

Notes: November 17, 2018

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

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2. Introduction (if new people)
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: *Kingdom Philanthropists*

At the end of October, my sermon was “What is your Treasurer and Where Is it?”

The primary focus of this sermon were Matthew 6:19 – 21:

Mat 6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves wealth here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and burglars break in and steal.

Mat 6:20 Instead, store up for yourselves wealth in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and burglars do not break in or steal.

Mat 6:21 For where your wealth is, there your heart will be also.

I talked about where your treasure resides – Echad Kingdom Bank.

Where I talked about your treasure that could not be stolen or destroyed.

In this world, there are a number of ways to accumulate wealth.

You can inherit it.

And

You can earn it.

Today I want to look at the path whereby something is earned.

Keep in mind, I am not saying that Salvation has to be earned...

Rom 6:22 However, now, freed from sin and enslaved to God, you do get the benefit — it consists in being made holy, set apart for God, and its end result is eternal life.

Rom 6:23 For what one earns from sin is death; but eternal life is what one receives as a free gift from God, in union with the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord.

I am not saying in any way that Salvation is earned.

Yet it is a treasure you have received, and with this treasure you have now taken on new responsibility.

One approach to earning wealth and power would be to climb your way up the Corporate ladder. For some the climb starts at the very bottom rung, an entry level position. The harder one works and is successful, the more they climb the corporate ladder...

Lee Iacocca...

Iacocca joined Ford Motor Company in August 1946. After a brief stint in engineering, he asked to be moved to sales and marketing, where his career flourished. While working in the Philadelphia district as assistant sales manager, Iacocca gained national recognition with his "56 for '56" campaign, offering loans on 1956 model year cars with a 20% down payment and \$56 in monthly payments for three years.[4] His campaign went national, and Iacocca was called to the Dearborn headquarters, where he quickly moved up through the ranks. On November 10, 1960 Iacocca was named vice-president and general manager of the Ford Division; in January 1965 Ford's vice-president, car and truck group; in 1967, executive vice-president; and president on December 10, 1970.

Iacocca participated in the design of several successful Ford automobiles, most notably the [Ford Mustang](#), the [Lincoln Continental Mark III](#), the [Ford Escort](#) and the revival of the [Mercury](#) brand in the late 1960s, including the introduction of the [Mercury Cougar](#) and [Mercury Marquis](#). He promoted other ideas which did not reach the marketplace as Ford products. These included cars ultimately introduced by Chrysler — the [K car](#) and the [minivan](#). Eventually, he became the president of the Ford Motor Company, but he clashed with [Henry Ford II](#). He was fired on July 13, 1978, despite the fact that the company posted a \$2 billion profit for the year.

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He would then move from Ford to Chrysler, a company back in the late 70s that was on the doorstep of bankruptcy.

Realizing that the company would go out of business if it did not receive a large infusion of cash, Iacocca approached the [United States Congress](#) in 1979 and successfully requested a [loan guarantee](#). With the introduction of the K car, and a project that Ford ultimately rejected and Iacocca brought with him, the "Mini-Max" project, which, in 1983, bore fruit in the highly successful [Dodge Caravan](#) and [Plymouth Voyager](#). In other words the MiniVan. Combined with its purchase of AMC in 1987, which contained the jewel — the Jeep brand, Iacocca directed Chrysler from the brink of failure to the success story of the 80's.

During this time, Iacocca's results did not go unnoticed.

Activism and philanthropy

In May 1982, President [Ronald Reagan](#) appointed Iacocca to head the [Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation](#), which was created to raise funds for the renovation and preservation of the Statue of Liberty. Now 94, He continues to serve on the board of the foundation.

Following the death of Iacocca's wife Mary from [diabetes](#), he became an active supporter of research for the disease. He has been one of the main patrons of the research of [Denise Faustman](#) at [Massachusetts General Hospital](#). In 2000, Iacocca founded [Olivio Premium Products](#), which manufactures the [Olivio](#) line of food products made from [olive oil](#). He donates all profits from the company to diabetes research. In 2004, Iacocca launched Join Lee Now,^[25] a national [grassroots](#) campaign, to bring Faustman's research to human clinical trials in 2006.

Iacocca has been an advocate of "Nourish the Children", an initiative of [Nu Skin Enterprises](#),^[26] since its inception in 2002. He is currently its chairman. He helped donate a generator for the [Malawi VitaMeal](#) plant.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Iacocca

With all that Lee Iacocca earned in reputation, he felt the need to give back.

phi·lan·thro·py

noun: **philanthropy**

1. the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

phi·lan·thro·pist

philanthropist; plural noun: **philanthropists**

1. a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

Lee Iacocca became successful by working his way up the corporate ladder. Given his position and notoriety, he felt the call to give back. He was a gifted administrator and visionary and with such success, it was conveyed that he had the “midas touch”. Whatever he put his hands to would succeed. And it did.

This is one path.

Another path would be to create your own company. This was the path that Bill Gates took.

Childhood friends [Bill Gates](#) and [Paul Allen](#) sought to make a [business](#) utilizing their shared skills in [computer programming](#). Microsoft entered the [operating system](#) (OS) business in 1980 with its own version of [Unix](#), called [Xenix](#). [22] However, it was [MS-DOS](#) that solidified the company's dominance. It would be the development of the Windows operating system that would continue the company's dominance and take them to enormous corporate wealth. Today, their stock is valued at over 830 Billion Dollars, second only to Apple. And believe it or not, Microsoft is responsible for Apple being successful today. A 150 million dollar investment by Microsoft, into a “cash strapped” Apple enabled them to invest in a path that began with the i-Pod and has led to the i-Phone, i-Pad and Apple Watch. A philanthropic endeavor with the potential for financial gain, one must look past their own interests. It would have been easy to let a rival and competitor fail, yet there was greater benefit to having them succeed. Today, that 150 million dollar investment is worth 21 billion dollars to Microsoft. Today, Microsoft products are operating on the once closed Apple infrastructure, thus providing an additional installed base not running Windows in the hundreds of millions.

<https://www.engadget.com/2014/05/20/what-ever-became-of-microsofts-150-million-investment-in-apple/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft>

In his directing of Microsoft into one of the preeminent technology companies in the world, Bill Gates net worth is in excess of 90 billion dollars.

Gates studied the work of Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller prominent industrialists who amassed substantial fortunes and felt the need to become philanthropic. Gates would donate some of his Microsoft stock in 1994 to create the "William H. Gates Foundation." In 2000, Gates and his wife combined three family foundations and Gates donated stock valued at \$5 billion to create the charitable Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which was identified by the Funds for NGOs company in 2013, as the world's wealthiest charitable foundation, with assets reportedly valued at more than \$34.6 billion.

In 2009, Gates and Warren Buffett founded The Giving Pledge, whereby they and other billionaires pledge to give at least half of their wealth to philanthropy. [16]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates

In both cases, their earned success lead to prominent philanthropic endeavors.

Lee Iacocca climbed the corporate ladder that led to philanthropy, while Bill Gates established his own corporate ladder in the form of his own company, whereby the company ascended to great success and as a primary shareholder, he was generously rewarded for his effort.

And yet you are probably wondering, I am not like either of these very successful gentlemen, so how can I relate. Their success led them into philanthropy. Part of being a philanthropist is being a fiduciary. You are a trustee.

An individual person or member of a board given control or powers of administration of property in trust with a legal obligation to administer it solely for the purposes specified.

Yet, the ladder I want to talk with you about is what I call the Kingdom Ladder...

Joh 1:51 Then he said to him, "Yes indeed! I tell you that you will see heaven opened and the angels of God going up and coming down on the Son of Man!"

For which comes from this week's Parsha Vayetze, whereby the following imagery is conveyed by Adonai...

Gen 28:10 Ya`akov went out from Be'er-Sheva and traveled toward Haran.

Gen 28:11 He came to a certain place and stayed the night there, because the sun had set. He took a stone from the place, put it under his head and lay down there to sleep.

Gen 28:12 He dreamt that there before him was a ladder resting on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of Adonai were going up and down on it.

Gen 28:13 Then suddenly Adonai was standing there next to him; and he said, "I am Adonai, the God of Avraham your *[grand]*father and the God of Yitz'chak. The land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants.

Gen 28:14 Your descendants will be as numerous as the grains of dust on the earth. You will expand to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. By you and your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Gen 28:15 Look, I am with you. I will guard you wherever you go, and I will bring you back into this land, because I won't leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Israel is that philanthropic nation who is commanded to be a light to the nations...

Isa 49:5 So now Adonai says — he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya`akov back to him, to have Isra'el gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of Adonai, my God having become my strength —

Isa 49:6 he has said, "It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya`akov and restore the offspring of Isra'el. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth."

Adonai has given much to this nation created by Him...

Rom 9:1 I am speaking the truth — as one who belongs to the Messiah, I do not lie; and also bearing witness is my conscience, governed by the Ruach HaKodesh:

Rom 9:2 my grief is so great, the pain in my heart so constant,

Rom 9:3 that I could wish myself actually under God's curse and separated from the Messiah, if it would help my brothers, my own flesh and blood,

Rom 9:4 the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

Rom 9:5 the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai forever! Amen.

To which The Kingdom Ladder is Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world.

To Kefa He said...

Mat 16:18 I also tell you this: you are Kefa," [*which means 'Rock,'*] "and on this rock I will build my Community, and the gates of Sh'ol will not overcome it.

Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

To His Talmidim He said...

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

It is not by our own merit or accomplishments we have received this precious responsibility, but actually quite the contrary...

Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time, the Messiah died on behalf of ungodly people.

Rom 5:7 Now it is a rare event when someone gives up his life even for the sake of somebody righteous, although possibly for a truly good person one might have the courage to die.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in that the Messiah died on our behalf while we were still sinners.

You have been made a trustee of the Kingdom...

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Thus making you a "Kingdom Philanthropist" who...

does not just desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of the gift that has been given to you, but is called to be a witness for the one who has given you such a precious gift of God's Salvation.

It is not a suggestion. It is not voluntary.

It is a duty.

It is an obligation.

Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

Witnesses are obligated to provide testimony.

The welfare of others relates to their place in the Kingdom of Adonai. Are they in or are they out?

If they are in, then they too have received the gift of the King, Yeshua.

Luk 12:37 Happy the slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes! Yes! I tell you he will put on his work clothes, seat them at the table, and come serve them himself!

Luk 12:38 Whether it is late at night or early in the morning, if this is how he finds them, those slaves are happy.

Luk 12:39 "But notice this: no house-owner would let his house be broken into if he knew when the thief was coming.

Luk 12:40 You too, be ready! For the Son of Man will come when you are not expecting him."

Luk 12:41 Kefa said, "Sir, are you telling this parable for our benefit only or for everyone's?"

Luk 12:42 The Lord replied, "Nu, who is the faithful and sensible manager whose master puts him in charge of the household staff to give them their share of food at the proper time?"

A manager too is given a fiduciary responsibility in that he is to represent the interests of his master / employer.

Luk 12:43 It will go well with that servant if he is found doing his job when his master comes.

Luk 12:44 Yes, I tell you he will put him in charge of all he owns.

Luk 12:45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is taking his time coming,' and starts bullying the men- and women-servants, and eating and drinking, getting drunk,

Luk 12:46 then his master will come on a day when the servant isn't expecting him, at a time he doesn't know in advance; his master will cut him in two and put him with the disloyal.

Luk 12:47 Now the servant who knew what his master wanted but didn't prepare or act according to his will, will be whipped with many lashes;

Luk 12:48 however, the one who did what deserves a beating, but didn't know, will receive few lashes. From him who

has been given much, much will be demanded — from someone to whom people entrust much, they ask still more.

You have been entrusted with the message of Messiah. The message of the Gospel, the good news that Salvation comes from Adonai and that our trust in Yeshua as the way has entrusted us, deposited into our account at Echad Kingdom Bank the priceless gift of salvation.

We are to withdraw from our account and share with everyone.

The cool thing about your account at Echad Kingdom Bank is that a withdrawal does not decrease your account balance.

The more you give from this account, the more your account increases. This is Kingdom economics.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."