

Who is Your Source?

If you are going to win and stay consistent, you have to answer this question accurately and mean every bit of it.

If you do not receive the truth that God is your source, you will eventually become a fraud star (MUFEERE).

Main Text:

Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor 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. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

— 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

We will come back to this passage, but first, let me lay a good foundation for the many things I will be speaking about.

Pick a season or the most difficult time you have gone through that you can think of. I will pick Covid-19. During the season of the coronavirus, we saw devastation and loss. Loss of lives,

livelihoods, and so forth was almost felt all over the globe. No doubt we know who was behind it, and it was not God.

Satan was the one who came, stole, killed, and destroyed (John 10:10). If God was not on the throne, I would also be discouraged with you, but I rather I have good news for you. God is not done with you. He is your source. He is your shield, and your exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1). If God gave you the wealth you had and have, He can bring it back to you. You need to get a revelation of who your source is. If you can understand your true Source, it will cause you to become prosperous even more and unmoved in any season or calamity.

- a) Although we are to work and be faithful, it must be made clear that the Lord is our true source, not ourselves.
- b) Do not put your focus on your husband, business, or job. It's God who is your source. God can still provide for you in the absence of all these things that many take as their source.
- c) If you quit looking to God as your source, if you trust in people, your true source gets hindered and limited because you have found another. If you depend on God, your resources will never end. A continual flow of your resources is based on who your source is.
- d) God ought to be your source to experience and have resources. You need to be so prosperous that it somewhat embarrasses you.

If you aren't embarrassed by the level of prosperity, God is not your source. —Andrew Wommack

- i) Many have prospered so much to the point that they think they are the source of all they have procured. We are not the true source of everything good we have and possess.
- ii) You will be defeated and will lose big if you do not know your source.

- iii) Everyone needs to have a revelation of who their source is. They think they are the source of everything they have. If you can understand your true source, it will cause you to have stability and prosperity in all seasons.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. —Matthew 6:33

- i) None of us in our own power can make ourselves truly prosperous. Only God can do that.
- ii) 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.

God will move and work through people, but it must be understood that He is our true source. Although your boss signs the check (cheque), he is not your source. He is a channel, but not the source.

Multiple sources

We need to learn to trust the Lord, not people. There is a huge difference. If God is your source, then He can surely bring you to increase anywhere you may be. He can also use multiple sources and channels to bring you the increase you need. If you see yourself as the source of your increase and financial prosperity, you will be limited to only the channels and vehicles you know to bring you that increase. Trusting the Lord and making Him your source is a way to broaden what God can do for you. Man is not your source, so stop looking to man for provision and increase.

Put pressure on the Word of God and His promises, not on people!

Put your expectation on God. Put your pressure on His Word. Don't put pressure on man or me, on the government, on your man of God or spiritual leader. Man will let you down. Man is not your source and cannot. If you do not make God your source, you will be let down and disappointed.

Revelation from the Lord

The Lord gave me a revelation in regard to who my source is, and it transformed my life. Here it goes: I was believing God for a financial breakthrough, but at the same time I was looking to a person I expected to bail me out and when they did not, I was very disappointed and as I did, God spoke to me: *If you are angry and mad at someone for not coming through for you or for not doing as they had promised, you do not have God as your source because if you did, you would not be angry, upset, or disappointed. Having and knowing that the Lord is your source will keep you from being mad.*

It is an indication that you were not looking to God as your source, but to man. You were looking to that person to bail you out—not God. If you were looking to God, you wouldn't be bothered, angry, and furious if any man failed you, after all, God is your Source, and it is Him you were ultimately looking to, to meet your needs, not man. If we look to the Lord as our source, we won't be easily offended. This is some powerful insight!

God can use:

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| 1) a friend, | 11) or other sources you would least expect. |
| 2) a friend's friend, | 12) Checks (cheques), |
| 3) a stranger, | 13) rebates, |
| 4) a family member, | 14) refunds, |
| 5) an enemy, | 15) cash, |
| 6) a boss, | 16) inheritance, |
| 7) colleague, | 17) discounts— God has a million ways to bring you financial provision. |
| 8) tax refund, | |
| 9) work bonus, | |
| 10) pay raise, | |

We need to get God out of our little box.

He wants to bring you success and prosperity, but you must not limit Him. He might use a different strategy, but with Him, there will be victory.

⇒ Stop fighting this: God prospering you is His Will — 3 John 2

Back to our Main Text:

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—1 Chronicles 29:10-16

- a) This was a moment when David and the children of Israel were giving towards the dedication of the house of the Lord (Temple). They gave so much money, gold, silver, and so forth, but the most outstanding thing is that David said that all the riches came from the Lord. Although the Israelites gave of their own hands, David recognized and understood that God was his source. A person with such a revelation will prosper under any circumstances and wherever they may be.
- b) David continues in 1 Chronicles 29:14, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." David continues to say that everything they gave to the Lord for the dedication of the temple was from Him ("come of thee"). In other words, David was saying that they had nothing of their own. This is the right attitude and mindset that we should all possess. This will cause or help us to become very thankful people.
- c) King David prayed one of the most outstanding and powerful prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Why? He acknowledged that God was the true source of all the wealth and provision that came into the temple.

- d) If we acknowledge that whatever we possess was given to us by God, it is a lot easier to be thankful. This was key in David's prayer.
- i) He said that whatever they had given, of the Lord had they received it. Greatness, victory, glory, power, might, and majesty are the Lord's. He is above all, and all belong to Him that is in Heaven and in the earth. Both riches and honor come from the Lord. He makes us great and gives us strength. David said that they took off what was the Lord's and gave it to Him. They gave Him His very own. David then says, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." David remembered where they came from. They were strangers and sojourners just as their fathers.
- e) You tell me, how can such a person with such a perspective and attitude not be thankful? No wonder David was very thankful. David said all the above because he was giving thanks to God.
- i) When we recognize that the Lord is our true source, like David, we will be praising the Lord. If we are not thankful and praising the Lord, we have not fully grasped that He is our true Source. Praise, thanksgiving, worship, and adoration of the Lord is the natural result of recognizing Him as our source.

1) Famine in the land

Genesis 26:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham [Genesis 12:10]. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

Genesis 26:12-17 **Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.** 13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: 14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. 15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. 16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. 17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

- a) This was a famine. A good opportunity for one to do everything in their own ability to survive, yet a good opportunity as well as to look to the Lord.
- b) Isaac trusted the Lord and sowed in the Land and reaped 100-fold.
- c) Why would he sow in famine? Because he was trusting the Lord as his source. This goes against reason or common sense if you are not trusting the Lord instead.

2) Looking unto heaven for Provision

Matthew 14:19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

Jesus looked unto God the Father to provide and meet the needs of the people. Do you have a need? Want a miracle? LOOK UP to HEAVEN! LOOK NORTH WHERE YOUR HELP COMES FROM. Looking unto heaven for Provisions

Jesus did three things that caused multiplication and a breakthrough.

1. He looked unto heaven
 2. He gave thanks (Blessed). If you have something small, do not curse it. If it is not enough, do not curse it with your words; rather, bless it.
 3. Brake and Give — After you give thanks, give. Be a giver. Jesus gave! Giving is a key that opens abundance and overflow in our lives. Be a giver if you want to increase and grow.
- 3) John 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

Everything good that we have received is from God (1 Corinthians 4:17; James 1:17), whether we know it or not. These things are directly from the Lord. Few people recognize that their true source is the Lord, and therefore, they aren't thankful to God.

- 4) 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?"

You're not the origin or the source of your wealth, health, strength, brilliance, education, expertise, looks, technical know-how, relationships that caused you to prosper—It has been God, and you need to acknowledge that and be thankful to Him. God is the TRUE SOURCE for every good thing that is going for you.

- 5) Naked we came!

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. —Job 1:21

As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry way in his hand. —Ecclesiastes 5:15

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

—1 Timothy 6:6-8

- a) Think about this, when we came into this world, we were naked and had nothing. We brought nothing in this world. Everything we have, we have been given. We did not appear with it. We are all interdependent on each other. Those who do not thank God have forgotten how they entered into the world. Knowing how empty we were will cause us to be more thankful than ever.

Isaiah 51:1 "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged."

- a) When we recognize and consider the pit we were dug out of by the Lord, we will

be thankful like no other.

- b) Every person alive has once been in a pit that the Lord dug them out. Why not be thankful if we know where we have been and who got us where we are?
- c) We need to give credit and glory to whom it is due, and that is God.

6) Abraham and Lot

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be brethren. [9] Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.[10] And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. [11] Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. [12] Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

—Genesis 13:8-12

- a) When Abram and his cousin, Lot, had become prosperous with cattle and flock, they chose to separate and each to go a different direction to stop any strife. Abraham told Lot to choose his land first, and Lot saw a land (all the plain of Jordan) that was well-watered and promising and chose to settle there. This was the land of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 13:13) that was later destroyed by the Lord for its ungodliness.
- b) Once Lot had decided, Abram chose another territory—land that likely would not be described as well-watered and promising. Why would someone do that? Why would someone choose second best when they had every right to claim the best? Abram knew that his prosperity was not dependent upon himself, and he was confident in the Lord as his **source**.

- c) **No matter where he was, he was going to prosper.** If he were in the desert, he would prosper there as well. He understood God as his source, and therefore, he did not make things happen in his own strength.
- d) Of the two, it is Abram who chose right, because he was trusting and depending upon the Lord. God prospered him more than Lot, and the portion of the land he chose was not destroyed but happened to be the future Promised Land that God gave to the children of Israel (Canaan). When we develop a mindset that God is our source, we will be very thankful people.

7) **Lest Thou Say, You Have Made Me Rich**

And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich.

—Genesis 14:22-23

- a) Abram was very cautious of anyone but the Lord saying or taking credit for making him rich. He made it very clear to the King of Sodom.
- b) Again, this points to Abram's attitude. He knew he was blessed of the Lord and that it was Him alone who was his source. Therefore, he was entirely dependent upon Him, no matter his location or situation.

8) **The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof**

The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

—Psalm 24:1

- a) The whole earth and all it contains is the Lord's. It is not yours. This should cause you to humble yourself knowing that what you have doesn't even belong to you.

9) The right path to increase points to God as your source

There are quite a lot of people who might think, I have to do what I have to do.

If I do not, then who will step in for me? Who will help me? **God**. God will help and see to it that you are taken care of as you choose to honor Him.

You have no cause to worry. God is not dead, and He is still on the throne.

A. Proverbs 15:16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

- a) If you have to lie, cheat, connive, bribe, kick down doors, and all these ungodly things to get money, opportunity, and/or open doors, you are not trusting God as your source. You have taken things into your own hands. God is not in it.

B. Proverbs 28:24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

- a) Some folks believe it's okay to cheat and take advantage of their parents. Whether or not they are old, it is wrong. It's a sin.

- i) **Robbing is a sin regardless of who you steal from. Whether from parents, siblings, or friends, it is wrong.** This person may think it's a light transgression, but it's not. This verse compares him to a destroyer. For example, the Pharisees and scribes asked people to take what was supposed to be given in support of their parents and give it to God, and they were free from honoring their parents. This was wrong.

C. Proverbs 16:8 "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right."

I have a guy who was once a friend who lost tremendously enormous opportunities because of a lack of truthfulness. He had a doctor who came to Uganda for vacation, and he was given a job to drive him around for two weeks. The first day went well, and the doctor loved and believed in this young man. The next day, the doctor called him to pick him up at the hotel, and he drove him for the whole day. At the end of the day, the doctor was getting ready to pay him and asked him how much he owed him. This driver overcharged the doctor, but the doctor was smart enough to know that the driver

was taking advantage of him by jacking up the price. The driver was not honest in his charges, and he knew it. Things got ugly. The doctor was angry that he almost went into a fistfight with the driver, had it not been for his wife calming him down. He paid the overcharged price to the driver and then **fired him immediately**. He told him he was never to see him again, nor should he attempt to come back to his hotel.

- a) This driver lost more money by far in the long run. He only worked for two days rather than two weeks. The profit he would have made through honesty would have outweighed the temporary gain of dishonesty.
- b) Many people would go home mad at God for what has happened, yet they are the very ones who shut this door to themselves because of a lack of dishonesty.
- c) God had nothing to do with this firing; the driver did. God opened a door for him, and the driver, through his lack of integrity, slammed it shut to his own face.
- d) We do not gain a thing by being dishonest. We may look like we have, but the truth is, we have lost more than we have gained through dishonesty by the thousands. We have lost opportunities and many open doors that integrity would have opened for us.
- e) Dishonesty hinders and blocks the prosperity and increase that ought to come our way.
 - i) Dishonesty is not what brings the increase.
 - ii) Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
 - o True riches are birthed by the blessing of God, not dishonesty. If we have the blessing, we have the riches.
 - iii) Proverbs 10:2 Treasures of wickedness **profit nothing**: but righteousness delivereth from death. [Emphasis mine]
- f) I was told that this doctor later returned and opened a hospital in Uganda, and who do you think would have been his driver had this young man not walked in dishonesty? This driver lost big time.

D. Proverbs 28:22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

a) Hastening to be rich is equivalent to having an evil eye. You may be thinking, "What's wrong with hastening to be rich? Doesn't everyone want to be rich at least quickly?"

i) The problem with hastening to be rich is that one will have to compromise, steal, cheat, or cut corners to get rich.

b) We are not to take advantage of others to get ahead. Many people kick down doors to get ahead. They step on others and sometimes crush them just to advance themselves.

c) Prov 15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

i) Proverbs 22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want. 22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

ii) Proverbs 11:1 A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

iii) Prov 23:1-7 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: 2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. 3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat. 4 Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. 5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. 6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: 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.

iv) Proverbs 15:16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith. This verse is saying that there is also much without the fear of the Lord, and small treasure without trouble.

- v) Proverbs 16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.
 - d) It's impossible to get rich quickly without compromise. People always compromise so they can increase quickly. This is not God's way of doing things. Such a kind is not blessed.
- E. Proverbs 28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.
- a) If people only knew this, they would act differently. What's the point of destroying other people's lives through thievery and ill-accumulated wealth just for it to end up in the hands of another? If we knew that all the dishonesty would end up in the hands of another, we would think twice before committing to such behavior. This could change or affect our actions. This shows the silliness of this dishonesty. It doesn't pay off, and it's not a true increase. Sin is emotional. It's not smart.
 - b) "Usury" refers to Interest on debt (Strong's Concordance). It was prohibited for the Children of Israel to **charge interest on money lent to each other**. Doing so was wrong and was an unjust accumulation (Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:36-37; Deuteronomy 23:19-20). This is not to say that earning interest is ungodly, but I do believe there is some ungodly interest that is gained through overcharging and taking advantage of others.
 - c) There are two types of gains: Just gain and Unjust gain. So then, if these two types of gains, then it's clear that the end doesn't justify the means.
 - d) He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. Proverbs 28:27
- F. Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
- b) The Hebrew word for 'faithful' here means firmness and moral fidelity. So, one who is a faithful man is one who is firm in their moral convictions. They don't compromise. They are secure. They cannot be bought, and they will not cut corners. Therefore, they will be blessed.

- c) Making haste to be rich refers to compromising moral convictions and godly values for riches and wealth. Such a person is not firm enough. He will stumble.
- d) Another way we can look at this verse is in context with the previous verse.
 - i) So faithful would mean a trustworthy, diligent, hardworking, committed, and persistent person.
 - ii) This kind of person will increase in blessings. Everyone wants to bless or be around such a man. Hard work pays.
- e) "Making haste to become rich" would be a reference to get-rich-quick schemes.
 - i) Taking advantage of others is also part of making haste to get rich. We should avoid such. For us to take this kind of route means we have to compromise what is right (moral convictions)
- f) We should endeavor and seek to be faithful because it pays off big-league.