KINGDOM ACCUMULATION

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1st Corinthians 3:2

Accumulating resources is not wrong but **CHASING** after resources is wrong. Everyone wants to grow in abundance, resources and wealth. This desire is not evil. It's actually righteous.

However, it is not what you want that matters. It is **HOW** you get it that matters. The difference between the Kingdom of God and the world's system is **HOW** things are done. Kingdom citizen's and secular people attain money. Kingdom citizens and secular people walk in power.

Kingdom citizens and secular people pursue positions of leadership. Kingdom citizens and secular people want control over their circumstances. The issue is **NOT** in the "what", it is in the "how." As Kingdom citizens God wants you to grow in accumulation because He wants to increase your influence on the earth. The more you have to give, the bigger impact you can make in people's lives. However, God wants you to comply with His standards and not the world's trends.

When you are trying to accumulate, please consider and follow the Lord's ways instead of the world's methods. Here's what I mean:

- The world tells you to hustle to get what you want.
- The Kingdom of God teaches you to seek its government and its righteousness and all these things will be added to you. Mathew 6:33.
- The world tells you to purchase prescription drugs to get treatment.

- The Kingdom of God tells you to focus on taking herbs from the earth to get healed. Genesis 1: 29.
- The world promotes paying yourself first when saving money.
- The Kingdom of God teaches you to pay your tithe to God first. Malachi 3:10-12.
- The world tells you to take anxiety medication to manage how you feel.
- The Kingdom of God tells us to cast our cares upon
 Him because he cares. 1st Peter 5:7.
- The world tells you to rely on your abilities to take you where you want to go.
- The Kingdom of God tells us to follow God's will.
 Proverbs 19:21.

- The world tells us to exchange our time for money.
- The Kingdom of God teaches us to exchange our time for learning. Joshua 1:8.

There are many more comparisons to notate but you understand the point. The Kingdom of God is its own country. It does not comply or acknowledge with the world's way of doing things.

In the Kingdom of God the more we give to God the more we accumulate. Under the world's system the more you hoard, the more you accumulate. The philosophy of gaining is entirely different. Unlike the world, the Kingdom's way of accumulating has longevity attached to it.

THE DOWNSIDE OF KINGDOM ACCUMULATION

Kingdom accumulation is a **SLOW** process. The accumulation in the Kingdom of God is secured in **LONGEVITY**. However, it takes a long time to attain accumulation because God gives it based on what you can handle, **NOT** what you desire!

In other words, how much you get is determined by your level of **MATURITY**! 1st Corinthians 3:2 says, "The teaching I gave you was like milk, not solid food, because you were not able to take solid food. And even now you are not ready."

God doesn't give abundance to immature people. That's why accumulation is slow in the Kingdom. Irresponsible, highly misinformed, undisciplined and faithless people who practice mismanagement will **NOT** accumulate much because God will not give his pearls to swine.

Too much is given, much is required! The expectation of having much is great. The accountability you have to God is serious. When you have been given an abundance to manage, your feelings **DO NOT** matter. The only thing that matters is doing what's right to God and people.

Under the world's system, the timeliness of accumulating is much faster. It's not based on maturity. It's based on **EFFORT**. If you put more effort into something than another person you can get more.

For example, an hourly worker who works more hours on the job gets paid more. A person who gives more time into studying a skill gets offered more opportunities. Effort has **NOTHING** to do with maturity.

Giving effort is a matter of desire. Maturity is a matter of commitment. To simplify what is being stated, the Kingdom reward's **COMMITMENT**. The world rewards desire. The way to accumulate is through the Kingdom. Yes, it may be slow but it's **LONGTERM**. The world has a quicker way to accumulate. However, it is temporary. The reason you want to focus on Kingdom accumulation is because you can get anything with effort but if you don't have the maturity to keep it, **YOU WILL LOSE IT**!

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