



**Portion:**

**Title:**

**SCRIPTURES**

- Exodus 35:1-38:20
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- Luke 12:13-21
- Isaiah 60:1-6

**PLUNDERED WITH A**

**PURPOSE**

- The Power to Get Wealth
- The Trap of Bigger Barns
- The Transfer of Wealth

*I don't know about you, but it blows my mind how much wealth is obtained by those who produce absolutely nothing of any value. In particular, I'm thinking of the guy who garners millions of followers because he records himself playing video games. Let's take a breath and consider what I am saying here. His job is to play a video game, which is basically the pinnacle of living in a fake world. But then it gets even more bizarre when he screen captures himself playing that game, while simultaneously offering real-time commentary. Can you picture this insanity?*

*Apparently, millions of people will then desire to watch the guy play that fake game, not actually playing the fake game themselves at the moment, but instead, they mindlessly watch him play the fake game. And this absurdly meaningless activity can*

*potentially net the fake-game-playing-video-recording-guy  
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS PER YEAR.*

*And this is just one example of countless meaningless things people get paid handsomely to do. In comparison, the President of the United States earns \$400,000 per year; a General in the United States Army earns \$225,000 per year; and an Air Traffic Controller (that's an important job!) earns around \$120,000 per year. And the fake-game-playing-video-recording-guy...millions of dollars per year.*

*But one thing they all have in common is that God controls the wealth. And God will not allow you to gain wealth just to please your own selfish desires. If you have accumulated great wealth, God has plans for it! I'm reminded how God promised Moses, at the burning bush, that Israel would leave Egypt with great wealth, and then at the Exodus when that promise was fulfilled. Curiously, it's not until the construction of the Tabernacle, the House of God, that we see why they accumulated those riches. Revelation! We are the "House of God" in whom He dwells, and that promise extends to us. Yahweh will transfer the riches of Egypt to build His house!*

*So, watch the pagans build bigger barns, and store as much as their hearts desire, because God has stored up the wealth of the nations for His people. In other words, if you're wealthy, then use it to do God's work. You can do so willingly, or be dragged kicking and screaming; either way—it is all His!*

## **THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE**

“And I will give this people **favor in the sight of the Egyptians**; and it shall be, when you go, that **you shall not go empty-handed**. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, **articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing**; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. **So you shall plunder the Egyptians.**” Exodus 3:21-22 NKJV

“Now the children of Israel **had done according to the word of Moses**, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and **clothing**. **And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians**, so that they granted them what they requested. **Thus they plundered the Egyptians.**” Exodus 12:35-36 NKJV

“Take from among you an offering to the Lord. **Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord**: gold, silver, and bronze;” Exodus 35:6 NKJV

“The children of Israel **brought a freewill offering to the Lord**, all the men and women **whose hearts were willing** to bring material for all kinds of work which the Lord, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.” Exodus 35:29 NKJV

“**The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do.**” So Moses gave a

commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, “Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.” **And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.**” Exodus 36:5-7 NKJV

**OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE**

**““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.”**

Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV

**“The rich and the poor have this in common, The Lord is the maker of them all.”** Proverbs 22:2 NKJV

**“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 4:19 NKJV

**“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”** II

Corinthians 9:6-8 NKJV

# Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

## Exodus 35

1. **Sabbath Regulations:** Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day, a Sabbath of rest **to the Lord**.  
Kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day.
2. **Offerings for the Tabernacle:** metals, garments, skins, oils, spices, precious stones.
3. **Articles of the Tabernacle:** made by gifted artisans.
4. **The Tabernacle Offerings Presented:** everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, *and* they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle.
5. **The Artisans Called by God:** (35:30) Yahweh has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship and the ability to teach.

## Exodus 36

6. The artisans in who the wisdom was placed are reminded to "do according to all that Yahweh has commanded."
  - a) This of course puts the exclamation point on the strict instructions to build everything according to the patterns shown on the mountain. (See Exodus 25:9, 40; Exodus 26:30; Exodus 27:8; Hebrews 8:1-6)

b) See [Torn Curtains](#)

7. **The People Give More than Enough:** The people brought **much more** than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded *us* to do to the point that Moses has to retrain them from bringing more.
8. **Building the Tabernacle:** The gifted artisans get to work doing according to patterns and instructions. Every detail is described.
  - a) Curtains with cherubim designs made of fine linen with blue, purple and scarlet thread, and with loops of blue yarn and gold clasps to couple the curtains together.
  - b) Curtains of goat hair and loops of blue yarn and bronze clasps to connect them together.
  - c) Coverings of rams skins and badger skins.
  - d) Boards of acacia wood overlaid with gold with silver sockets and rings.
  - e) Bars of acacia wood overlaid with gold with gold rings.
  - f) The veil of fine linen with blue, purple and scarlet thread with pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold and with gold hooks and silver sockets.
  - g) A screen for the the tabernacle door of fine linen with blue, purple and scarlet thread, with pillars that had capitals overlaid with gold with gold rings and bronze sockets.

## Exodus 37

9. **Making the Ark of the Testimony:** Every detail described.
  - a) The length, width and height.
  - b) Made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold inside and out and with a gold molding!
  - c) Gold rings and poles of acacia wood overlaid with gold.
  - d) The mercy seat of gold with gold cherubim.
10. **Making the Table of Showbread:** Every detail described.
  - a) The table of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold.
  - b) A gold frame with gold molding.
  - c) Rings of gold, poles of acacia wood overlaid with gold, and all the utensils, cups, bowls and pitchers made of pure gold.
11. **Making the Gold Lampstand:** Every detail described.
  - a) Made with pure gold, all of its parts (shaft, branches, bowls, knobs, and flowers) were hammered out of a single piece of solid gold.
  - b) Plus it's lamps, wick-trimmers and trays, and utensils, all of pure gold.
  - c) They used a talent of gold to for the lampstand and it's accessories. That is approximately 75 pounds of pure gold. At today's prices that would be \$2,280,000 just for the lampstand.
12. **Making the Altar of Incense:** Every detail described.

- a) Made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold with a gold molding all around it.
- b) Rings of gold, poles of acacia wood overlaid with gold.

**13. Making the Oil and Incense:** by a perfumer.

- a) God gives us the exclusive recipe for the anointing oil in Exodus 30:22-33 and for the incense in Exodus 30:34-38.
- b) See [River Rocks](#)

**Exodus 38**

**14. Making the Altar of Burnt Offering:** Every detail described.

- a) Made of acacia wood overlaid with bronze.
- b) All its accessories are made with bronze (utensils, pans, shovels, basins, forks, firepans, grates)
- c) Poles of acacia wood overlaid with bronze.

**15. Making the Bronze Laver:** Every detail described.

**16. Making the Court of the Tabernacle:** Every detail described.

- a) Woven fine linen hangings, pillars, bronze sockets, silver hooks, and bands of silver on all four sides.
- b) The screen for the gate was woven of blue, purple and scarlet thread and had silver hooks. Its pillars had silver capitals, and bronze sockets and pegs.

**17. About 8 tons of gold, silver, and bronze were used to build the Tabernacle!**



- a) Note: “All the gold that was used in all the work of the holy place, that is, the gold of the offering, **was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels [2,193 pounds]**, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation was **one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels [7,544 pounds]**, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: The offering of bronze **was seventy talents and two thousand four hundred shekels [5,667 pounds]**.” Exodus 38:24-25, 29 NKJV
- b) Modern-day cost to build the Holy place, the Most Holy Place, and all the furnishings: approaching \$100,000,000.00
- 1) \$67,000,000.00 in Gold
  - 2) \$3,000,000.00 in Silver
  - 3) \$250,000.00 in Bronze
  - 4) Precious Gemstones: ?
  - 5) The most valuable textiles, fabrics, yarns, threads, furs, and skins in the world: ?
  - 6) Raw materials like expensive spices and oils (for incense, lamps and anointing): ?
  - 7) Countless highly skilled and less skilled man hours for building over 9 months: ?

18. Last Year’s Teaching on this portion: [Ethical Christianity](#)

## THE POWER TO GET WEALTH

1. **“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” III John 1:2 NKJV**

### A. Wealth is God’s Doing

(1) It all comes from Yahweh, so get over yourself!

(a) Yahweh is He who gives you the ability to become wealthy, makes someone rich, turns a beggar into a prince, reminds us that all riches are a gift from God, and that He is alone is the arbiter of who is rich or poor!

1. **““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.” Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV

2. **“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich,** And He adds no sorrow with it.” Proverbs 10:22 NKJV

3. **“The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory.**

“For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, And He has set the world upon them.” I Samuel 2:7-8 NKJV

4. **“As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth,** and given him power to eat of it, to receive

his heritage and rejoice in his labor—**this is the gift of God.**” Ecclesiastes 5:19 NKJV

5. **“The rich and the poor have this in common, The Lord is the maker of them all.”** Proverbs 22:2 NKJV

(2) Some or All?

(a) God will supply ALL your needs and give you ALL things!

1. **“And my God shall supply all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 NKJV
2. **“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,** through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV

## **B. Hear and Do!**

(1) Hear: At the burning bush

(a) Moses, I will send you back to Egypt to rescue My people and when you leave Egypt, you will plunder them and leave rich! Now hear Me, you have to do as I instruct. You must ask for what you want!

1. **“Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people,** the children of Israel, **out of Egypt.”**” Exodus 3:10 NKJV

2. “And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. But every woman **shall ask** of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, **articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”** Exodus 3:21-22 NKJV

(2) Do: At the exodus

(a) They obey Yahweh and ask for the riches, and God does exactly as promised. They plunder the wealth of Egypt and leave with abundant riches!

1. “Now **the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses**, and **they had asked** from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. **Thus they plundered the Egyptians.**” Exodus 12:35-36 NKJV

### C. Object Lesson: Daniel and the Wise men! Stored up for the Messiah!

(1) Why would these freed slaves need so much wealth in the desert? Answer: Provision is Prophetic

- (a) God controls the treasures of Egypt—gold, silver and precious things! Have rest Daniel, go about your business and you will see what I am doing, says Yahweh.
1. “He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and **the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt;** also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.” Daniel 11:42-43 NKJV
  2. ““But **you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance** at the end of the days.”” Daniel 12:13 NKJV
- (b) Wise men come from the east with all sorts of treasures! What were they for? How could they have known that the stored treasures of Daniel were to provide for the Messiah? And why did Mary and Joseph need the wealth? They needed resources to flee to Egypt to escape the massacre of the children and then to come out of Egypt and return to Israel.
1. “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,**” Matthew 2:1 NKJV

2. **“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child** with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And **when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts** to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11 NKJV
3. “Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, **“Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt,** and stay there until I bring you word; for **Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”** When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and **departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod,** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, **“Out of Egypt I called My Son.”**”  
Matthew 2:13-15 NKJV
  - a) Think about the imagery here. Wise men came and provided riches for the Messiah so he could escape TO EGYPT just so His Father could rescue Him OUT OF EGYPT! Riches prophetically provided so He could come out of Egypt just like His Father instructed Israel to do; let’s just mediate on that for a while!

(c) The Personification of Wisdom (Read Proverbs 8).

Wisdom causes those who love wisdom to inherit wealth, so that wisdom will fill their treasuries.

1. **“Riches and honor are with me [wisdom],** Enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, **That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.”** Proverbs 8:18-21 NKJV

(2) Prophetic Note: Wisdom is equated to Christ!

(a) Wisdom is described as being there from the beginning and being the master craftsman!

1. **““The Lord possessed me at the beginning** of His way, Before His works of old. **I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning,** before there was ever an earth. ...Then **I was beside Him as a master craftsman;** And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,” Proverbs 8:22-23, 30 NKJV

(b) Who was the master craftsman at the beginning who was involved with the creation of everything! Without

Him nothing was made. All things were created through Him and for Him.

1. **“In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **He was in the beginning** with God. All things were made through Him, and **without Him nothing was made that was made.**” John 1:1-3 NKJV
2. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For **by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, **who is the beginning**, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV

**D. Again, why would these freed slaves need so much wealth in the desert?**

- (1) Reminder: God is controlling the wealth of Egypt!
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(2) And God is giving that wealth of Egypt to Israel!

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1. *“...**Thus they plundered the Egyptians.**” Exodus 12:36*

(3) And this is why God gave them the riches of Egypt to His people!

(a) So that anyone with a willing heart would take what they were blessed with and give it to build the House of God!

1. “And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, “This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying: ‘Take from among you an offering to the Lord. **Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord:** gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine

linen, and goats' hair; ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate." Exodus 35:4-9 NKJV

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1. "Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, and they spoke to Moses, saying, "**The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do.**" So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let

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(5) And when you give of your riches to build His House, He keeps giving to you!

(a) It's an amazing formula; when you give, He gives back to you abundantly. The principle is this. He is the one who supplied the seed of wealth in the first place. And everything that is harvested had it's origins in Him. So, give it away and He always supplies more seed. Have you ever considered the outrageous potential in a seed? One piece of fruit from a thousand pieces of fruit on the same tree has many seeds, sometimes hundreds or thousands? One of those seeds from one of those fruits can grow another tree with thousands of fruits each having hundreds or thousands of seeds. This is the wealth of Yahweh!

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- (b) Now, that we have considered Paul's revelation about the power of seeds, let's further contemplate the various

elements of Paul's words in II Corinthians 9:6-15 in comparison to what Moses says on the matter.

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2. Look at these amazing allusions. Paul compares wealth to abounding grace, and the covenant to sufficiency and abundance. And then he contrasts forgetting the Lord to being thankful, and disobedience to obedience!
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(a) This completes the formula: if you are faithful with one seed, He can give you many seeds!

1. ““And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. **He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much**; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. **Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?**” Luke 16:9-11 NKJV

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## THE TRAP OF BIGGER BARNS

### 2. **More More More!**

#### A. **The Money Trap**

##### (1) Bigger Barns

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Luke 12:13-21 NKJV

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Exodus 35:29 NKJV**
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1. “Though he heaps up silver like dust, And piles up  
clothing like clay— He may pile it up, **but the just  
will wear it**, And the innocent will divide the silver.”

Job 27:16-17 NKJV

2. “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s  
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the righteous.**” Proverbs 13:22 NKJV

(2) It’s been prophesied!

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Isaiah 60:1-6 NKJ

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As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.””

Isaiah 66:12-13 NKJV

## E. True Riches

### (1) Quintessential Priorities

(a) If you spend your life accumulating treasures for yourself—they will not be useful for you! So, stop worrying about collecting more and more stuff, and begin focusing on what is truly important, your role in building the Kingdom of God! You see, it’s the pagans who concern themselves with amassing earthy fortunes, and you’ve already learned what God intends to do with those riches. And to be clear, there is nothing wrong with attaining great wealth; it’s your intentions and motivations that must be kept in check!

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Matthew 6:19-34 NKJV

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Proverbs 23:4-5 NKJV

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3. Cost Per Square Foot: **\$148,000.00 / s.f.**

(d) Fun with numbers if they had the same s.f cost as the Tabernacle

1. A 5000 s.f. luxury private home: \$740,000,000.00

2. Buckingham Palace: \$122,665,360,000.00
3. The White House: \$8,140,000,000.00
4. The Breakers Hotel: \$20,720,000,000.00
5. The Boca Town Center Mall: \$263,241,680,000.00

#### **D. Prophetic Plundering**

- (1) This is why God has reserved the wealth of the world for His people—to build His “Tabernacle”!
  - (a) Store all you want—in the end God will use it for His purposes! The just will wear their rich garments and the righteous will gather their riches to use for God!
- (2) It’s been prophesied!
  - (a) There are many ways to say it, but it can all be summed up this simply: the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you so you can shine with the glory of God.

#### **E. True Riches**

- (1) Quintessential Priorities
  - (a) If you spend your life accumulating treasures for yourself—they will not be useful for you! So, stop worrying about collecting more and more stuff, and begin focusing on what is truly important, your role in building the Kingdom of God! You see, it’s the pagans who concern themselves with amassing earthy fortunes, and you’ve already learned what God intends to do with



those riches. And to be clear, there is nothing wrong with attaining great wealth; it's your intentions and motivations that must be kept in check!

**F. What the whole thing has been pointing to...**

- (1) Why God has reserved the wealth of the world for His people—again, it's to build His “Tabernacle”!
  - (a) Reminder: look at what is intended. The wealth of the Gentiles is preserved for His people so they can shine with the glory of God. Picture how the glory of God hovered over the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. That has always been the shadow of His intention for His Glory to shine on and through you!
  - (b) Why will the wealth of the Gentiles come to you? Because we are the Tabernacle of the Holy Spirit, God's House, who is being built! Build it with gold, silver, and precious stones...can you recognize the prophetic inference? This is exactly what was collected from Egypt!
- (2) He will take from Egypt (the world) to build His tabernacle
  - (a) You are the temple of the Holy Spirit and you were paid for by the most valuable resource of all! Think about how we learned early in Proverbs 8 that wisdom is like precious metal and precious stones, and how “by her all

things were made”, and how that was, by inference, speaking of Y’shua, through whom all things were made. That is the cost of your Temple!

(b) In the end, we are His house. And all the resources of the world are at our disposal to build that house!

(c) What building materials are you using to build His house? Gold, silver, precious stones? Or, wood, hay, straw? Your house and building materials will face inspection!

1. Gold, silver, precious stones? The Temple of God:

**\$148,000.00/s.f.**

2. Wood, Hay, Straw? Buckingham Palace: \$8300.00/s.f.

## **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

### **1. It’s very easy to get enamored with our own success...**

A. Write a definitive statement about true wealth by using the following Scriptures. (See: Deuteronomy 8:18; Proverbs 10:22; I Samuel 2:7-8; Ecclesiastes 5:19; Proverbs 22:2)

B. Does Yahweh supply all or some of your needs? (See: Philippians 4:19; II Peter 1:3)

### **2. Study Deuteronomy 8:18-20 and II Corinthians 9:6-15 side-by-side... Now dig deep and compare these key elements:**

- A. Deuteronomy: (1) the power to get wealth (2) the establishment of His covenant (3) forgetting the Lord (4) disobedience
  - B. II Corinthians: (1) abundant grace (2) sufficiency in all things and abundance for every good work (3) thanksgiving (4) obedience
- 3. What did God instruct Moses to take from Egypt upon exiting and what did Israel actually take? (See: Exodus 3:21-22; 12:35-36)**
- A. What was preserved in Babylon for later use? (See: Daniel 11:42-43; 12:13)
  - B. When, by whom, and why was it used? (See Matthew 2:1-15)
- 4. Relate the personification of wisdom in Proverbs 8:18-21 to the wise men in Matthew 2:1-15.**
- A. What becomes apparent about the wisdom of Proverbs 8:22-30 when compared to Christ in John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-18?
- 5. Why would freed slaves need so much wealth in the desert? (See: Exodus 35:4-9; 35:29; 36:4-7)**
- A. Relate the generous giving with a willing heart in Exodus to II Corinthians 9:6-15.
  - B. Consider and describe the outrageous potential in a seed?

C. Describe the exponential nature of seeds and how it relates to giving for God's purposes.

**6. The Scriptures are clear about the potential risks of wealth...**

A. What is Y'shua's warning about building bigger barns in Luke 12:13-21?

B. What is Y'shua's warning to the rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-27?

C. How do these warnings in Luke relate to the love of money? (See I Timothy 6:6-10)

D. How might a readiness to give and willingness to share be the perfect protection against the temptation to build bigger barns, preserve your own wealth, and fall in love with money? (See I Timothy 6:17-19)

E. What does Paul see as the ultimate benefit of giving? (See Philippians 4:14-20; Hint: verse 17!)

**7. Describe using your own words how Paul feels about contentment. (See Philippians 4:10-13; I Timothy 6:6)**

A. Relate Paul's testimony in Philippians 4:10-13 to his warning in I Timothy 6:6-10.

**8. Israel was instructed to build the Tabernacle with all the wealth they plundered from Egypt.**

A. How is this use of wealth confirmed in prophecy? (See: Isaiah 60:1-6, 15-17; 61:6-7)

- B. How might this relate to Christians being the House of God, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the ultimate expression of God's glory? (See: I Corinthians 3:9-17; 6:19-20; Hebrews 3:4-6)
  - C. How might the building materials of I Corinthians 3:12-13 be related to the value of the building materials plundered from Egypt and used to erect the Tabernacle?
- 9. Use the "Quintessential Priorities" found in Matthew 6:19-34 to summarize Y'shua's teaching on how we should view worldly wealth.**
- A. After your summary, contemplate and journal about how these priorities might relate to the overall message of this study that God intends to transfer the wealth of the Gentiles to his people and why He will do that.