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#81 HE IS OUR CREATIVE PROVIDER
(10/29/22 * 11/5/22 * 11/12/22)

KEY THEME: The Lord, our Creative Provider, does so in many ways!

MESSAGE/TAKEAWAYS:

The Lord, our Creative Provide, provides for us . . .

1. **Through Working.** Genesis 2:15; 2 Thess. 3:10 * Work for Food
[] Cultivate and keep Eden! *"If a man will not work... not eat."*
2. **Through Savings.** Proverbs 6:6-11 * The Wise Little Ant
[] *"Consider the ant... gathers provision in the harvest" * "Sluggards"*
3. **Through Investments.** Matthew 25:14-28 * Parable of the 5 Talents
[] *"He went a traded with them... and gained five more." "Buried..."*
4. **Through Inheritance.** Luke 15:11-32 * The Two Prodigal Sons
[] Two sons... two inheritances..."
5. **Through Insurance.** Genesis 41:46-49 * Joseph's Grain Insurance
[] *"Gathered food for seven years... stored the grain in Egypt."*
6. **Through Donors.** Exodus 25:1-2 * People's Heart Giving/Tabernacle
[] *"From every man who's heart moves him..."* The gave an excess.
7. **Through Sponsorship.** Neh. 2:1-8 * King Artexerses & Nehemiah
[] *"The King gave me... letters... timber... officers... horsemen..."*
8. **Through Generosity.** Malachi 3:8-12 * Givers Blessed
[] Tithes and offerings... I will rebuke the devourer
9. **Through Thriftiness.** Proverbs 31:10-31 * Excellent wife
[] Rises while still night... considers fields... food... wise
10. **Through Cooperation.** Neh. 2:17-18; 6:15-16 * Wallbuilders
[] Let us arise and build . . . completed in 52 days!
11. **Through Trust.** Kings 4:1-7 * Elisha and the Widow's oil
[] I have a jar of oil . . . Get not a few vessels and pour . . . All filled!
12. **Through Wisdom.** I Kings 3:7-14 * Solomon asks for Wisdom
[] God's pleased he asked for wisdom, not riches. He gave both.
13. **Through God-things.** Exodus 16:2-7 * Manna in Wilderness
[] People grumbled . . . God rained bread from heaven as a test.
14. **Through Unbelievers.** Exodus 3:21-22 * Egyptian gold for Israel
[] God: "I will grant favor in sight of Egyptians . . . Ask for gold."
15. **Through Miracles.** John 2:7-9 * Jesus Changes Water to Wine
[] The headwaiter tasted water which had become wine.

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6. Through Donors. Exodus 25; 31;35;36 * Gifts & Skills for Tabernacle
25:1-2 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution.

31:1-6 Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, 4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, 5 and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship ...

35:21-22 Everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came and brought the Lord's contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments. 22 Then all whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came and brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so did every man who presented an offering of gold to the Lord.

36:5-7 "The people are bringing much more than enough for the construction work which the Lord commanded us to perform." 6 So Moses issued a command, and a proclamation was circulated throughout the camp, saying, "Let no man or woman any longer perform work for the contributions of the sanctuary." Thus the people were restrained from bringing any more. 7 For the material they had was sufficient and more than enough for all the work, to perform it.

7. Through Sponsorship. Neh. 2:1-8 * King Artaxerxes & Nehemiah

7 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, 8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

9 Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

8. Through Generosity. Malachi 3:8-12 * Givers Blessed

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. 11 Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the Lord of hosts. 12 "All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the Lord of hosts.

9. Through Thriftiness. Proverbs 31:10-31 * An excellent wife

An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain... 15 She rises also while it is still night And gives food to her household And portions to her maidens. 16 She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard. . . 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her,

10. Through Cooperation. Nehemiah 2:17-18 6:15-16 * Wall builders

17 Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach." 18 I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." So they put their hands to the good work. . .

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

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11. Through Trust. Kings 4:1-7 Elisha and the Widow's oil
Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord; and the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." 2 Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels at large for yourself from all your neighbors, even empty vessels; do not get a few. 4 And you shall go in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour out into all these vessels, and you shall set aside what is full." 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing the vessels to her and she poured. 6 When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not one vessel more." And the oil stopped. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

12. Through Wisdom. 1 Kings 3:7-14 * Solomon: Wisdom vs. Money
Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in . . . 9 So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. 13 I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. 14 If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days."

13. Through God-things. Exodus 16:2-7 Manna in the Wilderness
The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, "At evening [c]you will know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt; 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, for He hears your grumblings against the Lord; and what are we, that you grumble against us?"

14. Through Unbelievers. Exodus 3:21-22 Egyptian gold for Israel
I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed. 22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

15. Through Miracles. John 2:7-9 Water becomes Wine
Jesus *said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He *said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. 9 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew)