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Understanding the principles of building a kingdom — aligning your finances with your faith, and your life with the King.

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Before You Build: The Motive

Let me ask you the two questions I ask myself before I teach any of this. What work have you done in the name of God? And how do you know it was what He wanted?

Sit with those. Most of us can answer the first one. We have lists — services, projects, checks written, hours served. The second question is the one that does the work. Because it is possible to be busy for God and still be building something He never asked for.

So let me tell you plainly what my motive is for this book, because it is the motive behind Building The Kingdom Ministries itself: to make a Divine Impact in the lives of believers.

Notice I did not say influence. Fame influences; greatness impacts. The world is full of influencers — people working to be seen, followed, and celebrated. Influence is about you. Impact is about what changes in other people because you were faithful. An influencer builds a brand. A kingdom builder builds people, families, and generations. You are a representative of the kingdom, and representatives don't get to make it about themselves.

The commission I work from is the one Jesus gave all of us: go to the ends of the earth and preach and teach the Gospel, making disciples. My assignment inside that commission is specific — to teach what God wants for your life, with a focus on your finances and how they affect everything else, spiritually and physically. Money is not a side topic in the kingdom. It is one of the clearest windows into who actually rules your life.

Hear what this ministry is and is not. We are not a church. We are an

educational platform — we exist to educate and empower believers to become better stewards of their resources while living out God's purpose for their lives. Think Bible study with a ledger open beside it.

And understand the goal line, because it runs in an order: Financial Literacy leads to Financial Stability, and Financial Stability makes room for Financial Prosperity. Hosea 4:6 says God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Not lack of money. Lack of knowledge. That means the first thing a kingdom builder builds is understanding — a renewed mind (Romans 12:2) that puts off the old self and its habits (Ephesians 4:22–24). In order to be the best disciple and steward of God's resources, you must change your habits. There is no way around that sentence in this book.

One more thing before we start, because everything else stands on it. If you want to serve others, you have to be bigger and have more so that you can do more. An empty vessel has nothing to pour out, but a vessel that is overflowing can pour out and still have more. This is not greed dressed up in church clothes. This is capacity. God is not honored by how little you can survive on. He is honored by what flows through you to other people.

But hear the warning in the same breath: if your wealth is not aligned with God's principles, it is like building a house on sand. It will stand for a season. It will not stand in the storm.

So here is the road ahead. We will learn to know the King before we study His rules. We will build on the Rock. We will plant the seed, steward what is His, give what is required and then overflow, multiply what He entrusts, and leave something standing when we are gone.

Let's build.

The Four Pillars

Everything in this book hangs on four pillars — the structure I teach for ordering your finances in a godly manner. You will meet them again and again as we go.

Pillar One — Foundation of Faith and Finances

Before a budget, there is a belief. What you think about God and money decides what you do with both. Chapters 1–4 lay this foundation.

Pillar Two — Wealth Building Basics

The unglamorous disciplines: budget, invest, spend with intention, waste nothing. Kingdom wealth is built on habits, not windfalls. Chapters 5–8 work this ground.

Pillar Three — Holy Entrepreneurship

Work and business done God's way — solving real problems, serving people, building on righteous foundations. Chapters 9 and 13 take this up.

Pillar Four — Legacy Building

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children (Proverbs 13:22). The build is not finished until it can outlive the builder. Chapters 14–15 and the closing charge end here.

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CHAPTER 1

Know the King: Relationship Before Rules

The kingdom begins with knowing God — not knowing about Him.

> *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*
> **— PROVERBS 3:5–6**



The blueprint for knowing Him is His Word — written, then living, then indwelling.

There is a difference between knowing about somebody and knowing them. You can know about a person for years — their job, their history, their reputation — and never once sit across the table from them. A lot of believers have that kind of relationship with God. They know the facts.

They can quote the verses. But there is a tugging inside them that facts never satisfy.

That tugging has a name. It is God trying to get you to reconnect with Him.

Before sin entered the picture, God walked and talked and communed with man daily. That was the design — not a distant God receiving reports, but a present God in daily fellowship. Sin broke the fellowship, not the desire. Everything God has done since, from the prophets to the cross to the Spirit living in you, is God moving to restore that daily walk.

So how do you know Him? He gave us a blueprint, and it comes in three forms of the same Word. There is the written Word — the Bible, which is why I will tell you until you are tired of hearing it: study to show yourself approved (2 Timothy 2:15). Study is not homework for the religious. Study is how you learn the voice. Then there is the living Word — Jesus, the Word made flesh, who shows us the Father's face and the Father's heart. And then there is the indwelling Word — the Holy Spirit, who takes what is written and what Jesus lived and makes it alive in you, to educate you, help you, empower you, comfort you, and guide you.

Get this order right, because people get it backwards every day. They want the blessing of God without the knowledge of God. They want His hand but not His face. In the kingdom, relationship comes before rules. The rules were never the point — they are what protects the relationship. A son obeys his father differently than an employee follows a handbook, and God did not save you to be His employee.

Here is a way to test where you are. Think about the anatomy of a person you truly know. You know their face — you would recognize it in a crowd. You know what catches their eye and what grieves their heart. You know their hands — what they have made and what they have carried for you. You know their mouth — their voice, their word,

whether it holds. Now ask honestly: do I know God like that, or do I mostly know His résumé?

Knowing Him changes what obedience feels like. Ask the people who only know about God, and obedience sounds like restriction — a list of things they can't do. Ask the people who know Him, and they will tell you something that surprises you: trust and obey is not a burden, it is liberation. Trust is a verb. It requires action. And when you act on it — when you submit your ways to Him instead of leaning on your own understanding — you discover that His path was never the narrower life. It was the free one.

This is where the whole book starts, because a builder who doesn't know the King will build a kingdom of his own and ask God to bless it. We are not doing that here. We are going to know Him first — and then build what He shows us.

BUILDER'S REFLECTION

1. If God audited my relationship with Him — not my activity, my relationship — what would He find?

2. Which do I know better: God's hand (what He gives) or God's heart (who He is)?

3. What is one study habit I will start this week so I can learn His voice?

CHAPTER 2

Entering the Kingdom: Believe, Confess, Repent

Entry has a path — believe with the heart, confess with the mouth, repent and live for God.

> *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*
> **— JOHN 3:16**

Every kingdom has a door. You don't drift into citizenship, and you don't inherit it from your grandmother's prayers. The kingdom of God has a door too, and Jesus is it. The way through is simpler than religion has made it sound — three moves, in order, from the heart outward.

First: believe. I mean believe with your heart and soul — not nod along with a doctrine, but stake yourself on this: Jesus the Christ was God's only Son, the Word in flesh, and He sacrificed Himself to keep God's word to save us from eternal death and separation from God. Belief that stays in the head changes nothing. Even the demons believe the facts, and it does them no good. Faith is confidence in the character of God — that He is who He said He is, and He has done and will do everything He said.

Second: confess. With your mouth, confess your belief — and then confess your sins. Both belong in the same breath, because sin is what separates us from God, and all sin is against Him. Confession is not God shaming you. Confession is you agreeing with God about what's true so He can deal with it. A builder doesn't hide rot in the foundation. He