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Imparting The Elijah Anointing

Apostolic Advice

"Apostolic Prosperity"

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The Church at Philippi enjoyed a greater measure of prosperity than the other churches of Macedonia because they understood God's order of apostolic ministry. We learn that the House of God has order and structure from the many Old Testament patterns for building that were emulated by the New Testament leaders. Haggai 2:7-9 predicts the *"glory of the latter house will be greater than the glory of the former"*, and that there is a connection between the *"glory and the silver and gold"*. The New Testament church built according to pattern will have the manifestation of God's glory in it, and the money will always be where the glory is found.

When Paul wrote to the Philippians, he indicated that they had learned how to tap into the glory by properly relating to the apostolic ministry of the day. They recognized the order of God's house and willingly submitted to it, taking responsibility for the care of Paul and his apostolic ministry. Paul seemingly was surprised that none of the other churches in Macedonia had recognized his apostolic role in their lives, and were negligent in their support of his work of ministry. On the other hand, the Philippians were *"careful to communicate with him in giving and receiving"* so much so that they found favor with God. Paul told them that their response to his need was *"a sweet smelling sacrifice to God"* and *"well pleasing in his sight"*, Phil.4:15-19. It pleased God that this church identified with Paul's apostolic ministry and were so conscientious in making sure there was a **full supply** coming into Paul's office so that he would be able to continue unhindered by financial distress.

When speaking about money to the Church, Paul was careful to explain his motive, *"Not that I desire a gift, but that fruit may be set to your account"*. He assured them that their giving would result in their own prosperity, and that was what he desired above all else as their spiritual father. He affirmed to what extent they had cared for his life and ministry by saying, *"I am full and abound"* due to their repeated giving. It was then that God released the prophetic word to them about the glory coming into their midst, bringing with it a *"full supply of all their needs"*, *"But my God shall supply all your needs according to his RICHES IN GLORY by Christ Jesus"*, vs.19. The Philippians had realized an important truth about the order of ministry in the House

of God and had properly aligned themselves with apostolic leadership bringing a release of the *"glory, silver and gold"*. The church that is built according to the Apostolic New Testament model will have both the *"glory and the money"* in it.

Serving Him and you with joy,

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