PART I

- 1) Money and Wealth in the Kingdom of God
- 2) What is the difference between 'wealthy' and 'rich'
- 3) Money and church major misconceptions
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1) Money and Wealth in the Kingdom of God

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- Be fruitful → produce
- Multiply \rightarrow be profitable
- Replenish → do not deplete it
- Subdue → you are in charge

1) Money and Wealth in the Kingdom of God

Genesis 13:2

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

A complete economic system, where all parts are necessary

- cattle → production
- silver* → trade / exchange
- gold \rightarrow generational wealth

^{*} keseph = silver = money

1) Money and Wealth in the Kingdom of God

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.

- Power to get wealth → 'power to create wealth'
- God's purpose → 'to establish His covenant'

2) Difference between 'wealthy' and 'rich'

- Rich → a person with significant amount of money (actors, athletes, lottery winners, heirs)
- Wealthy → a person who has abundance of income producing assets

3) Money and Church – major misconceptions

#1 Money is the root of all evil

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

#2 You cannot worship God and money

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

3) Money and Church – major misconceptions

#3 Money makes you proud, poverty makes you humble

• Money → a revealer / amplifier of true character

#4 You are called to 'make money for God'

• The hunt for money opens the door for temptation / greed

#5 The wealth of the wicked is laid out for the righteous

Proverbs 13:22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

3) Money and Church – major misconceptions

#6 Jesus was poor

<u>Matthew 17:27</u>

Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.