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# Kingdom Wealth

*How God's Economy Actually Works*

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## Introduction: Why the Church Stays Poor

I grew up hearing that money was the root of all evil. I believed it for years. Many believers do. And as long as we believe it, we will never walk in the full provision that the Kingdom of God makes available to us.

But here is what the Bible actually says:

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." — 1 Timothy 6:10*

The love of money — not money itself. This is not a small difference. Money is a tool. A hammer is not evil. A gun is not evil. The heart that wields them determines everything.

The Kingdom of God has a different economy than the world's economy. And until we understand how God's economy works, we will keep struggling with finances while wondering why our prayers seem unanswered.

**Plousios (Greek):** *Rich, wealthy, abundant — used in the New Testament to describe both material and spiritual abundance. Kingdom wealth encompasses both.*

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## Chapter 1: Value Is the Currency of the Kingdom

Every economy runs on currency. In the world's economy, the currency is money. In God's Kingdom economy, the currency is value.

What do I mean by value? Value is the genuine benefit you create for another person. The more value you create, the more the Kingdom economy flows through you.

This principle is woven throughout Scripture. Consider the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. The servants who multiplied what they were given received more. The one who buried his talent and created no value lost what he had.

*"For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them." — Matthew 25:29*

This is not a cruel verse. This is a description of how Kingdom economics works. Stewardship multiplies. Hoarding withers.

### The Hawaiian Principle of Ho'ohalike

In Hawaiian culture there is a principle of reciprocity — what you pour out returns to you. The land that is cared for produces more. The fisherman who shares his catch finds the fish return. This is not superstition. This is a cultural understanding of a Kingdom principle that was placed in every people by a Creator who designed the world to operate on generosity.

**Avodah (Hebrew):** *Work, service, worship — in Hebrew these are all the same word. Your work is your worship. When you create value for others through your work, you are engaging in an act of worship to the King.*

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." — Colossians 3:23-24*

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## Chapter 2: The Four Levels of Value

There is a framework for understanding how value works in God's economy. Think of it as a ladder — each level creates more value and therefore carries greater potential for Kingdom provision.

### Level 1: Physical Labor

This is where most people begin. You trade your time and physical effort for compensation. There is nothing wrong with this — the Paniolo who works cattle from

sunrise to sunset is doing honorable Kingdom work. But physical labor has a ceiling. You only have so many hours.

| *"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."* —  
**Proverbs 14:23**

## Level 2: Skills and Craft

When you develop a specific skill — a trade, a craft, an expertise — you begin to trade value rather than just time. A skilled carpenter earns more than an unskilled laborer. A skilled teacher impacts more lives than someone who simply knows information.

**Techne (Greek):** *Craft, skill, art — the skilled application of knowledge. Paul was a tent-maker. Jesus was a carpenter. Skill is not separate from ministry; it is ministry.*

## Level 3: Leadership and Multiplication

At this level, you are no longer just creating value yourself — you are helping others create value. A pastor who disciples leaders. A business owner who employs and develops others. A teacher who trains teachers. Your impact multiplies.

| *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."* — **2 Timothy 2:2**

## Level 4: Ideas and Systems

The highest level of value is creating something that creates value while you sleep — a book, a course, a system, a principle. This is why the wisdom literature of the Bible is still changing lives thousands of years later. Solomon created ideas. Paul wrote letters. The value is still multiplying.

This is also why I write. The Kingdom teaching in this booklet can reach someone on the other side of the world at 3am while I am sleeping on Moloka'i. That is Kingdom multiplication at work.

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## Chapter 3: Pono and Prosperity

In Hawaiian, pono means righteousness — but it is a rich word. It means right relationship. Right relationship with God. Right relationship with others. Right relationship with the land. Right relationship with provision.

There is a false teaching that says poverty is holy. That suffering makes you more spiritual. That wanting anything is greed. This teaching has kept believers small and dependent for generations, and it is not from the Kingdom.

| *"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."* — **3 John 1:2**

Notice what the Apostle John prays: good health and that all may go well with you. Prosperity in every area of life, connected to the health of your soul. The two are meant to go together.

## Righteousness Is Not Poverty

**Tsedaqah (Hebrew):** *Righteousness, justice — but in Hebrew usage it carries the meaning of being in right relationship with God and with others, which includes proper stewardship of material resources.*

Abraham was wealthy. Isaac was wealthy. Jacob was wealthy. Joseph became the second most powerful man in Egypt. David was a king. Solomon was the richest man of his era. None of them were condemned for their wealth — they were commended for their faithfulness in stewardship.

The problem was never the wealth. The problem is when wealth owns you instead of you stewarding it for the King.

*"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today." — Deuteronomy 8:18*

The ability to produce wealth is a gift from God. It is part of the covenant. Refusing that gift is not humility — it is ingratitude.

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## Chapter 4: Your Kuleana — Kingdom Stewardship

In Hawaiian, kuleana means responsibility — but more than duty. It is the sacred responsibility that comes with privilege. If you are given land, you have a kuleana to care for it. If you are given a gift, you have a kuleana to use it.

Every believer has been given gifts, abilities, and opportunities. These are not accidents. They are Kingdom assignments. Your kuleana is to steward them well.

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" — Luke 16:10-11*

Faithfulness in small things opens the door to larger stewardship. This is not just a financial principle — it is a Kingdom principle. God is looking for faithful stewards to whom He can entrust more of His Kingdom resources.

### Practical Kuleana

What does Kingdom stewardship look like practically?

It means giving first — acknowledging that everything you have belongs to the King and returning the firstfruits as an act of worship and trust.

It means investing in value creation — spending your time, energy, and resources on things that multiply Kingdom impact.

It means continuous growth — the servant who buried his talent was not lazy, but he was afraid. Fear is the enemy of Kingdom stewardship.

**Phobos (Greek):** *Fear — but in the context of the Parable of the Talents, the servant's fear of the master was misplaced. He did not understand the character of his master. When you understand the character of God, fear of stewardship dissolves.*

| *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." — 2 Timothy 1:7*

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## Chapter 5: Go Deeper

These principles have shaped my understanding of provision, work, and ministry over many years. But I want to be honest with you — I did not develop all of this in isolation.

One teacher who has helped me understand how Kingdom principles apply to finances and business is Myron Golden. He is a business coach and Bible teacher who brings a deep biblical framework to the principles of value creation and wealth building. His teaching on the four levels of value, in particular, has clarified ideas I had been wrestling with for years.

If you want to go deeper into how these principles apply to your own finances, work, and calling, I recommend exploring his resources. He has materials available at every level, from free teaching on YouTube to structured courses for those ready to build.

You can find his work at:

[www.mindovermoneymastery.com/momm?affiliate\\_id=4319525](http://www.mindovermoneymastery.com/momm?affiliate_id=4319525)

I share this because I have found it genuinely valuable — and in the Kingdom economy, sharing what is genuinely valuable is part of walking in pono.

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