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Kingdom Wealth: The Power to Get It
J. Vernon Duncan
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Three Stars (out of Five)

Kingdom Wealth: The Power to Get It, by J. Vernon Duncan, explores just how Christians can increase in Kingdom wealth—the financial blessings available to those who are part of the Kingdom of God. Though Duncan points out that Kingdom wealth is more than "mere money," he writes that his book focuses more on its material aspects.

The publisher's website describes the book as "an exposé on Deuteronomy 8:18 and related passages—a 'how-to' manual on attaining wealth, strictly on biblical tenets." The book uses language and phrases that will be familiar to most Christians. "Sowing" and "reaping" as well as other agricultural terms are used to describe how our actions can result in rewards from God. Duncan also defines Hebrew words that may be less familiar to readers.

Written in a straightforward style, Duncan breaks chapters into smaller sections. In the "Obedience: One of the Biggest Currencies in Kingdom Wealth" chapter, Duncan uses the words of Moses and Jesus and expounds on the themes of sacrifice, obedience, and responsibility to illustrate the conditions found in Isaiah 1:19 for acquiring Kingdom wealth: "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land."

Along with explaining the biblical principles behind obtaining Kingdom wealth, Duncan offers testimonies of people he knows, along with anecdotes of his own experiences, to illustrate how following the principles he outlines can lead to an increase in wealth. Duncan also provides readers with "daily power declarations," one for each day of the week, including Prophetic Monday, Deliverance Tuesday, and Wisdom Wednesday.

In one personal testimony, Duncan tells of how he needed "a few thousand dollars to meet a pressing need the following Monday morning" but did not know where the money would come from. At the time, he was double-tithing and was tempted to cut back. He continued to double-tithe, though, and that day, "from several angles, the money came in abundance" without

his needing to ask anyone for help.

People who have read the very well-received book *The Prayer of Jabez* will be interested in chapter fifteen, “The Real Secret Behind the Success of Jabez’s Prayer.” By Duncan’s reasoning, Jabez was a success because he was diligent in obeying God’s commands before he prayed the prayer found in 1 Chronicles 4:10. The author also adds that “Jabez’s prayer should not be used as a mere formula for obtaining wealth.”

Duncan is the senior pastor of Divine Encounter Fellowship Ministries International, headquartered in Trinidad. He holds a master’s degree in biblical studies and is currently pursuing a PhD in religious studies from Trinity Theological Seminary in Indiana.

According to Duncan, following the principles in his book will bring wealth as long as one is consistent and always honest with God. Though this is quite a bold promise, those who are willing to adopt Duncan’s principles will find much to ponder and act upon after reading *Kingdom Wealth*.

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