

# *Revival, Destiny, The Local Church and Kingdom Finance.*

This series of studies has involved looking at the principles of revival and how they outwork in practical ways. It is God's destiny for His people to become a glorious Body of believers. This involves the local church being strengthened and built up into united, worshipping evangelistic people. To accomodate this, God's has prescribed that we honor Him by supporting His purposes financially.

## *Revival*

1. What are four things prescribed in 2Chronicles 7:14 that bring the blessing of revival?

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There is a difference between *weakness* and *wickedness*. God expects that with growth weakness will vanish as it is replaced by strength. Therefore we allow for our weak brothers (Rom. 14:1) without condemning them. Wickedness on the other hand is where a person in full knowledge of what they are doing, does what is wrong and then seeks to either cover it up or excuse it. God demands not that the weak will be made strong immediately, but rather that those who are *wicked* repent immediately. Sexual sin can no longer be excused or tolerated in the church! Lying or even using the truth to deceive must stop immediately! Stealing from the company must stop! Cheating on tax returns must stop! Religious hypocrisy must stop! All of these things are forms of wickedness.

## *Destiny*

2. What plans does God ultimately have for those He seemingly puts through His discipline? (Jer. 29:11-12)

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God's plans are not like our plans. His plans allow for our free will choices not obey His will. Mysteriously everything still works out exactly how God originally designed it yet not by the same process God designed. He has a purpose for you, this church, this city and for this nation. His plans for you are found in Jeremiah 29:11-12. Even when we go off the path God has for us, we can still come back into will through the door of confession and repentance.

## *Local Church*

3. What is God's purpose for the church as contained in Ephesians 5:26-27?

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4. What statement in Matthew 16:18 guarantees the church of success?

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The local church is God's design for reconciliation in the world. By uniting people of different backgrounds, cultures, and nationalities, God displays to all of creation the power of the Cross to breakdown all walls of division. If you are saved, you are no longer a member of a nationality, but you are now a citizen of Heaven along with your brothers and sisters around the world.

5. What is the three-fold mission of the Church?

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6. Is attending Church fellowship, or does fellowship involve something else?

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### Kingdom Finance

7. What principle of Kingdom Finance doesn't seem to make sense in the natural? (Prov.11:24-25; 2Cor. 9:6)

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8. What blessing awaits us in Malachi 3:10 and how is it received?

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9. What does the Bible command for those who withhold their tithes? (Lev. 27:31)

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10. What are the two areas that the local church uses it finances?

a) 1Tim. 5:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_

b) eg. 2Cor. 8:1-4; 1Cor. 16:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

When a believer operates within Kingdom principles of finance, they never lack any good thing (Ps. 37:25). Despite recessions, God is still able to bless the generous even though their own need seems so great (Pr. 19:17). Jesus said that no man can serve two masters, either He will love the one, and by comparison, hate the other. For you can not serve God and money (Matt. 6:24). For the person who loves God, giving to the LORD's work is a joy (2Cor. 9:6-7). For the person who has made money an idol in their life, giving doesn't come easily, but rather begrudgingly and suspiciously. God blesses the one who gives in faith believing His Word and even challenges the unbelieving saint to put Him to the test by tithing (Mal. 3:10). Perhaps this an area of your life where you need to let God have His way? It is yet another stage in God working His Kingdom into the loaf of the world by bringing the Church to absolute obedience.

*Amen.*