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How to Thrive When No One Likes You
Lecture 2: Wealth

1. Introduction
 - a. To thrive, we need to stop handle money differently
 - b. Jeremiah 29 again (Ecclesiastes 5:9; 6:1-2; Isaiah 65:22; Jeremiah 31:5)
 - c. Business is Love (Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 13:14; Psalm 37:29; Matthew 5:5; 25:34; 1 Corinthians 6:3)

2. Treasures in Heaven, Blessing on Earth
 - a. Old Testament Data (Genesis 7:11; 8:2; 2 Kings 7:2, 19; Psalms 1:5-6; 11; 14:5; 18:20, 24; 34:15, 19; 37; 55:22; 58:10-11; 72:1-3; 82:3; 92:12; 106:3; 107:35; 112:3-9; 125:3; 126:4; Proverbs 3:33; 10:2-3, 6, 24-25; 11:4, 18, 28, 31; 12:3; 13:22, 25; 15:6; 16:8; 21:26; 29:7; 31:9; Isaiah 24:18; Malachi 3:10; see 2 Corinthians 9:9)
 - b. New Testament Data (Matthew 6:1-4).
 - i. “The kingdom of heaven” is “the kingdom of God.”
 - ii. Blessings that are stored in heaven will be enjoyed *in this world*.
 - iii. Our eternal blessings come to us. (1 Peter 1:3-5).
 - iv. Jesus says to invest, not protect. (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - v. Jesus *directly* promises this-worldly blessing, as well as next-worldly, for those who have given up (invested) good things in order to follow him. (Mark 10:29-30)
 - c. Banking with God (Proverbs 19:17; John 6:27; Psalm 128:1-2; Isaiah 49:4; Isaiah 65:23; Habakkuk 2:13; 1 Timothy 4:8; 6:18-19; Daniel 3:17-18)

3. Investment Through Generosity (Mark 7:28; Galatians 6:10; Titus 3:14; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 5:5-6)

4. Using Wealth for Common Projects
 - a. Church buildings
 - b. Schools, hospitals, etc.
 - c. A call to medicine and “people-work”

5. The Ground Game: Individual and Family Money Matters
 - a. Living below our means (Luke 12:23; Romans 2:29; 1 Corinthians 7:29-30; 1 John 2:16)
 - b. Choosing to make less money
 - c. Planning for multiple generations (Proverbs 13:22; Malachi 2:15)
 - d. Avoiding debt (Proverbs 22:7; 1 Corinthians 7:21)

6. *Real Preparedness*
 - a. Real funds for real emergencies
 - b. Mobility > Revolt (Luke 13:1-3; 21:20-21; Matthew 26:53)

7. Investment and Business
 - a. Business as a moral arena (see Philippians 1:9-11)
 - b. Business as life
 - c. Christian resources for business
 - d. Investing in people and investing people (Isaiah 4:1; John 12:24; Psalm 126:4-5; 1 Corinthians 7:7; Isaiah 56:3-5).
 - e. Investing *everything*

8. Jesus Invests (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:6; Isaiah 53:11a; Revelation 4:9-11; 5:13; Luke 22:28-30)

Further Reading:

The Didache, or, The Teaching of the Apostles, trans. J. B. Lightfoot or Kirsopp Lake

Timothy Keller: "The Meaning of the City," (sermon preached Oct 5, 2003)

Daniel Lapin: *Thou Shall Prosper: Ten Commandments for Making Money*

Dave Ramsey: *The Total Money Makeover*

Elizabeth Warren: *The Two-Income Trap: Why Middle-Class Parents are Going Broke*

Web resource: The Center for Faith & Work (faithandwork.com)