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## Chapter Five:

### **Prosperity Principle #6:**

### **Choose The Good Seed (Opportunity) God Provides And Sow Abundantly**

This is the second step in breaking the Rich/Poor barrier.

Let's recap what we've learned so far. You've realized that without a vision, long range planning and sufficient cash flow, many good people and their businesses perish. So you've disciplined yourself to meditate, to enter into that transformational glory experience where you obtain your vision and keep it alive. You've understood the necessity of making God your business partner, of cultivating good character traits such as following the golden rule and being a good steward of both your resources and the earth's. You setup at least one Investment Savings Account (see Chapter 10) and have plans to establish multiple income streams, thereby assuring a steady cash flow in times of financial drought. You've also realized the importance of choosing where you invest your time, money and other resources, that unless you take the bull by the horns and choose to seek alternatives to this world's choices, you and your family will unwittingly serve to further it's corrupt agenda. You know that you want off the "Two-Job Treadmill", where you and your spouse have become slaves to an ever increasing debt load, leaving little or no time for your family. Stress upon stress, failure and divorce are your only reward if nothing is done to change such a situation. Not a very pretty picture but an honest one. You see it unfolding all around you. You and your family may already be experiencing financial difficulties. But the good news is that you're reading this book, you have chosen to seek an alternative, to do something about your situation.

Having read Chapter 3 on why the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, you have (hopefully) experienced a similar revelation to the one I had, finally realizing the truth regarding the natural laws of attraction and subtraction, with many examples in nature as to it's immutable character. Then in Chapter 4 you were introduced to the first step in breaking that rich/poor barrier, how you can use the leveraging power of mentoring, networking

and community to overcome **nature's laws**, laws which **favor any system or person that is bigger, faster, healthier, fed by multiple sources, able to grow more rapidly than the competition or able to recover faster from nature's continual onslaughts**. Are you beginning to see the bigger picture?

This Prosperity Principle™ is derived from "**The Parable of the Sower**" and is about more than the word of God being sown into one's heart or the children of the kingdom being sown into the field of this world. It **is also about the seeds of opportunity being sown into the soil of the marketplace**. Instead of God or his Son Jesus sowing the seed, it is **the symbolic sowing of the work you and your Vision Team put into that opportunity**. Your Vision Team can be just you and one other person (your wife or business partner) or it can be a large assembled team of the best of the best.

It will help in understanding how **the Parable of the Sower is key to breaking through the Rich/Poor barrier** by quoting it in its entirety. [Mt 13:3-8](#) "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some \* \* fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold \*, some sixtyfold \*, some thirtyfold."

In a later explanation to his disciples Jesus says, in [Mt 13:19-23](#), "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold \*, some sixty \*, some thirty."

**In my meditations, concerning what Jesus revealed in Matthew 13:11-15 (i.e. the Law of Attraction and the Law of Subtraction) that those who already have will be given abundantly more, and that those who have little will have even the little they have taken away, I had to ask of God, "what is the**

answer"? And the answer to my question came in a flash of insight. **I saw that the subsequent parables in that same chapter provided many of the solutions.** Reading those other parables with this insight was a mind blowing experience. It was like a gigantic puzzle, which was suddenly being pieced together by the hand of God. And yet, the deeper meaning of Matthew 13's most central parable, the Parable of the Sower, was not apparent to me until much later. It was as if it's lessons of sowing the good seed into good soil was too obvious to even consider.

Yes, it is true that the Parable of the Sower was meant primarily to teach us spiritual truths. However, just as the Lord's Prayer is primarily a spiritual prayer, one cannot deny that it was meant to bring those spiritual truths into our everyday lives and thereby supercharge what is usually so mundane. Consider these words in [Mt 6:10](#) "**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**" In [Lu 11:2-4](#) we read: "**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**" Where are we praying for God's kingdom to come to? We pray for it to come to us, here on earth. And when we pray "thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven", its obvious that the will of God is to be done in the earth, just as it is in heaven! So why do so many consider that any earthly, material interpretation of Jesus' teachings is somehow wrong? **What was revealed to me in my meditations is that it's vital to consider the application of these parables to everything in our lives, our work, our play, our thoughts, and that in the context of community these spiritual truths are meant to liberate us, to free us from many of the struggles we now take for granted and consider "normal".**

Regarding this parable I want you to consider the following: that **the seed, which is also called the word of the kingdom, is the idea, the opportunity; the soil is the world, the marketplace, your customers; and the sower is you and your network, your visionary team.** From this perspective we find lessons for how to become successful as well as make more money (success and making more money do not necessarily go hand in hand).

In Genesis we read that God created man in his own image. And according to the Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, man "Is the image and glory of God". After years of seeking to understand what it means to be created in the image of God, I concluded we are created with the same powers of creativity, a sovereign free will, and the duty to be good stewards of what is created (more details in Chapter 11).

"In the beginning was the word... and the word was made flesh" (John 1:1;14). This passage has another meaning besides the traditional one, that of the spirit of God's son, Jesus Christ, being manifest in the flesh through a virgin birth. Since we are created in God's image and God abides within us

(John 14 & 15), so are we enabled to speak the word of our ideas until we speak them into existence, this being made possible by the sheer power of our God given will and by the knowledge which God gives us to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds... like being poor. We learn that "one can put to flight a thousand but two can put to flight ten thousand". We see the power of networking, of community, of leveraging our own limited power until the idea we have is given life. We stay focused until we persevere, because we know that "if our eye is single, our whole being shall be full of light". That light is the power of God working through "a great cloud of (angelic) witnesses that surrounds you". Like a laser beam whose power is derived from the harmonic in-synch light waves it contains, we make conscious choices that lead to further harmony, choosing wisely where we put our time, our money and our resources. We understand that moral uprightness is not just another option, but the only option. Without it we would soon be derailed by our own desires; we would be bogged down in a morass of dissonance emanating from those we hurt, our actions serving only to rob us of our joy and to dissipate our energies.

Here is my loose interpretation of the Parable of the Sower, keeping in mind the expanded meanings I provided above for the Seed, Soil and Sower:

When someone discovers an opportunity (an idea whose time has come) but understands it not, then all the nay sayers will pluck that idea from that persons heart before it can even sprout. This is the seed (idea/opportunity) that falls by the wayside.

When someone discovers an opportunity (an idea whose time has come) and receives it with understanding and joy, but has not previously prepared their heart to remain focused and patiently endure, such a person has no root in themselves, so that when the inevitable pains and suffering in birthing any idea into this world comes along, such a person is offended by all the trouble and gives up.

When someone discovers an opportunity (an idea whose time has come) and receives it with understanding but has no joy, lacking the self-discipline to forgo luxuries or transform cares into manageable to-do lists, then soon enough they are overcome by the cares of this world and it's riches; they are robbed of the joy of bearing fruit (success) because they choose temporary comfort and it chokes out their will to succeed regardless of the cost.

**But, when one discovers an opportunity (an idea whose time has come) and receives it with both joy and understanding; when one has root in ones self, having sought after knowledge and wisdom rather than riches for the sake of being rich; and when such a person cultivates patient endurance in the face of tribulations and persecutions (which inevitably comes from those**

**who lack vision) that person will bear the fruit of success in their business, in their family, and before God, increasing their net worth by 100 fold, 60 fold or 30 fold.**

Now, **how does one sow abundantly?** I believe that this is accomplished in a number of ways. First, consider that ideas do not exist in a vacuum. They are attached to emotions, which can either help or hinder you. To sow abundantly one must realize that those emotions that hinder, especially negative emotions, must be brought into check by one's own self-discipline. I am not advocating a Christian Science kind of denial, where one has a cold and tells everyone who sees you obviously do have a cold that in fact you don't! Negatives are sometimes necessary to one's survival, whereby a need to change a negative situation into a positive one is accomplished only by first admitting it exists. What is called for here is, balance. **One can and should sow an abundance of enthusiasm, an abundance of joy, an abundance of effort towards realizing one's goals.**

**Sowing abundantly also means sowing more than one idea.** One of the things God revealed to me in that meditation on the Pond versus the Lake, was that the lake had multiple streams flowing into it. I immediately recognized this as indicating the need to have multiple sources of income. Years later I read another author who identified those multiple income sources as "**Multiple Streams of Income**". Another way of saying it, more popular among the rich who regularly invest in the stock market, is "**Diversification**". Or, as is often said in more rural areas, "**Don't put all your eggs in one basket**"! Anyone wanting to break the Rich/Poor barrier must apply this basic principle even though they will, more often than not, initially lack the resources to create more than one stream of income. However, starting a home-based business is a very important option to exercise if you or your family wants to create multiple streams of income.

To a poor person this seems like just one more insurmountable obstacle. But this is precisely why I have produced this book. Network with others facing the same obstacle. Come up with creative solutions based on the ideas of those who have already made it. Leverage your efforts if you can't come up with the money to pursue this goal immediately by maximizing the use of what you already have: your existing skills, those materials lying around unused in your attic or basement, your interested friends. Increase your productivity, cut back on your expenses, and do without some luxuries (or even some necessities!) until you have enough money to meet your goal. And your first goal, after creating a plan, should be to create an "Investment Savings Account" (more on this in Chapter 10). Where there is a will, there is indeed a way. **Remember the synergy of adding just one other person who has the same vision and enthusiasm; it increases your effectiveness exponentially, by a factor of 10, not 2!**

There is of course, another secret you'll need to learn to assure your success. You'll need to understand that one of your greatest weapons is your faith. This is not faith, as most people understand faith. This is faith that believes in the power of God and your God created will, a faith that believes you can call down supernatural power sufficient to transform impossible situations. This brings us to chapter six, where we'll explore this more fully.