

4. We Must Agree With God's Word, And His Evaluation

Acts 8:13,21-22, NIV – (13) *Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. ... (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.*

HOW TO USE THE CURRENCY OF AGREEMENT

1. Use The Unity Test

- a) Am I willing to humble myself, and enlist others to pray with me?
- b) Is what I am asking God for, agreeable to other believers?

2. Use The Truth Test

- a) Is what I am asking for, in accordance to God's Word?
- b) Am I fulfilling any conditions of God's Word? Eg. Forgiving, etc.

3. Use The Obedience Test

- a) Is there anything that God is speaking to me, right now, that is beyond what His Word says?
 - i. Is there a timing issue?
 - ii. Has God revealed something in your heart?
 - iii. Has God revealed a greater purpose for the situation?
 - iv. Has God revealed an issue to be first overcome?
- b) Is there anything that I must first do, according to God, before I can receive?
 - i. Make things right with someone
 - ii. Forgive someone
 - iii. Ask forgiveness of someone

CONCLUSION

If we really want to live in God's supernatural provision, we MUST be willing to instantly agree with Him, every time He reveals something:

- a) In His Word
- b) In our behaviour
- c) In our hearts

KINGDOM FAITH PRINCIPLES # 1 – The Currency Of The Kingdom

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BUYING IN THE KINGDOM

1. How Do We Buy Kingdom Truth?

Proverbs 23:23, NIV – (23) Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.

2. How Do We Buy Kingdom Gold?

Revelation 3:17-18, NIV – (17) *You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. (18) I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich ...*

3. How Do We Buy Kingdom Fields And Kingdom Treasures?

Matthew 13:44, NIV - *The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*

4. How Do We Buy Kingdom Oil?

Matthew 25:9, NIV – 'No', they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some [oil] for yourselves.'

WHAT IS THE CURRENCY OF THE KINGDOM?

1. It Is Not Money Or Anything Bought By Money

Acts 8:20, NIV - *Peter answered: 'May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!'*

2. It Is Not Faith

- a) Not All Faith Is In God And So Is Not Beneficial
 - 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, NIV – (4) *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, (5) so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.*
- b) Not All Faith Is Whole Or Complete
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:10, NIV - *Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.*
- c) Faith By Itself Is Inadequate
 - James 2:26, NIV - *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

3. **The Currency Of The Kingdom Is** _____.
Matthew 18:19, NIV – *Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.*

- If you agree, you will receive ... anything that you ask for!
- Agree (Greek) = *sumpho_neo_* (symphony)
 - “To be in harmony with”
 - “To call out together with”
 - Note: To be in *symphony*, must be in harmony with other instruments, AND with conductor!
- Principle Of Agreement: Two on earth must agree ... with one in heaven!

USING THE CURRENCY OF AGREEMENT

1. Unity Test – Agreement With Others

Matthew 18:19, NIV – *Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.*

- a) Agree With Others Because We Are Seeking Right Things
James 4:3, NIV - *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*
- b) Agree With Others Because We Humbled Ourselves And Asked Others To Help
Galatians 6:2, NIV - *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

2. Truth Test – Agreement With The Word

- a) Agree With The Word In Our Believing
1 Timothy 6:3, NIV – *If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching.*
- b) Agree With The Word In Our Doing
1 John 3:22, NIV - ... *receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.*

3. Obedience Test – Agreement With God

- a) Agreement With God Because He Owns Us
2 Corinthians 6:16, NIV - *What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.'*
 - Our agreement should be between us (the temple of God), and God (who owns us, His temple)
- b) Agreement With God Because He Speaks To Us

Hebrews 3:15, NIV - *As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts ..."*

- We must agree with His written word, and His spoken word
- 2 Samuel 12:13, NIV - *Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."*
 - True confession is simply agreeing with God's assessment of our condition!

CLARIFYING THE PRINCIPLE OF AGREEMENT

- Agreement with the Word of God could be considered “static” agreement
- Agreement with the God of the Word could be considered “dynamic” agreement
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James 4:3, NIV - *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*
- 2. **We Must Agree With God's Word, And With His Timing**
John 11:14-15, NIV – (14) *So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, (15) and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."*
- 3. **We Must Agree With God's Word, And With His Requirements**
1 John 3:22, NIV - *and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases Him.*