

**Isaiah 48:17 (NKJV)** – *Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to **PROFIT**, Who leads you by the way you should go.*

- *Profit (v) – to obtain a financial advantage or benefit.*
- Most times, churches only focus on the spiritual side of profiting (Tithes, Offerings, Alms).
- It's frustrating for so many people, because they give and give and give...but never really prosper.
- Not because God is not true to His promises, but because there is a **Natural Side** to our prosperity.

## **Week #3 – Plan Your Work...Work Your Plan**

### **1. Live GENEROUSLY**

- **Luke 6:38 (MSG)** – *Give away your LIFE; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back - given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."*
- One of the hallmarks of a changed life as a Christian is a generous heart.
- God so loved that He gave. When we truly become like Him, our heart longs to give to others.
- We should be generous with our TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE.
- **Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)** – *Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.*
- **QUOTE:** *Generosity is what keeps the things we own from owning us. – Unknown*

### **2. Live with MARGIN**

- Living with Margin is simply, **Living with Room for Things to Go Wrong**
- **Luke 14:28, (NLT)** – *“But don't begin until you **COUNT THE COST**. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?"*
- In **everything** in life, we need to calculate margin.
- No financial margin means we're living with jussssssst enough to pay for our current lifestyle, as long as NOTHING GOES WRONG.
- Living with MARGIN requires **contentment** and a **budget**.
- **QUOTE:** *Let's have a funeral for the need to be impressive in the eyes of other people and live within our means. – George Davis*
- **Proverbs 12:9 (NIV)** – *Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.*

### **3. Live with SAVINGS**

- **Proverbs 21:20 (KJV)** – *There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the WISE, but a FOOLISH man spends it up.*
- The foolish man thinks only about today, so he makes no plans for tomorrow.
- First 10% to God...Second 10% to Savings...then handle your business.
- **Proverbs 6:6 – 8 (NLT)** *Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! 7 Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, 8 they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.*

### **4. Live DEBT FREE**

- **Romans 13:8 (NKJV)** – *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.*
- **Proverbs 22:7 (MSG)** – *The poor are always ruled over by the rich, so don't borrow and put yourself under their power.*

- Borrowing is not a sin...but it SHOULD BE OUR LAST RESORT!
- We should commit to never borrow money for depreciating assets.
- **Proverbs 22:26, 27 (NLT)** – *Don't agree to guarantee another person's debt or put up security for someone else. 27 If you can't pay it, even your bed will be snatched from under you*