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HOW TO AVOID FINANCIAL CRISIS

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As we get closer to the end of time, one of the signs of the end is that there will be financial crisis. Nations will have economic crisis. This is evident in many nations already. The church of God is not supposed to take part in this crisis. There is no money that Satan cannot destroy except the one that is in covenant with God. This is why it is important to know the will of God for our lives.

Proverbs 27:12 says a prudent man sees trouble ahead and ducks but the simple walks in blindly and is clobbered. The wise thing to do when you see evil ahead is to avoid it. **Proverbs 19:3** says people ruin their own lives by their own foolishness and they still blame God for their folly.

God has warned us a long time ago that very challenging economic seasons will come and so we must be prepared for these times as we live in these end times.

FOUNDATIONS ON HOW TO AVOID ECONOMIC CRISIS

Sin is generally a barrier to continuous flow of blessing. When believers indulge in sin, they break the hedge. Satan will have access to you if you continue to live in sin. There are two major problems: some people have too much money, while others are so impoverished. If having too much money will take you to hell, Satan will do everything possible to give it to you but if lack of it will take you to hell, he will try and make sure that you die in poverty. Sin is a destroyer of destiny.

1. Tithe:

When you refuse to return your tithe, Satan will have access to your finances. Tithe is a covenant with God and it shows you trust in Him. When you

trust God with one-tenth of what He has given you, then He in turn protects and blesses what is left. Do not give your tithe after you have spent everything, let God be first in your life.

2. Watch your Tongue:

You have to be very careful about the things that you say. You cannot be confessing negative things and expect good things to come to pass in your life. Do not say what is in the news. The word says when there is a casting down, you have to confess that you are lifted up. Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Do not confess what others are saying but rather what the word of God says.

3. Take Counsel from the Lord:

The Gibeonites deceived the children of Israel and made them take wrong decisions. In Joshua 9:14, the word says the children of Israel did not take counsel from the Lord before deciding on what to do. You must not start any business or take any major decision without first asking the Lord about

it. The children of Israel looked at everything presented to them and were deceived. There is a way that seems right to a man but the end of it is destruction. A business man once said to me that he has never lost money simply because he will never undertake any project without the counsel of God. Take counsel from God.

4. Do not Spend Money that is not in your Hand:

A lot of people have failed here; someone promised you money and you have already spent it before you were ever given the money. Many people have been disappointed because of this reason. No matter who promised you, if you are yet to get it, don't spend it.

5. Do not Divert your Budget:

Whenever you have budgeted your money for a purpose, do not divert it. You must pray and have a budget. Plan how to spend your money before you start spending it. **Proverbs 28:20** says committed and persistent work pays off; get-rich-

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quick schemes are ripoffs. Do not leave your plan and get into a plan that is not yours. Avoid get-rich-quick schemes. Beware of investing in what you do not know.

6. Do not Buy on Credit:

Credit buying is a trap, it will disrupt your budget. You must be disciplined enough to avoid stuffs that cannot fit into your budget. Do not be deceived by the fact that you are told that something is on sale and so you are tempted to even borrow to get it. Do not borrow. Proverbs 22:7 says the rich rule over the poor and the borrower is a servant to the lender. I know there are good and bad debts but don't borrow to buy liabilities. You must even be

very careful when you want to borrow to buy assets because it has burned the hands of some. God can help you, so learn to depend on God.

7. Laziness:

Proverbs 6:6 says you should learn from the ants and see how they are diligent. You cannot afford to be lazy. You must work and then trust the Lord to bless you. It is sad today that you see a thirty year old plus son or daughter still living with their parents and some are still comfortable with that.

8. Wasteful Culture:

This is common in Africa. A lot of people are in crisis because they are always feasting, squandering all they have. People borrow to host parties to their own detriment. Proverbs 21:17 says that he who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich. Some are so much into feasting such that they cannot assist a child to go to school but they can lend people money to host parties.

9. Live within your means:

You must be careful not to live your life to impress anyone. **Proverbs 21:20** says that there are stores of choice food and oil in the house of the wise but a foolish man devours all he has. The word says you are a foolish man if you squander everything. Do not send your child to a school you cannot afford simply because you want to impress people. Do not live in a house that you cannot afford. It is only a matter of time; what you cannot afford today will become a child's play to you tomorrow.

10. Financial Integrity:

Do not steal from others. Money gotten in the wrong way is cursed. If you are not faithful in little things, God will not trust you with great things.

11. Believe God Early:

Do not wait till the last minute before you begin to trust God. If your rent will be due in twelve months, start believing God for it now. Do not wait till the pressure is so much on you before you start praying. Begin to pray and plan in good time.

HEALTH

Signs You're Not Getting Enough Nutrients

Part 2

CRACKS AT THE CORNERS OF YOUR MOUTH

This starts as dry or irritated skin at one or both corners of your mouth and can turn into painful, bleeding sores. Lots of things can cause this condition, which is also called angular cheilitis. If it doesn't go away when you use lip balm, it could be a sign that you're low in iron or B vitamins like riboflavin. **Riboflavin-rich foods include: Eggs, Lean meats, Milk, Green vegetables like asparagus and broccoli**

SWOLLEN TONGUE

Your tongue can tell you when something's up. This condition is also called glossitis, for the smooth, glossy look your tongue has when it's swollen. It can be a sign you're low in iron or B vitamins

like folic acid, niacin, riboflavin, and B12. If that's the case, your tongue may also hurt. **To get more B12, choose: Fish, Meat, Milk, Eggs, Fortified cereals**

APATHY

A lack of nutrients can affect your mind as well as your body. The B vitamin folate, also called folic acid, helps your body make red blood cells and create the chemicals that regulate sleep patterns and mood. When you don't get enough, you may feel forgetful, weak, and apathetic (which means you lack energy and enthusiasm). **Bring up your folate numbers with: Fortified cereal, Chickpeas, Asparagus, Spinach etc**

BRUISES

Your body has more collagen than any other protein. It holds everything together, including your skin cells. If you notice more bruises than usual, you may be low in vitamin C -- a key element in collagen. You're at risk if you:

- Have an eating disorder
- Eat little due to illness
- Have a severe digestive condition
- Smoke