

## Financial Mindsets – Poverty or Wealth?

How do you change a poverty mindset to a wealth mindsets? The foundation is knowing God loves you and Jesus sacrificed everything to make that love available to you. It is knowing you are God's kid. A King's kid that has all the resources of heaven available to you (John 10:10).

A mindset of lack causes you not to see the opportunities in giving and investing. When you discover that sowing and reaping is for developing future crops, you will shift from survival mode to investing mode. When we invest in what the Holy Spirit reveals it causes us to partner with God (Deuteronomy 8:18 power to get wealth). Fear and survival thinking will all see the glass half full. Putting on our God perspective glasses release us to see the possibilities and causes us to face our fears. This sets us up to expand our business, our relationships, and God's kingdom (Philippians 4:19 & Matthew 25:14-30).

A mindset of wealth is not necessarily based on how much money you have. There are a lot of rich people who live in fear of losing their riches. In the parable of the Minas where everyone got the same amount of money shows the different mindsets of partnering with God and having faith or see God through a poverty mindset that operates in fear.

Poverty Thinking:	Wealth Thinking:
Only sees one day at a time.	They have a vision for the future that creates perpetual inheritances.
Always sees the negative in every opportunity.	Sees solutions and opportunities in all circumstances.
You owe me attitude.	My choices create my future.
Lives in dread and fear of the future.	Creates history by self-sacrifices in their daily walks.
Always see others for the problems in their lives.	They step up and take responsibility to solve the problems caused by other people without making them feel inferior.
Has a beggar attitude of how you are going to help me!	They plant seeds as investments in good opportunities and see people's undeveloped gifts.
They draw people that are like minded who complain and have a victim mentality.	They draw other problem solvers and empower other individuals to grow.
They make decisions based on entitlements in social and governmental structures.	They make decisions based on what is best for all people in social and governmental structures even at the cost of their comfort.
They see tithing as a bill.	They see tithing as an investment in good soil.

Money Focused Mindsets	Wealth Mindsets
Their identity is based on what they own.	Their identity is not tied to what they own but know wealth is an inside attitude. They can eat at McDonalds or Ruth's Steakhouse.
They are ruled by the fear of not having enough and comfort themselves by wasting money on fleeting feel good things.	Money is just a tool, not their character or identity.
They make their decisions on how much they get paid.	They make money work for them by investing time and money to increase wealth.
Their minds are focused on how much they own.	They dream of a future that will benefit the world and bring cultural changes to build a legacy.

They give to people and meet needs but don't provide the tools to overcome the lack.	They invest their time, money, and skills to develop skillsets in people to prosper.
They use money to manipulate the laws of the land to protect their assets.	They know that God is their source. This attitude allows them to be humble and grateful because of His provision.
Their desire for more releases a hunger that is never satisfied. They spend their time finding the next great item to buy thinking it will make them feel complete.	They set up foundations and grants to invest in future generations to create a legacy that will outlast their lifetime.
Gain without work leads to lust for things. They don't have the character to maintain wealth.	A wealthy mindset does not get their identity from what they own. They know that even if they fail, they have the ability with God to reset any financial situation. They don't let their failures and fears stop them from moving forward.
When times get hard, they hold on tighter to their resources.	When hard times come, they give more of their time, money, and skills. They invest instead of hoarding.
More money is always the answer. They use money for comfort which allows fear to make their financial decisions.	They know money isn't their source of comfort in their financial decisions.
They rely on their ability and finances to outmaneuver everyone to get their way. They are wise in the world's system.	They walk in the understanding of you reap what you sow. They invest in people, projects, and community to bring an outcome that transforms a culture.
Their success is based on their own ability, sweat, and tears.	They know that things are fleeting and don't let them become their identity. They are grateful, giving, and compassionate.
Their children can be prideful and have their identity tied to their family's wealth. They either become elitist or workaholics.	Their children's identity is knowing God loves them and not tied to their finances. They learn to shoulder the responsibility but know they are loved without fear of the future.
They give money to manipulate others to give them seats of position and control.	Their giving is not based on what they can get. They use giving to change culture and bring God's kingdom on earth.

### Scriptures to Stand On!

Proverbs 10:22 "The blessing of the Lord brings wealth and he adds no trouble to it."

Deuteronomy 8:18 "You shall remember the Lord your God for it is He who has given you the power to make wealth to confirm his covenant..."

Matthew 25:14-30 the parable of the talents shows the faithful and fearless opens the door to more of God's kingdom provision.

Luke 19:11-27 the parable of the ten Minas shows it isn't how much you have but using what you have. This parable shows the value of partnering with God.

Proverbs 3:3-6 “Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

### **Prayer**

Father God,

I am choosing to trust You to direct my path. Forgive me for allowing money and fear to dictate my decisions instead of asking for Your guidance. I ask for Your favor and wisdom to open the right doors for me and my \_\_\_\_\_ (family, business, board, etc.). Help me to make the right decisions and see the gifts in me and my \_\_\_\_\_ (family, neighbors, staff, boss, co-workers, etc.). I want to walk in Your kindness and love but still develop the boundaries required to bring Your Kingdom to earth. I ask for You to draw the right people and alignments that I can fulfill my assignments You have given me. Open my eyes to know when I am reacting out of my own experience instead of relying on You. I invite the Holy Spirit to come and give me the strategies required to take the next steps toward God’s kingdom success. Remove any mindsets that have hindered me from accomplishing all You have given me to do. Because of Jesus and His sacrifice and empowered by Holy Spirit, amen!

### **References**

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