

New Creation Realities Series



KINGDOM ECONOMICS

Trading Fig-Leaf Faith for Kingdom Grace



JAN VAN ROOYEN

Kingdom Economics Series

**Kingdom Lifestyle
Journal Compilation**

by
Jan van Rooyen

© Copyright 2023 - Jan van Rooyen.
This means, **"Copy it Right!"**

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/> or send a letter to Creative Commons, PO Box 1866, Mountain View, CA 94042, USA.

Scriptures marked KJV are taken from the KING JAMES VERSION (KJV): KING JAMES VERSION, public domain. Scriptures marked AMPC are taken from the AMPLIFIED BIBLE (AMP): Scripture taken from the AMPLIFIED® BIBLE, Copyright © 1954, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1987 by the Lockman Foundation Used by Permission. (www.Lockman.org). Scripture quotations marked (GNT) are from the Good News Translation in Today's English Version- Second Edition Copyright © 1992 by American Bible Society. Used by Permission. Scripture quotations marked MSG are taken from THE MESSAGE, copyright © 1993, 2002, 2018 by Eugene H. Peterson. Used by permission of NavPress. Represented by Tyndale House Publishers.

Take note that the name satan and related names are not capitalized. We choose not to acknowledge him, even to the point of violating grammatical rules.

RAIN International SA Publications
P.O. Box 648
Edenvale 1610, South Africa

"Facilitating Conformity to the Image of Christ"

For Worldwide Distribution
eBook designed in the Republic of South Africa
First Edition - September 2026

This eBook and all other RAIN International SA Publications are presently available online at: WisdomBooks.co.za

For more Information about our Books,
call: **+27.83.391.7980**
Or, reach us on the Internet: **www.raininternational.com**

DEDICATION

I dedicate this volume to every faithful son of the Kingdom who has persevered in this formidable quest to walk in the fullness of God's economic provision.

Also, if you are reading this it means you've probably not yet arrived "*there.*" "*There*" is that place you can see with the eyes of your heart. A place where you experience and walk in God's overflowing abundance. This is specifically true when it comes to economics and financial prosperity. Look at what 1 Kings 17 says about "*there.*"

1 Kings 17:1, "Elijah the Tishbite, of the temporary residents of Gilead, said to Ahab, As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew or rain these years but according to My word. 2 And the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 3 Go from here and turn east and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, east of the Jordan. 4 You shall drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. 5 So he did according to the word of the Lord..." (Amp)

The advice and guidance in this book may not give all the answers to get you "*there.*" Even so, I know in my heart of hearts it will redirect your spiritual trajectory, and this adventurous journey will ultimately peak at your financial destiny. In fact, this "voyage" is more about you discovering the ways and methods your Heavenly Father employs so you can relish in His financial blessings. Enjoy the trip...

~~~~~

To my first spiritual father, Dr. Ron Kussmaul, whose life and ministry demonstrated what it means to walk in the fullness and sufficiency of God's blessing. Ron taught me much of what I know about Kingdom Economics. His training and mentoring prevented major financial catastrophes and calamities in my life.

Thank you Ron! I still hear your voice encouraging me to "*keep on keeping on...*" And, "*When the going gets tough, the tough keep going...*"



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To my wonderful wife, Annika... Wow! Again, you've been there for me and with me. You consistently release the Grace God's given you into my life. Your encouragement, especially with regard to this very difficult and sometimes controversial subject, uplifts my heart. I am always and inevitably inspired to look up and see the road ahead with clear vision and confidence. Thank you and I still love you more...

To all my spiritual sons in the Lord, a heartfelt thank you for your continued support as I do the work God has mandated me for. I commend you for your patience in following me as I lead you onwards, forging ahead into a clearer vision and view of God's pathway and destiny for our Household. I am grateful for everything you've done and continue to do for us.

To Pastor Thamo Naidoo of GATE Ministries Sandton, South Africa. Thank you, Thamo, for your example and Word impartation with regards to Kingdom Economics. You've built steadily and firmly on the foundations others have laid in my life. I am deeply grateful for the insights you've given me!

To Shaun and Sonja Blignaut, thank you for your timely words of encouragement and prayers. By the Spirit you always come through, just at the right time. I truly appreciate you...

To my Heavenly Father... Thank You for showing me, not just Your acts and deeds, but also teaching me Your ways.

*Psalm 103:7, "**He made known his ways** unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel." (KJV)*



## AUTHOR'S NOTE

In all my years of writing lessons, courses, newsletters, and books, this writing probably sits right at the top of important topics to flow from my pen.

The significance of this document is defined by the subject matter being reviewed within its pages. By now you know I am discussing Kingdom Economics, and it includes the very sensitive matter of money... These issues are very "weighty" and they provoke an entire spectrum of reactions in the Church.

Opinions are often very diverse and alternate between exceptionally negative and at times, ultra positive. My objective is to bring a balance into view which will defuse and stabilize overstated mindsets about economics and money. At the same time, everything I share with you is definitely not the sum total of all there is to say about this matter. My wish is to plainly and simply convey certain core concepts or ideas. It is up to you, the reader, to capture and receive these as "seed" thoughts, and then to consider them (*Genesis 24:63a; Philippians 4:8; Joshua 1:8*).

Taking time to think about and consider new viewpoints is somewhat of a lost art when it comes to God's present day Church. It takes a deliberate effort. In more than 40 years of ministering these truths, I've seen and experienced the lack of knowledge and naivety of very sincere and God-loving believers. Many are trapped by and believe religious "theories" or unbiblical hypotheses about economics and money. Nonetheless, ***the Church is duty-bound to nurture positive change*** to this harmful and unfavourable scenario. Alignment with God's Word is imperative in order to ensure the Church can exercise *proper Christ authorized jurisdiction* within the scope of this dimension.

Let me clearly contrast the above with this; not every citizen of God's Kingdom holds unbiblical beliefs about these things. All of us (including myself) have certain blind spots and areas where we lack understanding and insight. Furthermore, I believe that no child of God will deliberately choose to go against the

Truth of the Scriptures. Even so, the enemy still manages to trick enough of us into believing false concepts (*see Genesis 3:1-7; Galatians 3:1-3*). In the economic realm the result is a weakening of the financial impact of the work and mandate of the Church in society and the world.

Many of God's people avoid thinking about or discussing economic or financial matters in any depth. Why? ***Because money is supposedly very evil...*** However, these very same people get out of bed at 05:00 every morning in order to arrive at work on time. What for? So they can earn money! Most of them also have bank accounts where they store their money. And, to top it off, many even own investment accounts with international financial institutions. This outlines and highlights a clear disparity and imbalance in relation to God's view of these things.

Where and how does it all fit together in God's grand scheme of things? Let me try to answer some of this question.

### **A little history and clarification about my own background...**

After concluding my service (1974-1980) as a military aviator in the South African Air Force, I set out on my new journey into the business world. Similar to my aviator training, I "jumped" into the deep end. It was as if the Lord was saying, "Sink or swim, Buddy!" Well, I decided to swim as well as I could.

The only problem with my "swimming technique" was that I did not know how to do it in this vast and very "foreboding" sea of business. Sure, I knew how to fly military jets. Yet, this business thing was foreign to me and very far removed from my aviation "comfort zone". To tell you the honest truth, I just about drowned! I was ready to quit big time before even getting started. Now what? Well, by God's Grace, I realized I needed to learn from others who were effective and prosperous in this arena. It is ***the number one golden rule*** and the greatest secret to becoming successful in business and finances. This is also true for any other enterprise we may take on in life.

## The Golden Rule

When you decide to go into business, or any venture which involves economics or finances of any sort, always surround yourself with people who know more than you do. In the end, their advice and counsel will prove to be priceless!

*Proverbs 15:22, "Without consultation and wise advice, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they are established and succeed." (Amp)*

*Proverbs 15:22, "Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established." (NKJV)*

One of the first steps to get you going in this direction is by joining yourself to a spiritual father. The concept of "spiritual fathering" is a biblical principle which I urge you to investigate and implement in your life.

*1 Corinthians 4:14-17, "I don't write these things merely to make you feel uncomfortable, but that you may realise facts, as my dear children. After all, you may have had ten thousand teachers in Christian faith, but you cannot have many fathers! For in Jesus Christ I am your spiritual father through the Gospel; that is why I implore you to follow the footsteps of me your father. I have sent Timothy to you to help you in this. For he himself is my much-loved and faithful son in the Lord, and he will remind you of those ways of living in Christ which I teach in every church to which I go." (J.B. Phillips Translation)*

## My career in sales and marketing...

To make a long story short, God led (it felt more like pushed and shoved) me into sales and marketing. Again, a domain and realm completely foreign to me. However, the Lord opened my eyes to the fact that *everything I ever purchased* from any store anywhere, *was sold to them* by a sales person. And then, *their sales person sold it to me*. Once I internalized this concept, things became a lot easier. I made up my mind that businesses

and shops needed my products because the general public needed them.

Think about it for a moment. The device you're reading from right now, you bought from a store somewhere. Every component of your device was sold to the manufacturer thereof by the sales executive of another company. This "other company" bought the raw materials from someone else who also sold it to them. I can go on and on, and I think by now you can add to the rest of the picture.

### **I learned how to sell "ice to an Eskimo"**

Over many years my product range varied from jewellery to cosmetics. From photocopiers to the first fax machines. And then, the Internet. Websites, eMail, ISP's, online marketing, product promotions and sales via the Web. All these goods and commodities had to be sold to someone. ***By me.*** And, I became very skilled and proficient at it.

During my season in business, I also obeyed the call of God to teach the Word to His people. This brought me another step closer to what almost proved too much to carry out in reality. At a certain point the Lord asked me to surrender my reliance on finances generated by business. He asked me to trust Him for my income. Well, anyone who has ever obeyed this same request from the Lord knows what is really at stake; a complete trust and dependency upon Him and His Word to meet every financial need.

*And, also much easier said than done (to me, anyway...)*

I quickly understood that the Gospel is free... One cannot "sell" it like a commodity in order to make money or a profit from it. Previously, when I needed money, I could just go and sell something to one or more of my longstanding customers. Now, I had to ask God to meet my needs and trust Him to do so. Wow, this certainly was new! Or, actually, not so completely new...

During my years of selling products to my clients, I still had to release my faith and trust God. In fact, it got to the place where I had to trust God for every sale. I learned to tune my spiritual ear to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Almost every morning before I left home, I waited on Him to tell me which clients He wanted me to visit.

In the beginning it was a bit of a hit and miss situation. Be that as it may, I decided to push through. Eventually this became my default *modus operandi* and my go-to approach for doing business. Nothing beats hearing and obeying the Spirit of God. And, herein lies a key question and a great secret.

Does God have a problem with us working to generate money when He so clearly directed me to make large sales with clients? Surely, this proves He does not. What's more, millions of Christian business people across the world confirm that the same is true for them, *every day*. And, what about working for the Lord in ministry? Do we "work" for Him for free, especially in light of *1 Timothy 5:18, Luke 10:7 and Matthew 10:10*?

Well, this book seeks to cover in some measure what it means to walk in God's provision economically and financially. Whether we are in business or ministry, the fundamentals and ground rules remain basically the same.

### **Is there a "secret" to all this?**

The heart of man makes up for part of the secret... In many instances the heart is the "fly in the ointment" restraining God's blessing. Often it is what's inside the heart of man which becomes the main stumbling block (*Jeremiah 7:13; Mark 7:20-23; James 3:11-12*). The question, "Who or what am I serving in my quest for economic success and good fortune?" must be asked. We all know that deep in our hearts there is this yearning to worship something or someone. What or who will fill this void?

Let us take a look at Matthew 6:24:

*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord]." (Amp)*

*"How could you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't worship the true God while enslaved to the god of money!" (TPT)*

These verses show a divided heart. A divided heart is not pleasing to our Heavenly Father and does not enjoy the fullness of His blessing:

***James 1:7-8**, "When you are half-hearted and wavering it leaves you unstable. Can you really expect to receive anything from the Lord when you're in that condition?" (TPT)*

***James 1:7**, "For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord, 8 [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]." (AMPC)*

It will do us well to **read James 1 from verse 1 to 8**. It actually clarifies the role faith plays in this issue of a divided heart. Faith is undoubtedly the key to walking in "singleness" of heart and mind.

***Matthew 6:22**, "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." (KJV)*

One of the root or base meanings of the word "single" in this verse is to plait, braid, or weave together. To plait or braid is to interweave three or more strands of material (string, hair, etc...) together into one (*see Ecclesiastes 4:12*). It also denotes purity. Additionally, "single" means to be steady, and directed to one

object. It means not to be confused, i.e. when the eyes of a person see double.

The connection between the focus of faith and our heart is unmistakable. True faith will bring the heart into a posture of unwavering single-mindedness. In contrast, fear, doubt, and unbelief will cause confusion, instability, and double-mindedness, or a divided will.

### **In the lessons to follow...**

This book is a compilation of lessons already published, and new ones to be released in future.

In the light of what we've discussed so far, the aim of these lessons or journals is to bring our focus back to the Word of God. To give us a "single eye". In turn, by making the Word the central point of our attention, our hearts will begin to "see" and discern Christ. This opening of our spiritual eyes will enable our faith to come into a single focus. This is important:

***Hebrews 12:2** "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." (KJV)*

***Hebrews 12:2** "Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]..." (AMPC)*

### **My prayer for you:**

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart and understanding will see the Light of Christ (Ephesians 1:18) and come into a single focus on Him and His Word. I declare you will no longer be waylaid by 'every wind of doctrine' and you will grow up in 'all things' and the fullness (Ephesians 4:14) of your sonship position in Christ and before the Father. In the Name of Jesus!"*

**Jan van Rooyen**  
**September, 2026**

## A Special Note:

Once you begin to read this book, you'll notice it is a work in progress. The book isn't complete; it is in the process of being completed. How long will it take to complete, you may ask?

Well, this depends on how fast I can add journals as chapters to the manuscript. I am working on supplementing with at least one journal per month. The actual aim is to add two per month so the information becomes available to you much quicker.

Also, note that I release the journal as a newsletter first before adding it to the book. I'm sure you'd like to receive the newsletter so you can study the latest updates. To receive the journal as a newsletter, follow the link below:

**[News.RAINInternational.com](http://News.RAINInternational.com)**

---

## And, finally...

Take as much time as you need to read this manuscript. Trust the Lord to speak the truths written herein into your heart of hearts. Read prayerfully and enjoy what you learn. Then, put into practice what you've learned.

By the way, this book is free and it's yours to keep. I ask a small favour of you, though. Would you mind sending this book to two or three of your friends? I will really appreciate it! Also, you can add "value" to this publication by contributing to the production & distribution costs. To do so, follow the link below:

**[www.RAINInternational.com/Give](http://www.RAINInternational.com/Give)**

You may contribute one dollar or \$100.00. It's up to you...

Enjoy your journey with me!

***Jan van Rooyen***



TABLE OF CONTENTS

|              | Page                                  |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lesson One   | Religious People don't ..... 1        |
| Lesson Two   | Fig Leaf Faith is Religion ..... 5    |
| Lesson Three | What is Truth? ..... 10               |
| Lesson Four  | ..... 00                              |
| Lesson Five  | ..... 00                              |
|              | Endnotes ..... i                      |
|              | Resources by Jan van Rooyen ..... iii |



## Lesson One

# Religious People don't...

2026-07-01

**Y**es, it's true! Religious people don't... "They" don't usually declare the complete truth about God and His Word.

This issue started in the garden... **Genesis 3:4**, *"But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity."* (AMP) (For your own benefit, I suggest you read Chapter 3 from the beginning).

The verses quoted above clearly show how the devil cast a net of doubt and deception regarding Eve's true identity. Satan said, *"...your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God..."* Adam and Eve were already created in the image and likeness of God. This question brought definite doubt and unbelief into Eve's heart about her real identity.

The Bible is full of prophetic types, shadows, and images. Here in Genesis 3 Eve represents a picture of the coming Church of the New Testament. And so, even today, the Church doubts her legitimate identity in Christ. The apostle Paul states in **2 Corinthians 11:3**, *"But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted and seduced from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ."* (AMP)

Paul is very clear about the "corruption" of the mind. Religious mindsets can easily "corrupt" and confuse godly thinking patterns if we are not alert in the spirit. Our minds are

the centre of our thoughts, and, as we think, so are we (*Proverbs 23:7*). In Romans 12:1-2 Paul is adamant about the renewing of our minds. It is imperative for us to renew our minds to, what I term, "New Creation Realities." We must renew our minds to our real identity in Christ, not religion!

### **Religion is fig leaf faith...**

In *Genesis 3:7* we read, "...and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles." Fig trees and fig leaves are Biblical symbols of religion and religious behaviour. Religion is man's effort to try and please God. Adam and Eve thought they could "please God" by covering their shame with fig leaves - their own efforts.

### **Religion has tainted the way we think about economics...**

Now, the actual theme of this lesson involves the matter of "Kingdom Economics." No other subject from the Bible has suffered more from the negative influence of religious concepts and dogma than this topic. Over the centuries sincere and honest believers have offered their opinions and teachings about the evils of wealth and prosperity. And, even though most were, and today still are, very sincere in their motives, they've mixed in religious ideas and theories.

These opinions and concepts are basically nothing more than religious "fig leaf" ideas about how economics is really supposed to work. The reason the Church has come up with so many erroneous economic "principles" is because we generally don't understand how God sees this and what He thinks about it.

### **Is money really the root of all evil?**

For instance, you and I often hear this statement; "Money is the root of all evil..." If this were true, then there is no hope for any of us... We all do some form of work in order to receive

money, so we can take care of ourselves and our families. The verse in 1 Timothy 6:10 actually begins with:

*"For the love of money is the root of all evil" (AMP)*

*"Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble..."  
(Message)*

So, if great wealth was a real problem to God, then most of the patriarchs such as Abraham, Solomon, and others were in deep trouble. Biblical history records that in his time, Job was the greatest and wealthiest man in his region - known as "the East" (modern-day northern Arabia or Edom). His wealth was based on a massive agricultural empire. We are told God *"blessed the work of Job's hands, and his possessions have increased in the land" (Job 1:10).*

These verses may bring thoughts into our hearts which sound similar to the conversation Jesus and His disciples had in **Mark 10:25 & 26:**

*"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And they were shocked and exceedingly astonished, and said to Him and to one another, Then who can be saved?" (AMP)*

Jesus then remarked, *"...with men [it is] impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God" Mark 10:27 (AMP)*

## Conclusion...

This thought concludes today's lesson. I'm sure I've piqued your interest sufficiently so you already look forward to the next edition.

We will then continue to explore "Kingdom Economics" in greater depth.



## Lesson Two

# Fig Leaf Faith is Religion...

2026-07-23

**I**n our last lesson we learned from Genesis 3:7 how Adam and Eve covered themselves with fig leaves. That action was their religious response to try and please God. They reasoned that by wrapping themselves with fig leaves (their own efforts), they would "earn" God's favour and approval.

Well, is this actually possible? Can we really "earn" God's approval? **Hebrews 11:6** states, *"But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him..."* (AMP)

*"For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]" Ephesians 2:8-9 (AMP)*

These verses make it very clear how our own efforts cannot bring into manifestation God's salvation and the finished work of Christ. In fact, Adam and Eve already enjoyed the favour of God since they were His children or sons (**Luke 3:38**). We see God's benevolence and grace towards them in Genesis 3:8 onwards. Even though they had sinned, God still came to them in the cool of the day as He did before. This distinctly shows He did not reject them in any way!

## God visits Adam and Eve

After the fig leaf event of Genesis 3:7, God "drops in" on Adam and Eve in the garden the way He always did. Verse 8 reports how Adam and his wife "hid" themselves among the trees. God asks Adam, *"Where are you?"* Now, the question is, did the all-knowing God not know where they were? Was He playing "peek-a-boo" with them? I don't believe so.

My suggestion to you is that God asked, *"Where are you?"* with reference to their spiritual standing and position with Him. They lost their "intimate" position of fellowship with their heavenly Father. However, they did not lose their relationship as His children.

In verse 10 Adam announces, *"...I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid..."* Surely, this means when God visited with them in the past there was no sense of fear or urge to hide away? My viewpoint is that this sense of fear or "covering up" came as a direct result of their religious "fig leaf" actions. Like many of us today, they suffered from the fear of "being found out", which boils down to guilt and condemnation.

## How does this apply to Kingdom Economics?

In the previous lesson we briefly discussed *1 Timothy 6:10* where it says, *"For the love of money is the root of all evil"* (AMP). Money itself is not evil in the same way a Mercedes Benz is not evil because an evil person drives it. With money people can accomplish evil things because of the evil motives in the hearts of those using or spending it. There is also a converse reality to this observation. When we honour the Lord with our Firstfruits, Tithes and Offerings, we engage in holy "transactions" with Him.

Most of us are familiar with the concept of giving Firstfruits, Tithes and Offerings. When we practice giving in this way with the right heart attitude towards our heavenly Father, His Grace is

activated in our lives. *2 Corinthians 9:6-15* gives wonderful insights regarding giving when done generously and with the right heart posture.

What I am saying is when we, for instance, give money, it remains neutral in the whole transaction. It is the heart of the person giving those funds which determines the outcomes and whether God's Grace will flow or not. The heart attitude determines whether the giving of Firstfruits, Tithes and Offerings will cover the giver with "fig leaves" or with God's Grace.

A fig leaf approach for financial protection and provision usually results in a kind of hit and miss state of affairs in the financial life of the giver. Believers who give in this way may be recognised by the complaints emanating from their mouths, especially when it comes to their financial wellbeing.

### **Reminder:**

The main theme of this series of lessons deals with the subject of Kingdom Economics. Our economic successes or failures in life are directly linked to how deeply we've allowed religion to contaminate and infect the way we think about economics and money.

Therefore, before I conclude today's lesson, I want to introduce a few thoughts to you. In order to kick-start the process, I need you to think back to your childhood. Try to recall specific memories or instances where you encountered money. Like me, you may not be able to call up all those experiences, however, try anyway. Now, think back about what your parents, family, teachers or friends said to you concerning finances. Chances are some of what you remember may not be very positive.

When I think back, vivid images of how my parents scolded me for even touching "dirty" money, flood into my consciousness. So, as children we learn, or it is actually drummed into us that money is "dirty." Now, in a physical sense

this is certainly true, since many of us know what it's like to pry a coin from an infant's mouth. Such a situation can become very dangerous very quickly. Here we can already see the negative pattern evolving around the "fear," "dislike," or even disdain of money.

In this type of environment the enemy is quick to manipulate and exploit the vulnerable thoughts of the immature. He's a master at "blurring the lines" between that which is true and false. This creates confusion and opens the door for religious concepts to take a hold of the mind.

Now, couple this with a religious impetus from parents or other authority figures where the term "filthy lucre" is associated with money or wealth, and you've got a recipe for possible financial ruin. Additionally we have the misquoted verse that *"money is the root of all evil"* from 1 **Timothy 6:10**, and you're well on your way to developing a skewed perception and understanding of money and wealth.

It is appropriate to close this lesson with words my parents often said to me, especially when I asked for something.

### **"Money doesn't grow on trees..."**

The Cambridge Dictionary defines this phrase as follows: *"Money doesn't grow on trees"* is an idiom that means money is a limited resource that requires hard work to earn. It is typically used to warn someone to be careful with their spending and avoid wasting cash, as it is not freely or easily available.

Before coming to a proper understanding of Biblical Kingdom Economics, I was also guilty of employing this phrase to "defend" my lack of ability or capacity to meet a financial need. This expression smacks of and implies a constant lack of funds and the painstaking labour it takes to obtain it.

We will continue our discussion of this mind-stream in the next lesson.



## Lesson Three

# What is Truth?

2026-08-27

**W**hat is Truth? Do you really, really know what the truth about Truth is?

This question is a quote from *John 18:38*:

*"Pilate said to Him, **What is Truth?** On saying this he went out to the Jews again and told them, I find no fault in Him." (Amp)*

"*What is Truth?*" has many answers. It just depends who is asking the question and to whom it is directed. In both instances, many internal "word" filters (*or gatekeepers*) will sway the meaning the "who" person intends and how the "whom" person will understand it. All of us hold various forms of internal "screening mechanisms" in our hearts and minds. We subconsciously employ these to analyze and evaluate whether something conforms to our "standard" of what we believe is true or is the "Truth."

### **Inaccurate internal configurations...**

Our internal filters are formed over many years. They become problematic when they are not tested and tried against *the Truth of the Word of God*. This unchecked state could cause them to eventually evolve into ungodly strongholds in our hearts and minds. An environment like this creates an almost carte blanche opportunity for our arch-enemy, the devil, to entrench his lies and deceptions into the womb of our inner man. The outcome might look something like this:

*Matthew 12:34, "You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things." (Amp)*

In the case of Pilate, his internal filters bring him to the conclusion that he *"finds no fault"* in Jesus. However, if Pilate really desired to uncover the "Truth" and follow its divine outcome, he would have set Jesus free immediately! So, how did his internal make-up or configuration actually influence his decision?

Maybe his question was simply to mock Jesus... "What is Truth?" Or, he was actually performing his duty and being very aloof and detached from the potential outcome of his judgement. My thought is that if Pilate truly longed for the Truth, Jesus, Who is the Truth, would have fulfilled the deep and tender yearning of his heart with great joy!

### **So, how does this apply to Kingdom Economics?**

In the previous lesson (*Fig Leaf Faith is Religion*), I introduced some thoughts about the powerful influence of our childhood experiences and interactions with money. These initial encounters impregnate the matrix of our God-given innocence with either positive or negative mental pictures. Over time, similar repeated situations and circumstances will reinforce these images and imaginations. Eventually, as we grow older, strong thought patterns form, grow, and mature into strongholds. These mental defences may either be godly or carnal. Ungodly intellectual patterns become arguments against biblical proof and against examples of God's intended prosperity for His children on earth.

In fact, *"fortifications of the mind"* may even, over time, become emotional and rational *"hide-outs."* These internal

*"shelters"* are where we find false comfort and also justify our inaccurate viewpoints. It takes the powerful intervention of *the Truth of God's Word to break apart and destroy these lopsided inner fortresses!* I suspect that by now you are beginning to see why I asked the question about Truth at the start of this lesson. Now, take a good look at **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**:

*"For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)..." (Amp)*

Before I delve into the deeper meaning of these verses, allow me to give a little history about what inspired Paul to write these thoughts down:

The apostle Paul was born in and an inhabitant of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia (**Acts 21:39**). He knew the history of the region well, and in the passage above, he actually refers to a war which had taken place in that territory. This ancient war is the historical background Paul uses to illustrate his thoughts about the nature of our spiritual warfare.

## The Pirates of Cilicia

History chronicles for us that there was a longstanding and growing pirate problem in Cilicia. These pirates raided the supply ships on their way from Palestine (the food basket of Rome, at the time). High up in the rocky Cilician cliffs, the pirates built 120 rock forts. They constructed these as their bases and called them *"strongholds."* Attacks by the pirates were launched from these *"high and lofty"* positions. Once the ships

were raided and the food stolen, these marauders retreated back into the security of their fortifications.

All efforts by Rome to subdue and overthrow them on sea came to nothing. Even after successful battles against them their bases remained intact and secure. This meant the root of the problems in the region persisted and basically remained untouched for a long time. In fact, by 67 BC an army of 10,000 pirates brought Rome to its knees by completely cutting off its supplies. They had their foot on the neck of Rome.

### **Rome's most significant problem...**

This was an obvious and very urgent obstacle and headache for the Romans which could no longer be ignored. The issue was so severe, it essentially became Rome's most significant problem. Since Rome's normal approach to warfare was such a failure, they desperately needed some kind of a fix. Their weapons were also ineffective, seeing that this pirate army was a completely different kind of army. The pirates operated more along the lines of an "underground" insurgent and guerrilla type of operation rather than the military convention of the day.

For Rome the challenge posed by the pirates became a hitherto unknown embarrassment and dilemma. Such was the scope and magnitude of the situation for the Romans that the Senate commissioned top General Pompey to solve their predicament. His job was to sort out this problem once and for all! To accomplish this, they offered him whatever he needed. And, he had an ample time limit of three years to work matters out and take care of everything.

General Pompey was a very resourceful man and he devised a *clever and innovative strategy*. His master plan included the design and fabrication of specialised and *mighty weapons of warfare*. These armaments enabled the Roman military forces to successfully defeat the pirates.

In the next lesson I will describe more details of General Pompey's victory over the pirates. Along with that I will explain the parallels between the General's strategies and Paul's insights and thoughts about spiritual warfare in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

~~~~~

Special Note

Would you like to receive the next lesson in your Inbox *before* it is published in this book? That's easy to do. Simply join our **Kingdom Lifestyle Newsletter** by following the link below:

www.KingdomLifestyle.co.za

Once you have joined us, you will receive our newsletter at least once per month (not more than two posts per month).

Thank you, and enjoy...

Jan van Rooyen

Endnotes & Tributes

This page contains a short list of tributes and references to ministers of God whose teachings and input have contributed to the writing of this book. To find out more about their ministries, click on the titles of the websites listed below each author:

Dr. Ron Kussmaul

MP3 Audio Teachings by Dr. Ron Kussmaul ↗

Apostle John Alley

Peace Apostolic Ministries ↗

Pastor Thamo Naidoo

ThamoNaidoo.com ↗

Dr. Ben Kleynhans

Shiloh Ministries ↗

Dr. Sagie Govender

ABC Ministries ↗

Pastor Randolph Barnwell

Gate Ministries Durban Central ↗

Dr. Jonathan David

Dr. Jonathan David Resources ↗

Other Resources

by Jan van Rooyen

All resources from Jan van Rooyen are available at the following websites:

www.raininternational.com ↗

OR

www.janvanrooyen.co.za ↗

Write to us at:

RAIN International SA
P.O. Box 648
Edenvale 1610
South Africa

Call us: +27.83.391.7980 ↗

eMail: office@raininternational.com ↗

Join our eMail Newsletter, "*Kingdom Lifestyle*," at:

www.KingdomLifestyle.co.za ↗

OR

eMail: news@kingdomlifestyle.co.za ↗

Listen to OR Download MP3 Messages:

Audio MP3's ↗

Apostolic and Prophetic Teachings & Resources

Read Teachings Online ↗

Prophetic Words & Prophecies

Read Prophetic Words Online ↗

Marketplace Ministry

Business Seminars & Training ↗

Send us Your Prayer Requests

Communicate Your Prayer Requests to Us ↗

Wisdom Books

Resources for the Wise & Practical Application of Knowledge

www.WisdomBooks.co.za ↗

Teachings by Dr. Ron Kussmaul

Listen to Dr. Ron Kussmaul ↗

Support our Ministry

Take as much time as you need to study this book. Pray about what you have learned and put it into practice. ***And, the book is yours to keep and read for free.*** I do ask a small favour, though... Please share this manuscript with someone

else. By sharing, you and I can help many others to learn what God is saying to the Church.

Also, you can add "value" to this publication by contributing to the production and distribution costs. O do so, follow the link below:

www.RAINInternational.com/Give

You may contribute one dollar or \$100.00. It's up to you...

Thank you for your support!

Jan van Rooyen



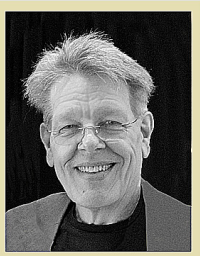
New Creation Realities

"KINGDOM ECONOMICS" EXPLORES THESE TALKING POINTS:

- * Jesus often spoke about money in His teachings in the Gospels
- * As believers we have a duty to discuss the subject of finances
- * You and I can't serve two masters; it is either God or mammon
- * Money is part of this world system - God did not create money
- * Our Kingdom Economics perspective must be Christocentric
- * We must realize and comprehend that God wants us to prosper
- * God's system of economics is founded on giving, not getting
- * When our giving is correctly aligned with God's heart, He will not withhold any natural blessing from us...

"Kingdom Economics" ranks at the top of importance with regards to writings I've had the honour of authoring. This manuscript is defined by the subject being reviewed within its pages. Kingdom Economics have a very expansive reach & scope. Many more volumes can still be written about it. So, why another book? Well, after 47+ years of ministry, I still see how economics & money stir up mixed & negative sentiments. Will this book help to bring about some optimism? I would like to think so. I aim to bring a balanced view which might stabilize overstated mindsets. I want God's people to scan the Bible & consider inaccurate beliefs. It's essential for us to do this now since the global economy is being shaken. Our faith must be fixed onto our heavenly Father, who is our Provider. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)



Jan van Rooyen is senior elder of RAIN International SA. He teaches, instructs, counsels and trains the Body of Christ to come into accurate alignment with the purposes and heart of God in this Apostolic Season. Since entering the ministry in 1980, Jan has sought to impart a hunger into the hearts of God's people to seek out the revelation of Christ in Scripture. His main vision is to see Christ formed in the Church and coming to maturity in the Nature of Christ. Jan lives with his wife, Annika, in Johannesburg, South Africa.



"Facilitating Conformity to the Image of Christ"

P.O. Box 648
Edenvale 1610, South Africa