harvest such as recorded in 1 Kings 17, which tells us of a widow woman and her son who were literally starving to death. When the woman obeyed the words of Elijah the prophet and gave her last meal away to feed him, little did she realize how great a miracle she was going to receive from her gift. God saw to it that she always had food in her house as long as the famine lasted. Later on, when a greater trial came to her and her son died, because of her faithful obedience and servitude in helping Elijah the prophet, God raised her son from the dead. To a mother, miracles can't get any better than that! As long as she supported Elijah's ministry, God saw to it that things always worked out in her life. He turned her crisis into miracles and blessings.

We can all learn from this story the importance of always staying faithful in our financial support in the ministry that God sends our way. In Romans 10:14-15, Paul writes "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Since the beginning of mankind, God has always had a man to proclaim His message, and people to help support that ministry so the message could be proclaimed. In Luke 5:1-9, Jesus needed to be in the position where people could see Him and hear what He had to say. God anointed Jesus to proclaim the gospel to the poor, but in order for that message to benefit the people, it had to get out. When Peter gave his boat to Jesus as a pulpit to minister the gospel from, little did Peter realize how great a miracle he was going to receive in return. Through the obedience of Peter, God blessed Peter's fishing business with a miracle catch of fish. Giving prepares the way for God to do miracles.

In Philippians 4:10-19, people became partners with the apostle Paul's ministry, and in verses 18-19, he says, "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." In all three of these incidences recorded in the Bible, people learned that partnership in the work of God proves to be the greatest investment they could make in this life. So it is with us.

I want to encourage you as my partner in the ministry to keep on looking to God, believing God, trusting God, standing on the promises of God and to not give up on your miracle blessings - because they are abundantly coming your way. The apostle Paul says in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in all well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." One thing I have learned in the years of my ministry is that those who never gave up and stayed faithful in their tithing and giving cheerfully unto the Lord always end up enjoying the benefits that are reaped in partnership together with God.
To help you stay encouraged, I am giving you these scriptures. Read the scriptures out loud to help keep your faith and expectations built up.

**SCRIPTURES:**

**Joshua 1:8:** "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

**Job 36:11:** "If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures."

**Job 42:10:** "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before."

**Psalm 1:3:** "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

**Psalm 23:1:** "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

**Psalm 34:10:** "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

**Psalm 35:27:** "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant."

**Psalm 112:3:** "Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever."

**Proverbs 3:9,10:** Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

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

**Proverbs 11:24, 25:** "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

**Ecclesiastes 5:19:** "Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God."

**Isaiah 1:19:** "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

**Isaiah 45:3:** "And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel."

**Isaiah 48:17:** "Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord they God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go."

**Malachi 3:10-12:** "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."
Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

John 10:10: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Romans 8:17: "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

1 Corinthians 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

2 Corinthians 8:9: "For ye know that grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

2 Corinthians 9:7,8: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"

Galatians 3:13, 14 & 29: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith...And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Ephesians 4:28: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Colossians 3:23: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"

1 Timothy 6:17: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

2 Peter 1:13: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow.

Brother Rich

Remember,

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2