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IT ALL STARTS WITH A SEED...

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*“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of  
water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his  
leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth  
shall prosper.”*

*Psalm 1:3*

## *Introduction*

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Give, Save, Live (GSL) is a spiritual guide on how Christians should govern themselves according to the principles of giving, saving, and living in a manner that is consistent with God's word. GSL is based on the core scriptural principles found in Jeremiah 29:11, which reads:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

In Jeremiah 29:11, God clearly illustrates the principles of GSL as He applies them to His children. In this passage of scripture, God specifically identifies His plans to:

- ☞ *Give us hope.*
- ☞ *Save us from destruction by not causing us harm.*
- ☞ *Allow us to live by having a prosperous future.*

Whereas Satan is a thief who comes only to “*steal, and to kill, and to destroy*”, God is clearly the watchman and protector who gave us His Son Jesus to save us from not only Satan, but also from ourselves and the destructive nature of our free will so that we “*might have life*” and that we “*might have life more abundantly*” (John 10:10).

GSL is not and should not be confused with personal financial counseling or advising. Rather, the lessons taught in GSL are and should only be used as scripturally based guidelines for all Christians to live by in order to receive the blessings of Abraham in their lives.

### **Key Terms, Definitions, and Principles of Faith**

As with any type of guide, lesson, or course of study, we must begin with an understanding of key terms, definitions, and principles of faith. Having the same comprehension of certain terminology establishes a foundation of shared knowledge. The following terms, definitions, and principles of faith along with the meanings here expressed are used or alluded to throughout the text.

- ☞ **Tithe:** A one-tenth part of something paid as a contribution to a religious organization. Today, tithes are normally voluntary and paid in cash, checks, or stocks, whereas biblically and historically, tithes were required and paid in-kind, such as agricultural products.
  
- ☞ **Offering:** A collection of money during a religious worship service.
  
- ☞ **Pledge:** A promise, similar to an oath, to donate funds, goods, or services to a particular project or activity.

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- ☞ **Giving:** The act of bestowing or officially conferring a portion or share of something tangible or intangible for the benefit of the receiving party.
  
- ☞ **Sacrificial Giving:** The act of strategically giving something that is precious and costly or something one barely can afford as an act of worship and devotion to God with an express purpose of getting an extraordinary breakthrough.
  
- ☞ **Spiritual Giving:** Freely giving of ourselves and all of our resources based on our belief, knowledge, and understanding that everything we have comes from God in the first place and therefore, it is our reasonable service to return it to Him cheerfully as a gracious expression of our praise and worship towards Him.
  
- ☞ **Saving:** Preventing waste of a particular resource.
  
- ☞ **Living:** The condition or action of possessing and maintaining life.
  
- ☞ **Prosperity:** The condition of being wealthy in material terms; flourishing financially.
  
- ☞ **Wealth:** An abundance of valuable possessions or money.

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- ☞ **Financial Stability:** The ability to meet debts as they become due while accumulating wealth at the same time.
- ☞ **Income:** Money received, especially on a regular basis, for work or through investments.
- ☞ **Expense:** The cost required to obtain a good or service.
- ☞ **Investing:** Expending money with the expectation of achieving an enhanced profit or material result in return.
- ☞ **Credit:** The ability to obtain goods or services before payment, based on the trust that payment will be made in the future.
- ☞ **Spiritual C.R.E.D.I.T:** This is an acronym, which stand for Christians Receiving Earned Dividends Incurred through Trust.

Let us take a few minutes to expand on the concept of Spiritual C.R.E.D.I.T. The premise of Spiritual C.R.E.D.I.T. is derived from developing a personal relationship with God and having faith that He “*shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:19). Having faith is all about what you believe and the works you do. The Bible teaches us that “*faith without works is dead*” (James 2: 14-26). This is why we “*must work the works of him that sent us, while it is day: the*



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*night cometh, when no man can work”* (John 9: 4). We do this by offering our “*reasonable service*” (Romans 12: 1) to the Lord; which includes:

- ☞ Giving our tithes and offerings.
- ☞ Devoting our time to studying, praying, and working in the Kingdom.
- ☞ Continually setting our affections on the Most High.

God, our Father, is the owner of all resources. He is rich in all things. We have the right and the access to all things if we believe in and on Him.

Because of this, we as Christians must stop going around telling people that we have “bad credit”. Instead, what we as believers need to do is to establish our C.R.E.D.I.T. with God through his Son Jesus Christ. Only then are we truly able to say as David did in Psalm 37: 25-26:

*“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.”*

Only then will we truly be able to live as God has designed for us in Deuteronomy 28: 12-13:

*“The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath...”*

God has always been and continues to be good to each of us. He has designed specific plans for each of our lives individually and collectively. Additionally,



He has always provided for our needs and even our desires when they are in alignment with His will; however, we as Christians do not always do as we should to honor Him in return. To this end, Give, Save, Live (GSL) teaches Christians the importance of rendering to God what is due

to Him as our “reasonable service” because of His saving grace towards us and His eternal desire that we “might have life” and that we “might have life more abundantly” (John 10:10). Whereas GSL is not personal financial counseling or advising, it is a scripturally based guide for all Christians to live by in order to receive the blessings of Abraham in their lives.

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