

**Be
Increase-Minded**

Mini-Book

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God has increase on His mind. Keep the ears of your heart open to hear from God. I want you to know that someone is looking for you in order to bless you. God has a major blessing wrapped up and waiting to be delivered to you.

*“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God”
(Deuteronomy 28:2).*

The Christian life is all about sowing and reaping. It's about giving and receiving. God so loved the world that He gave His Son. We should become givers like God. We should always be on the lookout for opportunities to give to others. Giving

is not only about money. You can give your time and other resources.

God is looking for people who are willing to be used as channels of blessing. God will only give to you what He can get through you. God has a way of prospering you financially.

You need to know that the banks and this world's financial systems are not designed to help you prosper. When credit card companies invite you to come and borrow money, they are not looking out for your success. They are looking out for themselves. They want you to become their slave. Do you remember that the Bible says the borrower is servant to the lender? Do not look to the banks for your financial freedom. Look to God.

*"The rich ruleth over the poor,
and the borrower is servant to
the lender" (Proverbs 22:7).*

Instead of depending on the banks, we in the church should begin to pull our money together and invest in profitable businesses. We should let our money work for us instead of we working for our money.

The reason many Christians do not invest is that they are afraid of failure. We should use wisdom, but we should not let fear rule us. God expects us to put our hands and our brains to work. We should not just sit down and be praying for God to dump loads of money in our lap.

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness”

(Isaiah 41:10).

When people come to America from other countries, they see America as the land of opportunity.

They realize that you can be anything you want to be if you are willing to work hard for it. But many of us American Christians are lazy. We do not see the opportunities lying all around us.

The welfare system in America is not designed to make us wealthy. We should not depend on the welfare system. We should not be conformed to this world's system. We should follow God's system.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2).

We should not sit down and let the world pass us by. We should read books with good information on financial investments and on developing ourselves. The best book to read is the Bible, but we should also

take advantage of other books that have good information.

Don't be discouraged if you do not have a college degree. College education is good but it is not God's criteria for blessing His children.

"²⁷But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: ²⁹That no flesh should glory in his presence"

(1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

God is just looking for people who are available. We need to continue to feed our minds with the Word of God until our minds catch up with our inner spirit. The fact is that God has

already blessed us. But our blessings are waiting for us in the spiritual realm. We need to learn how to bring those blessings from the spiritual into the material realm.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”

(Ephesians 1:3).

“Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that Heaven itself enjoys”

(Ephesians 1:3)

(Norlie’s Translation).

Don’t be confused by the word “spiritual.” Some people conclude that the Bible is not talking about material things. We need to remember that the spirit world and the natural world exist side-by-side. The spirit world is more real than the natural world. The natural world is made from the

spiritual world. God has given us the ability to bring things from the spirit world into the natural world.

We often tend to have more confidence in the natural world than we have in the spirit world. This is because we can see the natural world with our natural senses. The fact that you cannot see something with your natural eyes does not mean the thing does not exist. We need to develop our ability to see with our spiritual eyes.

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal”

(2 Corinthians 4:18).

When we come to church and sit down on the pews or chairs, we do not question whether they are strong enough to hold our weight. We just sit down! Why shouldn't we have the

same kind of confidence in God's promises in His Word?

God did not leave us down here to struggle through life. He wants us to enjoy the blessings He has made available to us. Don't be like a scuba-diver who just stands on the banks of the water and looks down into the water. The water may look beautiful on the surface, but it is more beautiful when you jump into it. There is more to see under the surface. It's totally different down there. Put on your scuba-gear and jump into the water.

Some Christians sit on the fence and admire how other Christians seem to be enjoying God's blessings. They think God has selected only those Christians to be blessed. No, jump into the water and enjoy God's blessings too. God says jump in and find out what good things are in there.

You must be willing to get outside of your comfort zone. Maybe there are some things that you build your confidence on in the natural realm. Maybe you have confidence in your job and your regular monthly paycheck. Let go of those things. Build your confidence on God's Word. God may have a better job waiting for you, but you could miss it if you are focused on your present job.

Please do not misunderstand me. I'm not asking you to do any flaky thing like quitting your job tomorrow. Be diligent with the job God has currently blessed you with. If God wants you to change, He will let you know it in your heart. If He wants you to change jobs, then it is because He has something better for you. God always has increase on His mind.

There was a time in my family's life that we trusted only in my husband's paycheck. He was making

only one hundred and sixty dollars per week. We had three children at that time, so we had five mouths to feed.

My husband was doing most of the work and the owner of the business was getting most of the money. An African saying goes, "Monkey dey work, Baboon dey chop!" In the African forest, the weaker monkey does all the digging for nuts and honey only to be driven away by the stronger baboon who eats all the food.

God spoke to us and challenged my husband to go into business on his own. When my husband told his employer that he was going to quit and go into business on his own, the man said, "you will never make it on your own." This employer was a Christian, but a very selfish one, a very greedy one. He knew my husband was generating most of the