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# BUS502 Fulfill Your Financial Destiny

## *3 credits*

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### **Description:**

Money. We basically give our lives in exchange for it. Yet as Christians, many of us have a love-hate relationship with money. We know we need to earn enough to care for our families, but we can't want it too much or it becomes an idol. Our entire theology about finances is built on the often (mis)quoted verse, "Money is the root of all evil." But the Bible has much more to say about money than that one verse. In fact, when you combine the verses on gold, silver, money, tithe, giving, alms, blessing, curse, wealth and poverty, you find four times as many references as there are on faith or prayer! Clearly, this subject is important to God, and therefore it is important to us to have His perspective on it. As a Jesus-follower, what is the financial destiny He wants for you? (Prerequisite: REN103/503)

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### **Course Texts:**

*Fulfill Your Financial Destiny* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*Fulfill Your Financial Destiny* audio or video by Mark Virkler

*Poverty, Riches and Wealth* by Kris Vallotton

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### **Course Objectives:**

- You will quote the following Scriptures:
  - ✓ Proverbs 10:22 NKJV
  - ✓ Psalm 24:1

- ✓ Deuteronomy 8:18
- ✓ Isaiah 18:17
- ✓ Haggai 2:8
- ✓ I Timothy 6:17-19 NKJ
- ✓ I Chronicles 29:11-13
- ✓ Ecclesiastes 11:2
- ✓ Psalm 84:11
- ✓ Proverbs 13:22 NKJ

- You will discuss Abraham's leadership in multiple arenas.
- You will accept God's call to multiply your gifts and talents so that He can use you as a leader wherever He wills.
- You will state and purpose to meet the requirement for receiving God's covenant promises in Deuteronomy 28.
- You will state seven reasons why the contemporary Church does not walk in the covenant blessings of Deuteronomy 28.
- You will reject the lies you have believed that are keeping you personally from living in God's promised blessings.
- You will declare Truth over yourself, your family, your community, and your church.
- You will state and be a part of the seven things God is doing to remove the blocks to receiving His covenant blessings.
- You will discuss the truth that God's presence is surrounded with gold and silver.
- You will discuss the truth that the covenant blessings the Lord has promised to His people include material prosperity.
- You will discuss how the curses of not obeying the voice of the Lord touch every aspect of one's life.
- You will name and discuss at least five spiritual leaders whom the Bible describes as financially prosperous.

- You will biblically explain why Jesus laid aside His wealth and became poor.
- You will resist all temptation to idolize or trust in money, gold and silver.
- You will rejoice that God gives both wealth and the ability to enjoy it and expect Him to do it for you.
- You will commit to using the blessing of God to bless others.
- You will state and avoid twelve actions that the Bible states will lead you to poverty.
- You will state and commit to twelve actions that the Bible states will lead you to financial abundance.
- You will state and be obedient to the Scriptural exhortations concerning charging interest.
- You will discuss and use proper, biblical money management.
- You will seek God's direction for how you can best create wealth, then do it!
- You will be a biblical giver.
- You will discuss and practice the principles of Seed Faith Giving and Living.
- You will expect and look for "divine coincidences" what will give you the opportunity to reap where you have not sown.
- You will state a spiritual definition of economics that gives you hope.
- You will expect God's creativity to answer every lack in your life.
- You will have confidence that your financial future is bright because of the Lord's blessings.
- You will be constantly tuned to the Lord's instructions for your financial decisions.
- You will be a steward of the resources God has placed in your hands, rather than the owner.
- You will follow the Lord's leading for the best way to protect the wealth He gives you.

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## Course Requirements

NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will be not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

1. Completely read the *Fulfill Your Financial Destiny* text. Journal and answer all questions and exercises as assigned. Be sure to use two-way journaling wherever appropriate.
2. Listen to or watch the entire teaching series on Fulfill Your Financial Destiny by Mark Virkler as assigned.
3. Completely read the *Poverty, Riches and Wealth* text as assigned. Answer all questions and do all two-way journaling.
4. Earn at least a “B” on the Tests (not Self-Tests).
5. Write a paper stating the theology of money, wealth and prosperity which you have developed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and as a result of your meditation on the Scriptures.
6. Build your theology on Scripture and include any personal insights the Lord gave you through journaling. Also include any instructions the Lord has given you in the area of finances as a result of your experiences in this course. This paper is to be a minimum of five pages, double-spaced, maximum 12-point font, and is due in the final lesson.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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# Lesson One

## **Assignment to be completed:**

Listen to or watch teaching Sessions One and Two. Be sure to complete the journaling questions assigned at the end of each session.

Prayerfully read the Introduction and Purpose of the book *Fulfill Your Financial Destiny*.

Prayerfully read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Poverty, Riches and Wealth*. Answer the discussion questions found here in the syllabus.

Memorize Proverbs 10:22 NKJV – “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”

## **Subjects to be explored:**

How God Got My Attention on Money

Was Jesus Wealthy or Poor?

## **Related objectives:**

- You will quote Proverbs 10:22 NKJV.
- You will prepare your heart to hear from the Lord how He wants you to think about money and finances.
- You will recognize that God generally gives us creative ideas, not cash.
- You will be prepared for the Lord to ask you to multiply your talents so He can bless you financially.
- You will accept the value of making mistakes as you learn and grow.

## Exercises for *Poverty, Riches and Wealth* by Kris Vallotton

1. Do you have any concerns about how being financially blessed will affect your personal spiritual life? Ask the Spirit to reveal your heart to you, and His heart for you. Use two-way journaling.
2. Do you have any concerns about how others may view you if the Lord blesses you financially? Talk to the Lord using two-way journaling about any concerns you have.
3. Summarize the biblical support for Vallotton's thesis that Jesus was wealthy. What is your personal reaction to this assertion?
4. Watch video Session 1 of *Poverty, Riches and Wealth*. Prayerfully read the introductory material and Session 1, Days 1 – 3 in the **Workbook**. Complete the "Questions to Consider" for each day.