



## **TWCC Sermon Connection Handout**

Sunday, January 26th, 2020

**Sermon Series:** Reset 2020 (Reestablishing Keys to Starting this New Year and New Decade Strong)

**Sermon Title:** Reset Keys – Finances and Focus

**Opening Scripture Text:** Read Colossians 3:1 – 2 (AMPC)

The Eight Keys are: (1) **FAITH** (2) **FASTING** (3) **FEAR** (Godly, Holy Fear) (4) **FORGIVENESS** (5) **FAMILY** (6) **FOOD + FITNESS** (7) **FINANCES** and (8) **FOCUS**.

### **KEY #7: FINANCES**

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)** – “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

**Job 36:11 (NKJV)** – “If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.”

**Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV)** – “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

**Proverbs 11:24 (TPT)** – “Generosity brings prosperity but withholding from charity brings poverty.”

- **Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)** – “The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.”

**Proverbs 10:22 (NLT)** – “The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.”

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (TPT)** – “For you have experienced the extravagant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was infinitely rich, he impoverished himself for our sake, so that by his poverty, we could become rich beyond measure.”

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 8 (AMPC)** These are some of the many, many outstanding and awesome \_\_\_\_\_ of financial \_\_\_\_\_ and supernatural provision in the Bible. There are more Bible verses on \_\_\_\_\_ than prayer and faith. 50% of the verses are promises and the other half are warnings.

- Two truths and themes are brought out primarily about the Key of Finances: (1) Our Lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_ and (2) our wise financial \_\_\_\_\_ of the material and monetary resources entrusted into our hands.
- Managing our finances God’s prescribed way (Biblical Stewardship) helps us gain \_\_\_\_\_ over our money and material resources, and it help us avoid accumulating unnecessary debt and stuff.
- **5 Elements of Stewardship:** (The JOB, the TITHE, the BUDGET, the SEED, the VISION)
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_ – The purpose of your JOB is to generate increase and/or income. **Ephesians 4:28 (NKJV)** – “Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, **working** with his hands what is good, that he may have something to **give** him who has need.”
  - **Genesis 2:15 (NLT)** – “The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.”

- We see God's special assignment to man (Adam) after He created him and placed him in the garden was a \_\_\_\_\_ (a work assignment).

- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ – we return 10% (the Tithe) to enable the Lord to cause the BLESSING to minister and manifest in our lives – power, peace, provision and protection. **Read Malachi 3:10 – 12 (NLT)**
- **Hebrews 7:7 – 8 (NKJV)** – “*7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. 8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*”
- **JESUS IS RECEIPT OF OUR TITHES TODAY AS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST IN HEAVEN. HE \_\_\_\_\_ OUR TITHES LIKE MELCHIZEDEK AND HE \_\_\_\_\_ THE BLESSING UPON US.**
- Tithing the \_\_\_\_\_ is basically our: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ getting into Heaven for Christ our Lord to receive and (2) the first/best 10% of our \_\_\_\_\_ giving on earth into the Offering at/in Church for our Church to receive.
- Tithing is not a \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ and a beginning \_\_\_\_\_ of Generosity!
- The Training wheels of \_\_\_\_\_ starts at 10% of your income and increase
- **Read Luke 16:1 – 13 (KJV)** – We are Called to be Wise and Faithful Stewards and the first Stewardship Test is \_\_\_\_\_. How do we handle and manage the money God puts into our hands? What we can learn from this parable:
- **1<sup>st</sup>** Jesus said that \_\_\_\_\_ is the least area of trusting God. **(Verse 10)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** Using your faith for finances is the least use of faith, and if you haven't done that which is least, then you won't be able to do \_\_\_\_\_ things. **(Verse 11).**
- **3<sup>rd</sup>** God doesn't ask for tithes and offerings because He needs your money. He asks because He wants you to learn to trust Him with all of your heart; and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the first step in that direction. **(Verse 13).**

- **THE BOTTOM LINE IS WITH OUR FINANCES THE KEY IS: (1) BE \_\_\_\_\_ AND GROW IN YOUR GENEROSITY! (2) BE A WISE AND FAITHFUL \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE MONEY GOD GIVES YOU!**

#### **KEY #8: FOCUS**

**Hebrews 12:2 (TPT)** – “*We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be His, He endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!*”

#### **Read Philippians 3:1 – 14 (KJV)**

- The Christian believer who longs to finish well will cultivate: (1) the discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ – (striving for the single goal [the one thing] until its completion, undeterred by obstacles or the taunts of the crowd; (2) the discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ – refusing to be paralyzed or rendered complacent by the past; and (3) the discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ – intensely pursuing the calling of the Christian life until victory has been won.
- FOCUS because... FOCUS IS A CHOICE! “...*this one thing I do...*”
- Each of us have a \_\_\_\_\_ to be either a wandering generality – a jack-of-all-trades but a master of none – or to be a meaningful specific – someone who is focused on a goal.
- Zig Ziglar once said “*Nothing becomes dynamic, until it becomes specific!*”
- **The Dangers of Distraction: Read 1 Samuel 11:1 – 3 (NLT)**
- **“WHENEVER YOU AVOID THE BATTLE YOU WERE BORN FOR, YOU FACE A BATTLE YOU ARE NOT FOR”!**