

THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH

Genesis 30:25-43

There are laws of motion, of gravity, of action and reaction. Similarly, there is a law of financial breakthrough. Jacob's life proved it: "...for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands" (Gen 32:10). He followed the universal law of growing wealth and it worked for him. You also can make money... enough money! How does that work?

THE PRIORITY OF THE PRECIOUS SEED Genesis 30:25-36; 15:3

The first step in this law is a viable seed. You need bread for current survival (Gen 41:54-57). But you need seed to produce future bread and seed (Gen 47:19,23,24; Isa 55:10). The seed is the capital for your trade, your investment, your production capacity; it is life for the tillage of the ground. You never eat the seed or else you will come to poverty or death. Jacob started with little seed rather than being paid to eat the whole. The seed is more important than current bread in that you need it for future bread and future seed. No matter how much you earn, you will most certainly die poor if you are not disciplined to save. When you get your salary, set aside reasonable seed no matter how little your pay is. It is better to eat a bit less now so you can certainly eat later. **Gross – Tax = Net; Net – Seed = Bread (Rest)**. Optimise the seed to provide sufficient bread for today and adequate security for tomorrow. Do not eat the seed: it is your future life! The seed includes your tithe to God; the rest of the seed is your investment. E.g.:

$1,800(\text{Gross}) - 120(\text{Tax}) = 1,680(\text{Net}); 1,680 - 180(\text{Tithe}) - 100(\text{Seed}) = 1,400(\text{Bread})$.

$2,500(\text{Gross}) - 400(\text{Tax}) = 2,100(\text{Net}); 2,100 - 250(\text{Tithe}) - 200(\text{Seed}) = 1,650(\text{Bread})$.

$4,800(\text{Gross}) - 1,500(\text{Tax}) = 3,300(\text{Net}); 3,300 - 480(\text{Tithe}) - 400(\text{Seed}) = 2,420(\text{Bread})$.

When you give God the **First**, He blesses the **Rest**. God will **bless** your **Bread**; but He also needs a **Seed** to **multiply** so you can increase. Multiplication of bread seldom happens, and it is always a miracle. But the multiplication of seed follows a natural law; this is the law of breakthrough! See Gen 22:17; Hag 2:19.

THE PLACE OF PURPOSEFUL SOWING Genesis 30:37-42; Proverbs 21:20

You must sow the seed to multiply it (Ecc 11:6; Isa 30:23; John 12:24). The seed must be of high quality. Even in the time of famine, you must sow (Gen 47:23). Sowing is active: it is the labour. It is **sweating** the capital. It is **exercising** the seed. It is **kneading** the dough. It is following the law of **turnover**, which is how quickly you can multiply your seed. The more you put the seed to work, the more growth you realise. You must sow wisely: not among thorns, on stony ground or wayside but on good ground (Jer 4:3; Mat 13:3-8). **Invest** your seed on a trade or portfolio you understand. You can also invest it in self-development (e.g., education/training, skills, books, etc.) to increase your earning capacity. As you sow in heaven's bank, do it with full persuasion and expectation, not from guilt or fear. What is true in financial investment is also true in Church work. Sow the seed of developing your ministerial power beyond what is needed for today. Grow future seed rather than only preaching to satisfy the bread of today. Develop workers. Sow by planting new churches rather than spending all resources on maintain existing ones. Set money aside for the infrastructure of tomorrow rather than spending everything on the comfort of today. **Work the seed out!**

THE PRUDENCE OF A PRACTICAL STOREHOUSE Genesis 30:43

The storehouse is where the harvest is brought. It is to preserve seed, food and cash for good and bad times (Gen 41:56; 1 Chr 27:25). It is the profit. It is the surplus in the bank account. God promises to bless your storehouse (Deu 28:8). Even God's house needs a storehouse (Mal 3:10). Ravens may not need it; man does. Sowing is useless if there is no provision for reaping (Pro 12:27). To sow and not to reap is a curse; reaping must follow sowing. It is neither magic nor miracle; it is God's universal law and blessing (2 Cor 9:6), hence you can reckon on it and must plan for it. Reaping takes much labour within a short time window; otherwise, the harvest will be lost. Expect the gain to come (1 Cor 9:10). Watch for the time to trade in your shares. Go for high dividends. Your customers must pay you enough. Negotiate a higher salary as your competence increases or look for a higher position or a better job. Enlarge your business to serve more customers. Profit will follow wise investment as day follows night. Jacob did it and prospered. You should do the same!