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ABC's of Financial Freedom E – Encouraged to Make an Eternal Difference 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Sermon Series Summary

Have you ever wanted to live a life where you were debt free? Do you want to turn things around in your life and be free from the bondage that consumes your time, talent, and treasure? You can! This series is not just another “how-to” series. It is a “Why not?” series. Why not live a debt free life when it comes to your time, talent, and treasure? Why not manage your life God’s way? It is practical, effective, and timeless. The ABC's of Financial Freedom serves as a roadmap to get you where you want to be when it comes to living a life of freedom!

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Main Passage

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (ESV) – ⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

Big Idea – A Kingdom Pursuit Brings A Kingdom Reward

Three Blessings of a Kingdom Pursuit

Blessing #1 – The Law of Kingdom Economics: Give Joyfully, Give Abundantly, and You Will Reap His Blessings

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Blessing #2 – The Law of Immediacy: Do Not Let Fear Delay Your Blessing – God Replenishes and Rewards the Faithful

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Blessing #3 – The Law of Intentionality: Choose to Give for God's Glory to Produce a Harvest of Thanksgiving

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Memory Verse

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Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Welcome Center.