



A Poverty Mindset

Poverty is not a lack of things or necessities but much more a mindset that limits one from acquiring wealth.

- 1) Poverty mindset is not just a lack of money like some have thought but an **attitude** and/or **thought** process that leads to certain behaviors.
 - a) Thinking poor
 - b) Talking poor
 - c) ActingThese are all reflective of a poverty mindset.
- 2) **Many people who have money but are poor.** Having money speaks little to nothing about being rich, wealthy, or prosperous.
 - a) Genesis 39:1-2 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
 - i) It's your attitude. Joseph— was called prosperous before he had anything to his name.
- 3) Giving but still broke and poor...
 - a) One of the reasons some folks who are givers are still poor even when they give is because they still have a **wrong attitude and a poverty mindset.**
 - b) If you give but still maintain a poverty mindset, it will hinder you from receiving from God and prospering. Prosperity and increase are not just up to only to giving period. **You need a right a mindset.**

- 4) God does not give us money.
 - a) Deuteronomy 8:18—God does not give us money. **He gives us the power and the blessing to make money.** The ultimate goal and purpose for wealth is for God established His kingdom here on earth.

- 5) You need to hate poverty, not the rich
 - a) If you love poverty, you will be poor. If you are jealous and envious of those that make it or are prospering, you have rejected increase. I know religion has told us that being wealthy and rich is ungodly but that is not true.
 - b) If you believe that then sell all your property and get all the money out of your bank and give it to me.
 - c) You do not have to have a **landlocked brain** because you are in a **land locked country**. Uganda is not airlocked. We have options.
 - i) Don't allow you brain to suffer from curfew or lockdown.

- 6) Why should the preachers and pastors be poor?
 - a) Do you have a scripture and verse for that? Of course, you don't. We accept **porn un-stars, filthy rappers**, those that **kick the ball** and **bounce the ball** to be wealthy and rich, but not **ministers**.
 - b) Have you read of double honor? (1 Timothy 5:17).
 - c) What are you going to do with Abraham whom God made rich? How about Isaac? Jacob? And Solomon? And Rich Kanyali? Genesis 13:2; 26:12-14; 1 Kings 10:23; 1 Chronicles 29:28 (David).

- 7) Money is not evil.....?!
 - a) 1 Timothy 6:8-10 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
 - b) It is the **LOVE** of money that is the issue (1 Timothy 6:10).

- c) They have a spirit of mammon. (Matthew 6). You can have money and yet not have any of it.
- d) We need to love God not money. Loving money hinders it from coming to us. If you want to make and increase in the area of wealth, you need to learn not to love money. What we love is what we worship.
- e) Ecclesiastes 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

8) Is Poverty a Spirit?

Many try to assert that poverty is a spirit, and they try to cast it out. What is amazing about this spirit is that it only catches Christian believers. Why is that? Why not unbelievers as well?

It is not a spirit of poverty or lack; it is a spirit of ignorance. That is your problem is ignorance.

Some people would say poverty is a spirit, not a mindset.

You need to renew your mind—Change and reprogram your mindset? Like you reprogram a computer with a new software, or an update and it fixes a lot of issues and problems.

Thinking

Proverbs 23:1-7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

- a) Poverty is a mindset that leads and gives off certain actions. This means even a person with money can be poor—can have a poverty mindset.
 - i) Poor or broke people think poor.
 - ii) You will not make wealth nor become rich until you change your thinking.
 - iii) Small thinking is limiting God.
 - iv) How you think is affecting your wallet.
 - o Big thinking is not illegal. There is no curfew for thinking.
 - o There is no lockdown to thinking.
 - o If you do not want to be poor and broke, you do not come out of that by **prayer**—alone!

- You need to change the way you think and align it with the Word of God.
- b) Some people see rich and prosperous people and they think everyone that has made something they can't make or do not have is a thief.
 - c) Everyone that has a big building did not steal. Everyone who drives an expensive vehicle did not commit murder. They think they have cheated just because they have something more than them.
 - d) Because they are broke, they think almost everyone is a cheat. Because they are in a desert, they think everyone is in a desert. Wrong! That is what I call a poverty mindset as well.
 - e) **There is a difference between being poor and being broke.** Broke is temporary while poor could be long term. (From Rich Dad, Poor Dad).

Sleep (Mental and physical asleep)

Proverbs 6:9-11 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

- i) The poor love sleeping.
- ii) Rich people do not sleep long unless they are dead. No one became wealthy or rich in bed. The prostitutes that make money and steal from people are not rich.

Do not work!

I want to speak to fellow pastors, ministers, preachers of the gospel. **Let the people go to work. As God told Pharaoh. Let the people GO!** You can't have people not working and just around you.

I have heard of stories of a husband getting up and staying home. He does not work. Husband, you need to go to work. A man gets up and sits around with no work. This is wrong. This is ungodly.

There is a direct link **between lack, poverty and not working.** If you are lazy, you will be broke and broken. One plague in our developing countries is many people do not work, not that they cannot work, but will not work.

Lazy.... Slothful or Sluggard

Proverbs 24:30-31 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

- a) Laziness is an issue in our present times.

Many people are lazy yet want the results of the rich.
They work just 7-8 hours. You are guaranteed to remain broke.

You can't make wealth and increase while working average hours and just 5 days a week.

You need a minimum of 10 hours and 6 days a week.

God worked 6 days; Jews work 6 days. You may need to find a second job or gig or hustle.

- b) Coming to work doesn't mean you are not lazy. Some people come to just sit around. Some people take laziness to work. I have a strong and exceptional work ethic. If you are going to name lazy people, you cannot name me.

Poor people don't want to work. Poor people are lazy people. Poor people have ideas they never execute.

Note: I do understand that some poor people are in a situation they did not cause, while others have chosen it—either way you need to get out of poverty.

- i) Proverbs 19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- ii) Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- iii) Proverbs 20:13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

Blessed the Work of thy hands.

Deuteronomy 28:8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

- a) Bless the work of your hands, not the sitting of your butt.
- b) Some get up and say they are going to work, and when they are asked to work whole at work, they complain and murmur. If you are at work, then work. If you are going to work,

then work. You leave home saying you are going to work not to play, rest, relax, etc. then work.

- c) Many people I have a desire to go to the States, yet even if they did, they could not make it there with the kind of work ethic they have. It takes an exceptional work ethic.

Little to no friends

Poverty is so bad that no one wants to be a friend to a poor man, yet many still push it as something good and holy. Wrong!!

- a) Proverbs 14:20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.
- b) Proverbs 19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

Destruction

Proverbs 10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

- a) **Poverty is a destroyer.** It brings destruction and loss.
- b) John 10:10 says that satan is the destroyer. Destruction is of the devil and so is poverty. It comes to destroy.
- c) We all know people who have been destroyed by poverty—by a poverty mindset.
 - i) They stole money,
 - ii) they sold their soul to the world.
 - iii) Started a ministry to make money.
 - iv) They slept with a man, an animal whoever.
 - v) They donated their organs for money, they slept with a professor for marks or higher grades. They slept with a boss for a promotion.

None-givers

Poor people are stingy. They spend yours.

Proverbs 11:24-5 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

- a) Reap what we sow (Luke 6:38; Galatians 6:6-10).
- b) If you are not a give you will not be a reaper. You will be broke and broken.
- c) Proverbs 19:17

Example: I heard a story of an Indian guy who was the boss of a group of guys. This guy would never spend a penny. He would come with spicy crackers and eat that with a lot of water. He would get filled with water and would not need to spend a penny on food.

Example: There is another guy I went to school with who was stingy. He would befriend everyone else for one reason. He would never spend his money but would spend yours. He was stinking stingy. I don't recall him spending or buying me anything. He would save all his upkeep money and take it all back home. I won't be surprised if he took back more than he came with. He was a parasite.

Excuses

Proverbs 22:13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

- a) Do not make excuses to be poor or stay poor. Find every reason not to stay that way. God did not create any of us to be poor.

Borrowers

It is a poverty mindset that says, "Borrow and not repay."

Proverbs 22:26-27 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts. 27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

- a) Borrowing is not wrong. If it is, then God would not make us lenders to many nations if borrowing is ungodly.
- b) Borrowing is not the issue, but not repaying is.

Looking to government...

A poverty mindset causes people look to man or government as their source. **Put your expectation in God and pressure on His Word.**

1 Chronicles 29:12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

- i) The richest man who ever lived, Solomon, did not make himself rich, nor did he seek riches. These riches came as a result of seeking the Lord.

Begging... Who is your source?

Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- a) Poverty mindset is reflected in people begging. Many poor people are beggars.
 - i) Rich people do not beg. Those who claim to be rich yet are begging are not truly rich.
 - ii) Unfortunately, our continent has been known for begging. It should not be so. We should rather be known for giving. It is more blessed to give than to receive.
 - iii) Look to God. Do not make your request known unto man, me but to God (Philippians 4:6).

Disciplines

Most of the poor people have no disciplines.

- a) Taxi guys and luxury car guys think they are special and unique. Some people buy a new car, and they begin to think they can do whatever you want.
- b) Your number plate whether it is a word, name, red plate, blue number plate. You need to give up the poverty mindset. When I meet these kinds of people trying to cut in front of me, I do not let them in.

Pleasure

Proverbs 21:17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
Proverbs 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

- a) Love pleasure. Love for pleasure = poor man.
- b) Love wine
- c) Gluttons
- d) Drunkards
- e) A poverty mindset loves to party and merry-make. They love pleasure.

Great Waster...

Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

- a) A time waster is not working unto the Lord (Colossians 3:23). Being sluggish and slothful is not godly.
- b) Wasting time = wasting resources.
- c) A poverty mindset wastes a lot of time and resources (especially which is not theirs)
- d) Poor people are wasters! Do not sit around and waste time. Find a way to use your time well.

Example: I have heard how poor people work. I heard a story of a bunch of guys that worked in a factory. They were paid daily to come to work, and they came but took their time to do the tasks at hand. They wanted the boss to give them overtime. They were simply stealing from the boss. This was ungodly. They were playing on phones, and they had a stinking attitude that kept them poor.

Example: I have heard of a story of a guy who went to hotel to stay for a night. When he got to the reception, he was not happy with the prices. Nonetheless, he paid willfully. He got in the room, blasted the heat to increase the bill for the owner. Furthermore, he opened the water in the bathroom and let it run for many hours. He wasted all these things to make the owner pay for charging him at a rate he agreed to pay. Guess what? This man had a poverty mindset.

Extravagant spending....

A poverty mindset spends more than it has or can afford.

- a) Proverbs 21:20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
- b) Living beyond your means. I know a lady that wants to be known as a classy girl. She lives way beyond her means.
- c) High maintenance

Example: I heard a story of a guy who took his girlfriend out to eat and said; "Give me a soda. Give her (French Fries) Chips and chicken." This guy sat there all the time hungry but could not afford to pay for his own plate, yet he took her to a place to buy what was costly for him.

This guy was trying to live a life he cannot afford. This is terrible. This mindset is wrong and embarrassing. If you cannot afford two plates, stay home.

Examples of a poverty mentality (Actions of a poverty mindset).

1. Call only Airtel

I can't call MTN, because I have Airtel. Sometimes it is because one does not have money, but most time one is being cheap and stingy.

2. Never put a Full tank

- a) People who put like 10,000 shillings gas in a Mercedes Benz. That is cheap! I took a guy and filled his bike with gas, and he told me that he usually puts in 5k, but it is more expensive in the long run. He said it cheaper to fill it, yet he did not do that. Guess why? He had a poverty mindset.

Example: There is a time I drove with a high-ranking official in the country and if I did not have a full tank, I would have been in big trouble. I could have been left behind.

- b) Every vehicle has a fuel gauge. **E = "Empty" not "Extra" or Ejudde.**

3. Price Discrimination

Charging different rates to people based on how they look, sound, dressed, etc. is a poverty mindset. You should not have discriminatory prices.

4. Negotiate for everything....

- a) Even at a restaurant!?! They have prices on the menu. You can only negotiate where one has no prices.

5. Migration

I can't prosper here. I need to go to USA, Europe, Dubai, Oman, Qatar, Turkey etc. Many have gone there and took their poverty mindset with them. Uganda communities in these areas have a certain standard they never exceed. You can prosper here in Uganda.

6. How you treat a waiter or waitress tells if you have a poverty mindset.

I have seen mean customers. They are rude, loud, and disrespectful. They treat the waiter or waitress as trash. They talk to them in a way they do not talk to their dog.

- a) Do you tip waiters?
- b) Housemaid

7. Going out to eat

Don't go out to eat if you can't pay for another person's bill.

8. Shock your poverty mindset

Some people will drop a glass worth 3,000 to pick up 1,000 shillings. If you never buy anything valuable for yourself. You need to shock yourself occasionally. Surprise your poverty mindset.

9. Money you pick on the floor – Deuteronomy 22:1-3

- i) **If you pick money and you pocket it**, you have a poverty mindset. It is not yours, but for the guy that dropped it.
- ii) You are supposed to announce it, not keep it. It is not God who has given it to you.

10. Cheating

Those that cheat others indicates you have a poverty mindset. You do not trust God to prosper you in the right way such as hard work.

11. Fake/social media lifestyle

Living rich yet you are broke.

- a) I met a guy who was so ungodly. This man was a very poor man who lived like and a rich man. He could not pay his bills, even the cheapest of all.

- b) You need to live your life, not mine, and pay your bills, not mine. You should not be living your life in another person's body.
- c) You should not be reckless and irresponsible, but you should not be cheap either. You need to be smart and know when to spend and when not to.
 - i) Cutting down cost doesn't lead to increase. You need to find ways to increase income.

12. Taking from the rich and giving to the poor

- a) **Did you know it's equally a poverty mindset to take from the rich to give to the poor?** This is a very ungodly approach to things. Many governments around the world have tried to use this approach and it has been a disaster. **Taking from the hardworking and giving to the lazy is not right.**
 - i) It is no crime in heaven or earth to be rich and wealthy.
 - ii) It is not okay to steal from the wealthy and rich. If you do, you have a poverty mindset.
 - iii) Taxing the rich more so that you can give to the poor or equally distribute wealth is a hell concept.
- b) If you took all the money in the world from a few wealthy people and divided it equally to everyone, it would all get back into the same hands in a short period of time. Why? Because they are industrious, hardworking, and attract money. They know and have learned how to attract money.

13. Hastening to be rich

- a) Proverbs 10:2; Job 20:19; Proverbs 13:11; 15:27; 20:21; 21:6; 28:22.
- a) Solve problems and charge for it. You are hired and paid for the problems you solve and fired for the ones you create or can't solve.

Uganda is wealthy and rich

Africa has some of the unmatched quantity of natural resources—tremendous wealth, yet it has the arguably one of the largest numbers of poor people. How is that possible? How can someone who has so much be begging?

What can you know and do?

Did you know you choose and determine how much you are worth? You determine how much you get paid or rewarded for what you do.

Example: I heard a story of a man of God who was asked to go speak to a certain nation. He was given I think 3 first class tickets and he was asked to name his price and I remember correctly, they doubled? How much he wanted to be paid.

- i) If you have never been asked to name your price or what you would like to be paid, you have not begun! You need to rise to this level. How much can I pay you is one of the best questions you could ever be asked. It is lovely!
 - ii) You need to grow and get to a place where you do not have to fill out a job application, but they come to you and simply offer a job or position, or they create a position for you because they want you to be a part of their team.
 - o One time, Andrew Wommack asked to do more for me in a meeting and I declined saying I was well taken care of. He wanted to put me up in a better place.
1. Renew your mind with the Word of God. You have to change your thinking about money, being Rich and wealth. **Money stays away from people with certain mindsets. It can't be attracted to them.**

All transformation and change on the life of a believer starts with the Word, continues in the Word and ends with the Word.

Change the way you think? God is not a cheap God. He is El-shaddai.

2. Increase knowledge
- o Read
 - o Invest in yourself (Books, conferences, Material)
 - o Don't buy a computer or phone to watch YouTube or to watch movies. It is not for social media. Use your smart phone and computer to make money to acquire knowledge and invest in yourself.
3. Find ways you can add value?

- a) Solve problems and charge for it.
 - i) Making money is about problem solving, not working hard. Solve problem, innovate, and create systems.
 - ii) You are hired and paid for the problems you solve.
 - iii) Fired for the ones you create or can't solve.
 - b) Every problem is a business opportunity.
 - c) Watching TV and movies is causing you to lose value.
 - i) You not at a level to watch TV that much. TV is for old people (Just kidding).
 - d) Would you be begged to stay if you want to resign? They will double your pay!
 - i) Try to resign on Monday and see how rare you are, if they do not beg you to stay, it means you are not valuable.
 - e) Those who do not add the most value are the first people to be swept away when a tsunami comes.
 - i) What is in your hand? I know people who are broke, yet they are one of the most gifted people I know.
 - ii) It is your gifting that will bring more value to you in terms of financial increase and prosperity.
 - o I know a guy who is very gifted and talented, yet not as prosperous. You need to convert your gifting to wealth and prosperity. If you have not, it is because you are poor.
4. Become unique. Do not be average like everyone else. Do the extra ordinary. Find a unique trade of skillset.
- a) If you are selling clothes, what's unique about your clothes? You don't make money just because you started a business.

iPhone Vs phones

i) I have learned that you do not need to have or find something unique. You can just do what you do uniquely. That very same thing everyone is doing or trying to do, and you can get a very devoted market share. An iPhone is a phone just like Techno, Samsung, LG, and many yet when you are talking about a phone, you better be talking about the iPhone.

o The iPhone does everything all other phones do such as calls, text, internet, camera—but they do it on a whole another level. In the past they have even used chips and processors that we made by other companies and competitors.

b) If you are a landlord, how do you make money? How do you make people not want to leave?

5. Become significant and rare.

a) When you are rare, they will come find you. They will come looking for you. They will dig for you as they dig for Gold. They will come to find you and place a great value on you.

b) Find your gifting

i) Your gift is key to your influence. Your gift will take you where your education can't.

ii) You become rare by refining your gift. Keep working, working it and become an expert at it.

iii) Find your rareness or uniqueness.

c) You become rare when you specialize. Do something unique otherwise you will not be unique and rare.

i) Jack of all trades but a master of none. Be a master at something.

6. Treat yourself.

a) Buy yourself something that is beyond your budget. For instance: Go to Café Javas and buy something without looking at the price. Surprise your mindset.

7. Give

a) **I have never met a person who gave their way into poverty.** Giving is not losing.

- b) Sowing is not throwing.
- c) Giving is not a subtraction but multiplication.
- d) It is only the seed that you plant that gets to be multiplied.

8. Get and be around prosperous people.

- a) Make some friends in this league.

9. Diversification of investments

Ecclesiastes 11:2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

- a) Never perfect time to sow

Ecclesiastes 11:4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

10. Diligence makes rich.

- a) Proverbs 10:4
- b) Proverbs 12:11
- c) Proverbs 21:5
- d) Proverbs 12:27

11. Trust in God, Not Money.

- a) Ecclesiastes 5:10
- b) Proverbs 10:22
- c) Proverbs 15:6

God is your source, not man.

12. Little to no debt

- a) Proverbs 22:7

13. Seek Wise Counsel

- a) Proverbs 3:18; Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 15:32

14. Wealth does not come instantly.

- a) Proverbs 13:11
- b) This will be lasting wealth.
- c) Lottery get rich schemes, exotic investments, huge returns in a short term.

15. Commit Your Work to the Lord

- a) Proverbs 16:3

16. Strategic partnerships

1 Kings 5:1-12—Solomon struck partnerships

17. Make a profit

- b) In every labor there is profit...Proverbs 14:23
- c) Find ways you can add value?
- d) Solve problems and charge for it. You are hired and paid for the problems you solve and fired for the ones you create or can't solve.

Want capital for a business?

Sell your phone, laptop or car and get capital. Why are you asking for capital when you have a car? That's your capital.

One time I had a friend who asked for capital. I have him some products to sell and guess what. He has all the excuses. The money I have I work hard for it and find ways to make it but those who ask for it only want the finished product. They do not want to do the work.

King Solomon's business prowess and Partnerships

1 Kings 5:6-11 6 Now therefore, command that they cut down cedars for me from Lebanon; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants according to whatever you say. For you know there is none among us who has skill to cut timber like the Sidonians. 7 So it was, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, for He has given David a wise son over this great people! 8 Then Hiram sent to Solomon, saying: I have considered the message which you sent me, and I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea; I will float them in rafts by sea to the place you indicate to me, and will have them broken apart there; then you can take them away. And you shall fulfill my desire by giving food for my household. 10 Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress logs according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty kors of pressed oil. Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

- i) Solomon asked King Hiram to supply cedars from Lebanon and was going to pay wages his servants for their labor. He understood business.
- ii) The wages Solomon was to pay King Hiram was giving food to his household which Solomon gave. It was 20,000 measures of wheat and 20 measures of pressed oil year by year.

1 Kings 7:13 Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre. 14 He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

- i) Hired very skilled men to help do the work.

1 Kings 9:26 King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

- i) Built a fleet (navy) of ships on the shore of the Red Sea.
- ii) Business partnerships with King Hiram
- iii) Acquired gold—420 talents of gold from Ophir and brought it to King Solomon.

1 Kings 10:14-15 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country. 22 For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys. 23 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

- i) Merchant or trading ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram

- ii) Once every year the merchant ships brought gold, silver, ivory, apes and monkeys
- iii) For the reason for trading and doing business, "So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom."

1 Kings 10:25 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

- i) One of the ways among others that Solomon gained wealth was through his wisdom. People and kings paid him serious "consultation fees." Wisdom can be a commodity (item or product). It was for king Solomon

1 Kings 10:28-29 Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price. 29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

- i) Importing horses. He was in an importing business.
 - o Bought them at the current price (NKJV). Current price at the given time reflects the current value.
 - o Cost of importing a chariot was 600 shekels of silver; one horse cost 150 shekels of silver. Note that King Solomon knew his cost.
- ii) After importing, he worked through agents that helped in exporting the horses and chariots to all other kings. He was a supplier of chariots and horses. He made money and profits.
- iii) Notice that he imported from Egypt and exported (selling) to all other kings of the Hittites and Kings of Syria.