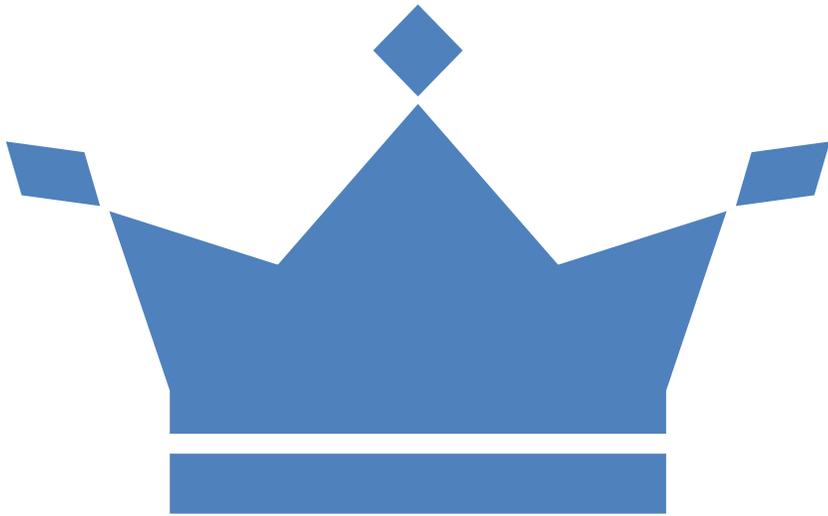


Week 5 – Breaking Financial Cycles

**Kingdom Principles,
Old-Fashioned
Wisdom & Financial
Freedom**



ASKING GOD: WANTS, NEEDS, AND TRUST

A Biblical & Theological Framework for Prayer

1. God Invites Us to Ask

Scripture clearly teaches that God **welcomes our requests**.

John 14:13–14 (KJV)

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

Theological Truth: Divine Generosity

God is relational, not reluctant. Asking is not arrogance—it is **dependence**.

The Bible never rebukes desire itself.

2. “In My Name” — The Meaning Behind the Promise

Asking “in Jesus’ name” is not a formula. Biblically, a name represents **character, authority, and alignment**.

John 15:7 (KJV)

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

Theological Principle: Union with Christ

As believers abide in Christ, their desires are gradually **reshaped**, not silenced.

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3. Wants vs. Needs — The Bible's Real Concern

Scripture does **not** say, “Only ask for what you need.”

Instead, it asks: **Why do you want it?**

James 4:2–3 (KJV)

“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

Theological Principle: Disordered Desire

The issue is not wanting—but wanting for the **wrong end**.

4. What God Promises vs. What He Discerns

God Promises Provision for Needs

Matthew 6:31–33 (KJV)

Philippians 4:19 (KJV)

God binds Himself to provide what sustains life, obedience, and growth.

Theological Principle: Covenant Provision

God Shapes and Discerns Our Wants

Psalms 37:4 (KJV)

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5. Jesus Models How to Ask

Matthew 26:39 (KJV)

“If it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

Jesus asks honestly for what He wants—and fully surrenders the outcome.

Theological Principle: Trustful Surrender

Faith does not deny desire; it **submits desire to God’s wisdom.**

6. When God Says No (or Not Yet)

2 Corinthians 12:8–9 (KJV)

Paul’s request is denied, not because it was wrong—but because grace was doing deeper work.

Theological Principle: Redemptive Restraint

A “no” is not rejection; it is often **formation.**

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7. A Mature Biblical Framework for Prayer

Scripture invites believers to:

Ask **boldly**, Ask **honestly**, Ask **specifically**

Scripture also calls believers to:

Align desires with Christ, Trust God's timing, Accept reshaped wants

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace."

Boldness and humility are meant to coexist.

Summary:

Needs are *promised*, **Wants** are *permitted*, **Alignment** shapes answers, **Trust** sustains faith

"God invites us to ask for anything, but He answers according to what will form us into Christ—not merely satisfy us in the moment."

Simple Prayer Posture: Ask freely. Trust deeply. Submit gladly.

Section 1 – Understanding Seasons

- **Key Idea:**
- God orders life and provision by seasons.
- **Illustration:**
- The Farmer and the Calendar – frustration comes from ignoring seasons, not lacking faith.

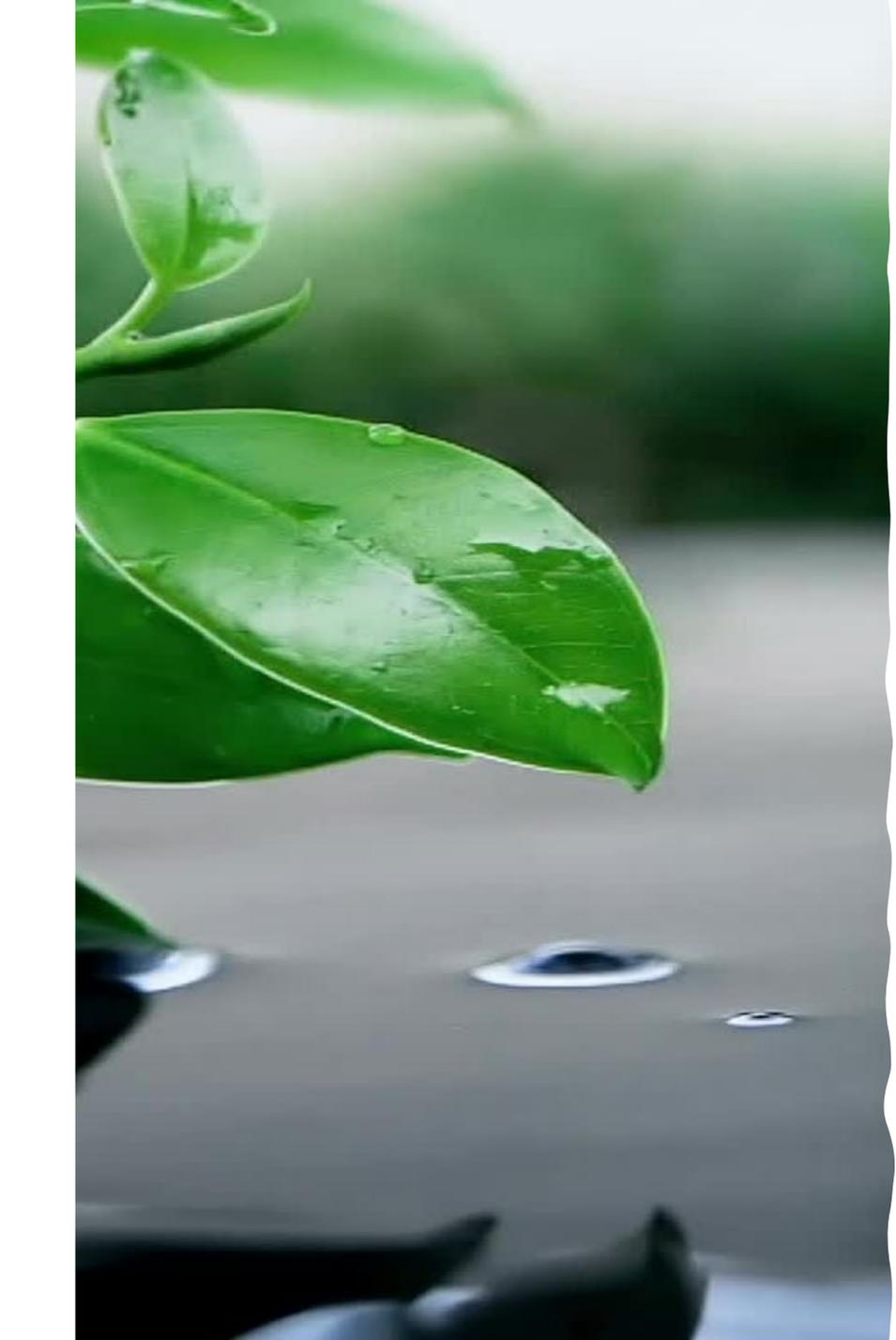
**Core
Scripture-
Ecclesiastes
3:1–8 (KJV)**

“1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.”

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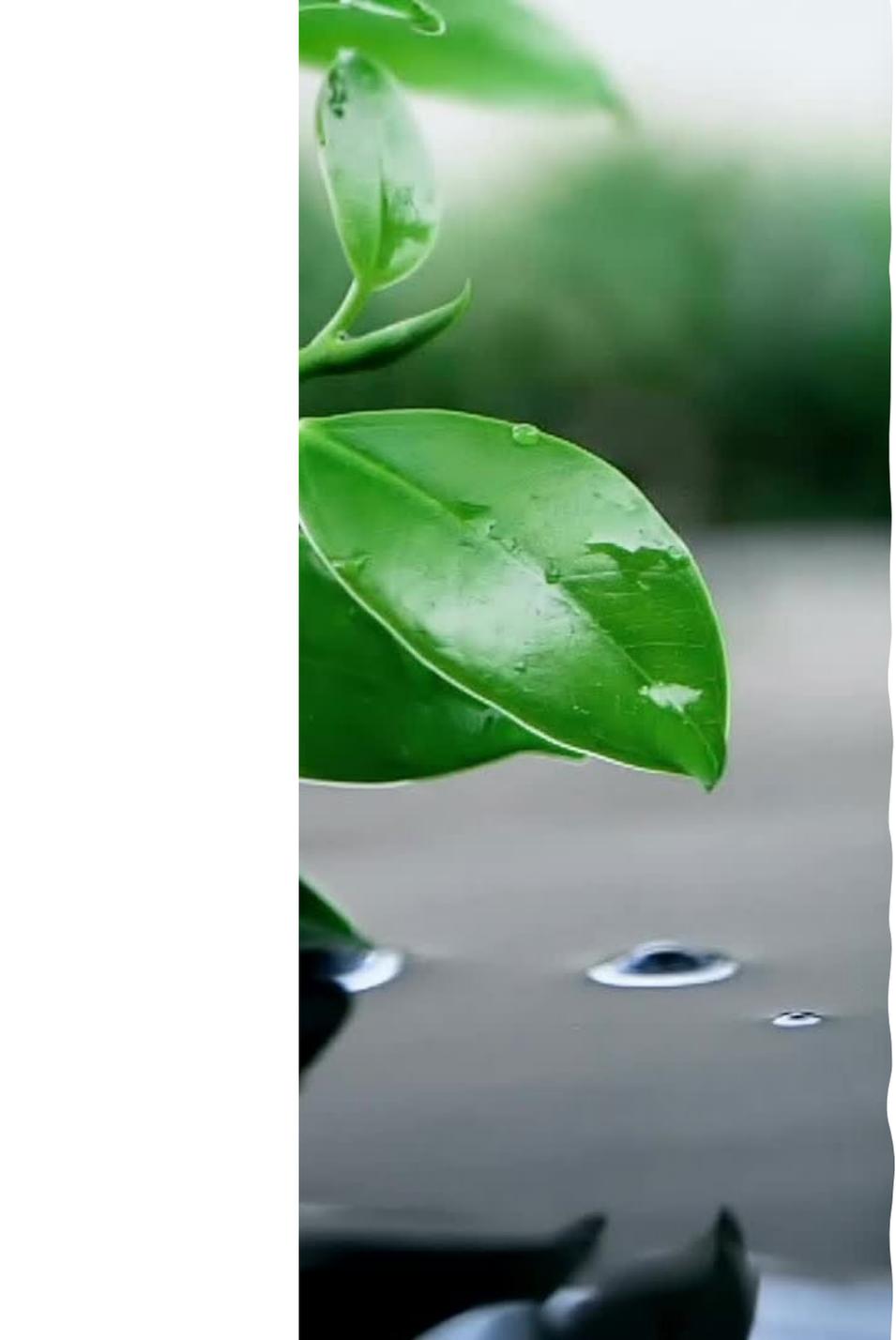
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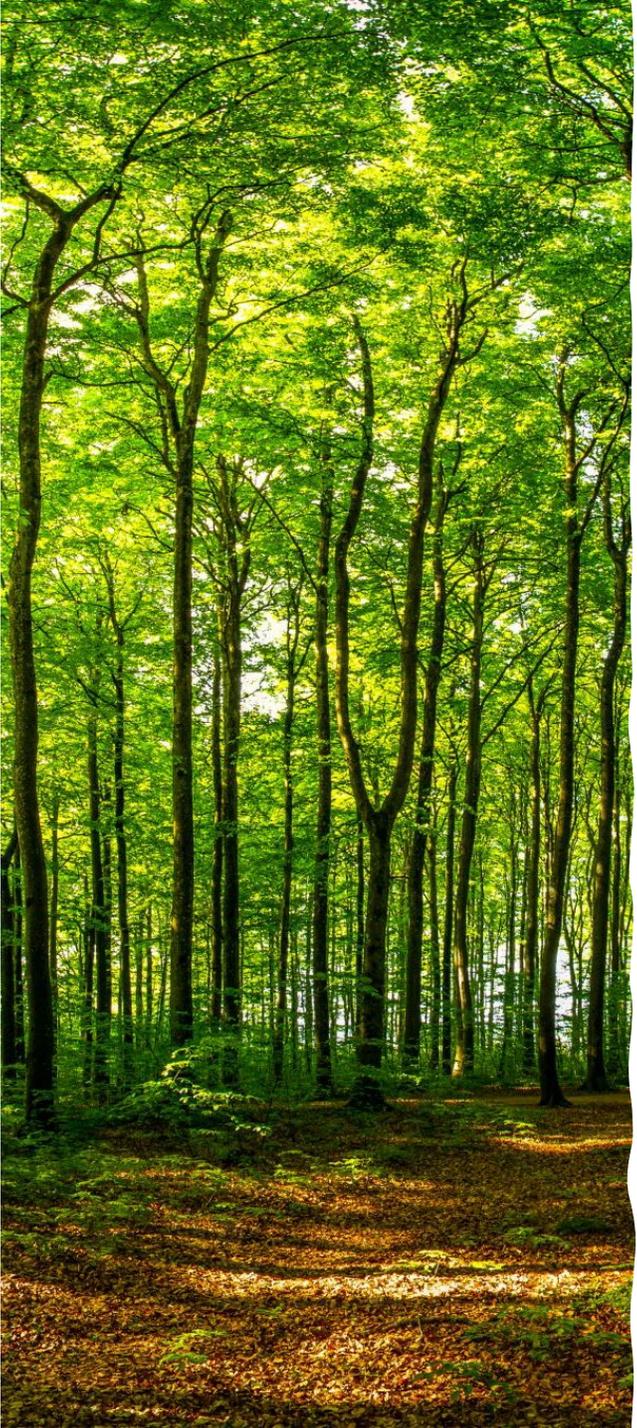
Psalm 1:3 (KJV)

“And he shall be like a tree
planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth his fruit in
his season; his leaf also shall not
wither; and whatsoever he
doeth shall prosper.”



Anchor Scripture – Psalm 1:3 (KJV)

- Like a tree planted by rivers of water...
- Brings forth fruit in its season
- Leaf does not wither
- Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper



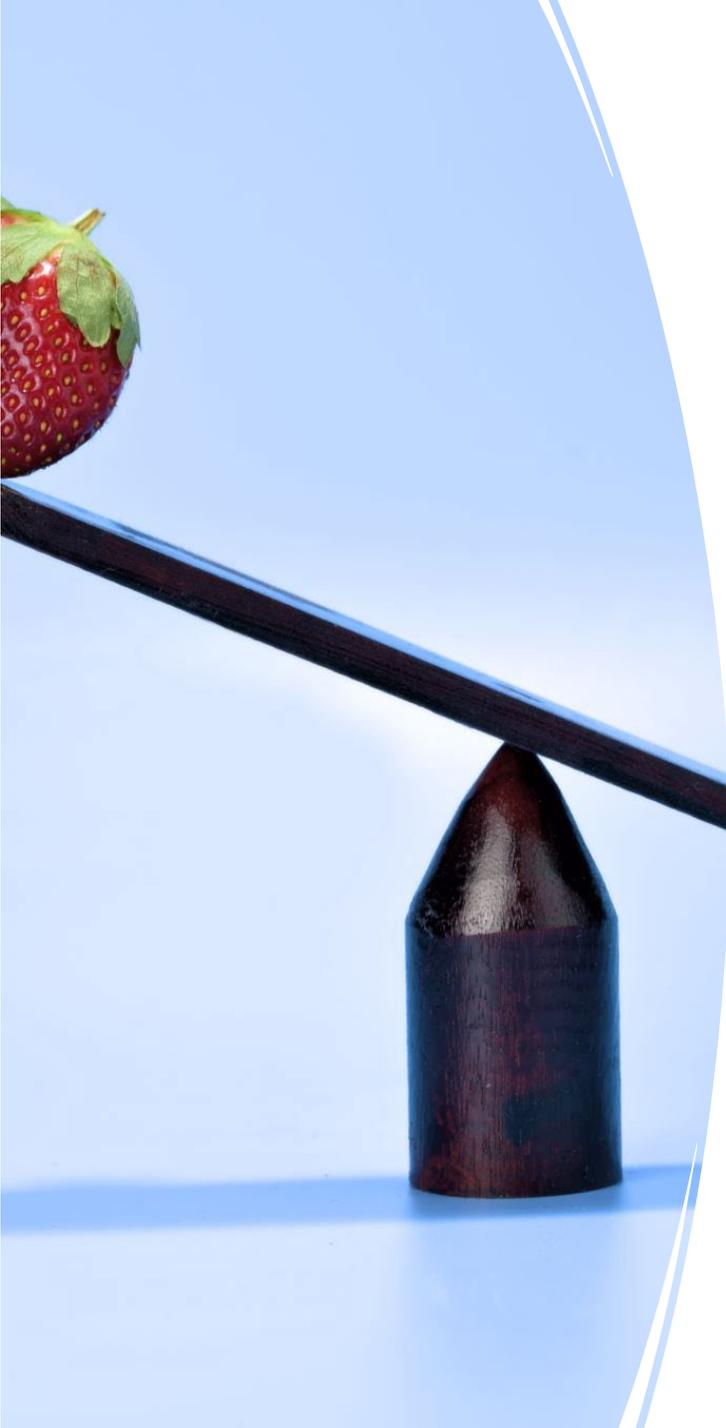
Stability, Not Speed

- Theological Principle: Rootedness & Formation
- God grows oak trees, not mushrooms.
- Breaking cycles requires systems, not shortcuts.



Intentional Positioning

- Theological Principle: Means of Grace
- Fruitfulness depends on where you are planted.
- Ask: What influences am I rooted near?



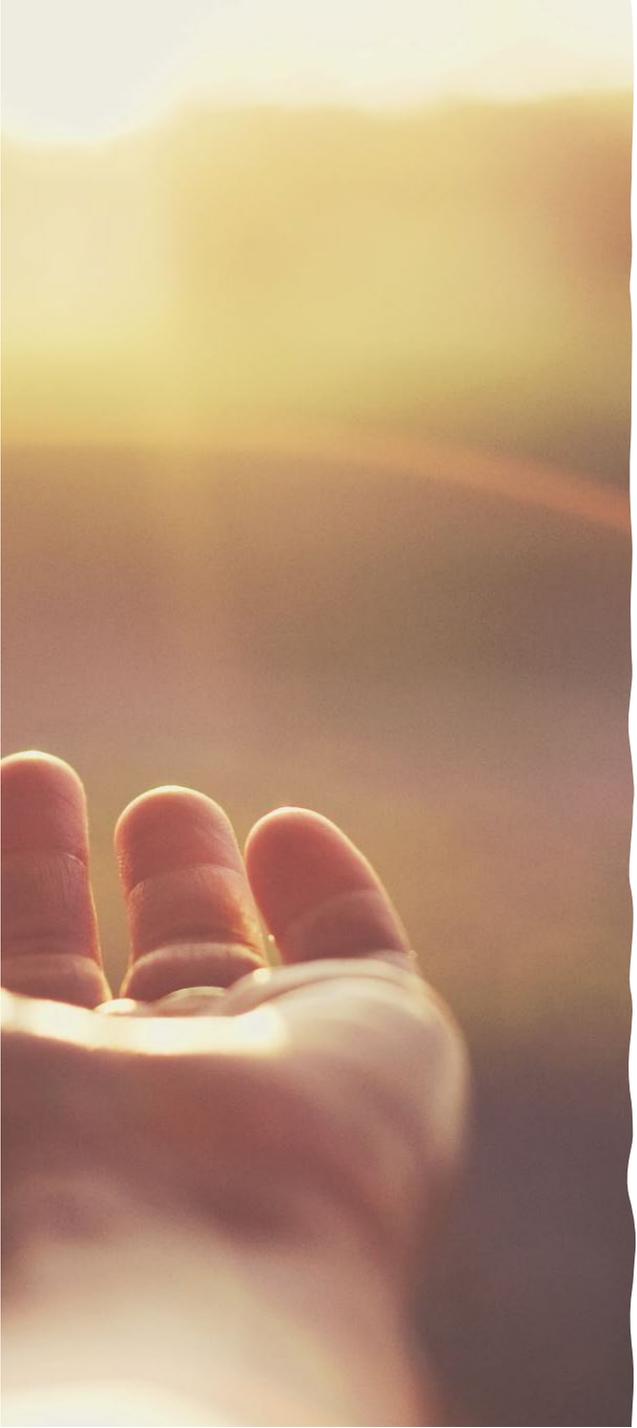
Timing, Not Comparison

- Theological Principle: Divine Order & Providence
- Delayed fruit is not denied fruit.
- Saving and budgeting are planting activities.



Resilience in Hard Seasons

- Theological Principle: Perseverance
- Deep roots prevent collapse during drought.
- Preparation creates margin.



Biblical Prosperity Defined

- Theological Principle: Shalom (Wholeness)
- Provision • Peace • Continuity • Legacy
- Prosperity is about what your life produces.

Proverbs 6:6–8 (KJV)

“6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.”

Wisdom from the Ant

Proverbs 6:6–8 (KJV)

- Go to the ant... consider her ways, and be wise.
- Preparation during summer protects against winter.

Wisdom Is Often Ordinary

- Habits over miracles:
- Budgeting • Saving • Planning •
Restraint

Self-Governance

- True freedom is wisdom governing behavior
- —even when no one is watching.

Using Good Seasons Wisely

- Plenty is a test just as much as lack.
- Joseph prepared during abundance.



Job 14:7 (KJV)

- For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.



Hope & Restoration – Job 14:7 (KJV)

- There is hope of a tree... if it be cut down, it will sprout again.

Hope After Damage

Failure does not cancel
calling.

Small restarts still count.

Do not despise tender
branches.

James 5:7 (KJV)

- Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Patience & Process – James 5:7 (KJV)

- The farmer waits for precious fruit
- until early and latter rain.

Active Waiting

- Waiting follows planting.
- Consistency forms character.
- Hurry destroys what patience is building.

Keystone Scripture – Galatians 6:9 (KJV)

- Do not grow weary in well doing.
- In due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Do Not Quit

- Weariness is expected.
- Quitting pauses the harvest.
- God rewards faithfulness, not speed.

Breaking Generational Cycles

Cycles repeat
until someone
interrupts them.



Grace breaks
chains.



Wisdom keeps
them broken.

Generational Legacy Scriptures

Proverbs 13:22 –
Inheritance to children's
children

Joshua 24:15 – As for me
and my house

Psalms 112 – Righteous
legacy



Proverbs 21:20 (KJV)

- There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.



Proverbs 13:22 (KJV)

- A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.



Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Final Encouragement

This lesson is not
about money—
it's about
freedom.

Freedom is built
one faithful
season at a time.

Final Declaration Breaking Financial Cycles

I declare that I
understand my
season.

I will not grow weary
in well doing.

I plant wisely, prepare
faithfully, and wait
patiently.

Cycles of lack, debt,
and fear end with
me.

By God's wisdom and
grace, my household
will walk in freedom,
stability, and legacy.

"In due season we
shall reap, if we faint
not." — Galatians 6:9
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