



## **Barriers to Faith – Part V**

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### **Barriers to Faith**

#### **Finances**

##### **Luke 16:13 (New Living Translation)**

**13** “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

##### **1 Timothy 6:10 (New Living Translation)**

**10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

##### **Acts 8:18-22 (New International Version)**

**18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money **19** and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." **20** Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! **21** You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. **22** Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

##### **Deuteronomy 8:18 (New International Version)**

**18** But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

- ***NO ONE CAN STOP YOU IF YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR SEED!***

##### **2 Corinthians 9:6-13 (Amplified Bible)**

**6** [Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings. **7** Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. **8** And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance



for every good work and charitable donation]. 9As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! **10And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. 11Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.** 12For the service that the ministering of this fund renders does not only fully supply what is lacking to the saints (God's people), but it also overflows in many [cries of] thanksgiving to God. 13Because at [your] standing of the test of this ministry, they will glorify God for your loyalty and obedience to the Gospel of Christ which you confess, as well as for your generous-hearted liberality to them and to all [the other needy ones].

#### **Luke 6:38 (New Living Translation)**

**38** Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

#### **Psalm 112:1-3 (Contemporary English Version)**

1Shout praises to the LORD! The LORD blesses everyone who worships him and gladly obeys his teachings. 2Their descendants will have great power in the land, because the LORD blesses all who do right. 3They will get rich and prosper and will always be remembered for their fairness.

#### **Isaiah 55:1 (Amplified Bible)**

**1**WAIT and listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy [priceless, spiritual] wine and milk without money and without price [simply for the self-surrender that accepts the blessing].

### **Frustration**

#### **Numbers 20:1-12 (The Message)**

**1** In the first month, the entire company of the People of Israel arrived in the Wilderness of Zin. The people stayed in Kadesh. Miriam died there, and she was buried. **2-5** There was no water there for the community, so they ganged up on Moses and Aaron. They attacked Moses: "We wish we'd died when the rest of our brothers died before God. Why did you haul this congregation of God out here into this wilderness to die, people and cattle alike? And why did you take us out of Egypt in the first place, dragging us into this miserable country? No grain, no figs, no grapevines, no pomegranates—and now not even any water!" **6** Moses and Aaron walked from the assembled congregation to the Tent of Meeting and threw themselves facedown on the ground. And they saw the Glory of God. **7-8** God spoke to Moses: "Take the staff. Assemble the community, you and your brother Aaron. Speak to



that rock that's right in front of them and it will give water. You will bring water out of the rock for them; congregation and cattle will both drink." **9-10** Moses took the staff away from God's presence, as commanded. He and Aaron rounded up the whole congregation in front of the rock. Moses spoke: "Listen, rebels! Do we have to bring water out of this rock for you?" **11** With that Moses raised his arm and slammed his staff against the rock—once, twice. Water poured out. Congregation and cattle drank. **12** God said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you didn't trust me, didn't treat me with holy reverence in front of the People of Israel, you two aren't going to lead this company into the land that I am giving them."

### Facts

- *Your situation doesn't change the Word; the Word changes your situation!*

#### **Romans 4:17 (New Living Translation)**

**17** That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

#### **Romans 4:17 (New King James Version)**

**17** (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

### Focus

- *One of the biggest reasons of failure, is broken focus!*

#### **Joshua 1:7-9 (New Living Translation)**

**7** Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. **8** Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. **9** This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

#### **Matthew 17:19-20 (New International Version)**

**19** Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" **20** He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, **if you have faith as small as a mustard seed**, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."