I. Introduction.

A. Faith, fear and quantum physics have at least two things in common:

1. They operate at an **unseen** level.

2. They wield **extraordinary power**.

B. **Financial statistics.** (Source: Gary Keesee, financial author, teacher and counselor)

1. 9 out of 10 families live paycheck to paycheck.

2. 100% of a family’s disposable income is allocated to debt payments.

3. In 80% of divorce cases, financial stress plays a key role.

4. Mortgage defaults are at their highest level in history.

5. Interest payments are stealing the future of many American families.

6. The average 62 year old still owes 22 years on his first mortgage and has only $2300 saved in the bank.

7. Only 13% of the American population retires above the poverty level.

8. 1 out of 10 Americans is on food stamps.

C. When it comes to finances, many Christians appear to be **experiencing the same money problems** as the world.

*Lamentations 3:17* “Peace has been stripped away, and **I have forgotten what prosperity is.**” (NLT)
D. The truth is that Jesus has already delivered us from poverty and lack.

John 10:10 “. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (KJV)

2 Corinthians 8:9 “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich (= to become wealthy, be increased with goods),” (NKJV)

“. . . for your sakes he became poor—he emptied himself, and made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself unto death, even the death of the cross; that ye, through his poverty—through his humiliation and death, might be rich—might regain your forfeited inheritance, and be enriched with every grace of his Holy Spirit . . . ”
(Adam Clarke's Commentary on 2 Corinthians 8:9)

E. Why is it, when God has said:

1. He’s given us the power to get wealth, (Deuteronomy 8:18)

2. He teaches us to profit, (Isaiah 48:17)

3. and He takes pleasure in our prosperity, (Psalm 35:27)

. . . why is it that we are still experiencing problems in the financial areas of our lives?

F. We’re sons and daughters of the King, but sometimes we live like paupers in the King’s house.
G. Could it be that we’ve somehow become disconnected from His Kingdom?

Matthew 6:31-33 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (NKJV)

H. At the end of the day, the key to your prosperity is linked to the health of your soul.

3 John 2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper (= succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs) and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” (KJV)

The soul = the mind, will and emotions . . . how you think, how you choose and how you emotionally respond to situations.

II. Faith.

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (KJV)

A. Why was the woman with the issue of blood healed?

Was it because she pleaded with Jesus? Begged Him to heal her? Sobbed and cried? Felt sorry for herself? No . . . it was none of these.

Matthew 9:22 “. . . Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole . . .” (KJV)

B. What aspects of her behavior demonstrated that she had faith to be healed?

Matthew 9:21 “For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.” (KJV)

It was her thought patterns and self-talk that proved she had faith to be healed.
C. Faith talks!

2 Corinthians 4:13 “And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.” (NKJV)

D. Faith comes from what we hear, over and over again.

She had heard of Jesus . . . that He healed all who came to Him (Matthew 12:15), of all their diseases (Psalm 103:3) all the time (when they came to Him in faith) (Luke 6:19). And she believed what she had heard about Jesus.

Romans 10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (NKJV)

E. What differences exist between her situation and yours?

She was desperate. She had no other options. She had spent all her money on physicians, and none of them had been able to help her.

She was at the end of her rope. Then she heard about Jesus and believed what she heard. Then she sought Him out, found Him, and received an instantaneous healing of a condition that had plagued her for twelve years.

Luke 8:43-44 “And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanched.” (KJV)

F. Consider your present financial condition:

1. What thoughts are dominating your mind?

2. What kind of self-talk are you hearing? What words are you saying “within yourself?”

3. Do you truly believe that Jesus wants you to prosper?

   That He teaches you to prosper?

   And that He has already given you the power to get wealth?

4. Are there any other options you’re relying on to solve your financial problems, that run counter to what God has told you to do?

5. Have you tried to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”? 
G. Mark 9:23 “Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’” (NKJV)

“There is nothing lacking in your lives because really all is yours, only you lack the faith to know it. You are like a King’s daughters who sit in rags, and yet around them are stores of all they could desire . . .

To see this with the eyes of faith is to cause it to manifest in the material . . . only in response to your belief can I do miracle-works now.” (God Calling)

III. Fear.

Fear, like faith, is not seen. It is also very powerful.

The problem with fear is that it brings you what you don’t want instead of what you do want.

“The most destructive element in the human mind is fear.” (Dorothy Thompson)

A. Fear operates like a magnet, pulling things toward you that you do not want.

Job 3:25 “For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.” (KJV)

B. Where did Job’s fears originate?

Job 1:4-5 “His sons used to take turns holding feasts in their homes, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.” (NIV)

C. Fear is a negative expectation of what might happen . . . which then works to make it happen.

Luke 21:26 “men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth.” (NKJV)
“What we fear comes to pass more speedily than what we hope.” (Publilius Syrus)

D. Fear is an indicator that your faith level is low.

Mark 4:40 “And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?” (KJV)

E. “Fear is the curse of the world. Man is afraid – afraid of poverty, afraid of loneliness, afraid of unemployment, afraid of sickness. Many, many are man’s fears. Nation is afraid of nation. Fear, fear, fear, everywhere. Fight fear as you would a plague. Turn it out of your lives and home. Fight it singly. Fight it together. Never inspire fear. It is an evil ally . . .

Every fear, every doubt, is a crime against My Love. Oh! Children, trust. Practice daily, many times a day, saying, “All is well.” Say it until you believe it, know it.” (God Calling)

F. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was 100% correct when he said, “We have nothing to fear, but fear itself.”

“Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is.” (German Proverb)

G. The Bible instructs us over 100 times, from Genesis to Revelation, to “fear not!”

IV. Quantum Physics.

“Some things which have required faith to believe will no longer require faith, for it will be proven to be scientific fact.” (Charles Capps)

Like faith and fear, quantum physics operates at an unseen level and is the source of tremendous power!

A. Newtonian physics describes the way matter and energy interact at a visible, macroscopic level.

B. Quantum physics, on the other hand, describes the interaction between matter and energy at a subatomic, invisible level.

The model of an atom that we were taught in high school is not correct. Electrons don’t orbit the nucleus . . . rather they form “blurred clouds of probabilities” around the nucleus.
C. **Experiments in Newtonian physics are repeatable.** That is, for the same input conditions, you will always get the same output results.

For example, Newton discovered gravity when he observed an apple fall from a tree. Therefore, if you take an apple, hold it above the ground and drop it 100 times, it will fall to the ground 100 times, demonstrating the unerring and unfailing power of the law of gravity.

D. **In quantum physics the natural, repeatable laws of Newtonian physics no longer apply.**

“Whereas gravity works whether anyone is present or not (a tree falls down, not up, even if no one observes it), subatomic particles are not there unless someone looks for them . . .

In the quantum, subatomic arena, there are only possibilities and probabilities. Things don’t work like you think they should. Nothing is there until you look. All that exists is only an infinite number of possibilities . . .

In quantum mechanics, the observation of something changes it. You can never really be sure if it even existed before you looked. Because you looked, you actually interfered with whatever was there before you looked . . .this just means that we affect everything around us by how we see it or by what we believe . . .

How you interact with this quantum field of possibilities, the unseen realm from which all is created, determines what manifests in your life. We have been given an empty slate and Jesus said it is up to us what we choose to put on it.” (*Quantum Faith*, Annette Capps)

E. “Quantum physics says that you can’t have a Universe without mind entering into it, and that the mind is actually shaping the very thing that is being perceived.”
   (Dr. Fred Alan Wolf, Quantum Physicist)

F. “Anyone who is not shocked by Quantum Theory has not understood it.”
   (Niels Bohr, Nobel Prize winning physicist)

G. “The key to manifesting matter is to interact with that which ‘is not’ so that it becomes what you hope for. Your expectations and beliefs are of primary importance. If you observe and expect failure, sickness or disaster, that is exactly what will manifest . . .

There are an infinite number of possibilities that exist for your life. You alone have the power to choose which possibility becomes reality in your life.” (*Quantum Faith*, Annette Capps)
H. “Faith is an unseen energy force. It is not matter, but it creates matter and actually becomes matter . . . Faith-energized words convert energy to matter. Words are the catalyst that turn the substance of faith into physical manifestation. Faith is the raw material from which all matter is made. It is the invisible substance from which your physical world was and is created.” (Quantum Faith, Annette Capps)

1. Hebrews 11:1, 3 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen . . . Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” (KJV)

2. Genesis 1:3 “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” (KJV)

3. Genesis 1:26 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion . . .” (KJV)

4. Mark 11:23-24 “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass: he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” (KJV)

“I’ve told My people they can have what they say, but they’ve been saying what they have.” (The Lord to Kenneth Hagin)

5. The bottom line:
   a. You are much more than you think you are.
   b. You have much more power than you understand and have been using.
   c. You truly can do all things through Christ Who strengthens you.
V. The Secret.

The Secret is a recent and very popular secular book and video by Rhonda Byrne. Its main premise is that whatever you are thinking about, good or bad, you are attracting into your life.

In my opinion this book very eloquently makes the case for the power of the soul to order and bring to pass all that comes forth in our lives. As such, it underscores what the Bible says in 3 John 2: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” (KJV)

While I do not agree with all of the statements made in the book, The Secret nevertheless puts forth a highly effective and persuasive argument that man’s thoughts, words and feelings do indeed govern and control the vital parameters of his life, just like the Bible says.

That said, if you choose to read the book or watch the video, I encourage you to remember the counsel of Kenneth Hagin, “Eat the hay and spit out the sticks.”

A. Biblical basis and confirmation for some key statements made in The Secret:

1. First of all, God has given us dominion.

   Genesis 1:26 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” (KJV)

2. Each of us is being transformed into whatever image we are holding in our minds.

   2 Corinthians 3:18 And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.” (AMP)

3. What you think determines what you’ll become.

   Proverbs 23:7 “For just as he hath thought in his own mind so he is . . .” (Rotherham)

   “Your thoughts are so powerful that they actually shape your future.”
   (Joel Osteen)

   “Where the mind goes, the man follows.” (Joyce Meyer)
4. Jesus’ first public message was directed at changing the way His followers were thinking, because a new kingdom had arrived.

Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent (= change the way you think): for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (KJV)

5. God always encourages us to think right thoughts.

Philippians 4:8-9 “And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” (NLT)

B. Quotes from The Secret.

1. The Great Secret of Life is the law of attraction.

2. “Everything that’s coming into your life you are attracting into your life. And it’s attracted to you by virtue of the images you’re holding in your mind. It’s what you’re thinking. Whatever is going on in your mind you are attracting to you. Every thought of yours is a real thing – a force.” (Prentice Mulford)

3. “People who have drawn wealth into their lives used The Secret, whether consciously or unconsciously. They think thoughts of abundance and wealth, and they do not allow any contradictory thoughts to take root in their minds. Their predominant thoughts are of wealth . . . It is the law of attraction in action.” (Rhonda Byrne)

4. “If you see it in your mind, you’re going to hold it in your hand.” (Bob Proctor)

5. The law of attraction says that like attracts like, so when you think a thought, you are also attracting like thoughts to you. Thoughts are magnetic, and thoughts have a frequency. As you think thoughts, they are sent out into the Universe, and they magnetically attract all like things that are on the same frequency. Everything sent out returns to the source – you.

You are like a human transmission tower, transmitting a frequency with your thoughts. If you want to change anything in your life, change the frequency by changing your thoughts. Your thoughts become things.” (Rhonda Byrne)

6. “You become what you think about most, but you also attract what you think about most . . . Here’s the problem. Most people are thinking about what they don’t want, and they’re wondering why is shows up over and over again.” (John Assaraf)
7. “The law of attraction doesn’t care whether you perceive something to be good or bad, or whether you don’t want it or whether you do want it. It’s responding to your thoughts. So if you’re looking at a mountain of debt, feeling terrible about it, that’s the signal you’re putting out into the Universe. ‘I feel really bad because of all this debt I’ve got.’ You’re just affirming it to your self. You feel it on every level of your being. That’s what you’re going to get more of.” (Bob Doyle)

8. “The law of attraction is a law of nature. It is impersonal and it does not see good things or bad things. It is receiving your thoughts and reflecting back to you those thoughts as your life experience. The law of attraction simply gives you whatever it is you are thinking about.” (Rhonda Byrne)

9. “When you focus on the things that you don’t want – ‘I don’t want to be late, I don’t want to be late’ – the law of attraction doesn’t hear that you don’t want it. It manifests the things that you’re thinking of, and so it’s going to show up over and over and over again. The law of attraction is not biased to wants or don’t wants. When you focus on something, no matter what it happens to be, you really are calling that into existence.” (Lisa Nichols)

10. “What you are thinking about now is creating your future life . . . Because you are always thinking, you are always creating. What you think about the most or focus on the most, is what will appear as your life. Like all the laws of nature, there is utter perfection in this law.

You create your life. Whatever you sow, you reap! Your thoughts are seeds, and the harvest you reap will depend on the seeds you plant. If you are complaining, the law of attraction will powerfully bring into your life more situations for you to complain about.” (Rhonda Byrne)

11. “We live in a universe in which there are laws, just as there is a law of gravity. If you fall off a building it doesn’t matter if you’re a good person or a bad person, you’re going to hit the ground. (Michael Bernard Beckwith)

“The law of attraction is a law of nature. It is as impartial and impersonal as the law of gravity is. It is precise, and it is exact.” (Rhonda Byrne)

12. “The law of attraction is always working, whether you believe it or understand it or not.” (Bob Proctor)
VI. Close.

A. Seek His kingdom and righteousness first.

Matthew 6:33  “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (NKJV)

B. Keep your thoughts aligned with His thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9  “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (KJV)

Romans 12:2  “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (NKJV)

“Mental Illness: not thinking like God thinks.” (Judy Fries)

C. Speak the Word only!

Matthew 8:8-9  “The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.” (KJV).

D. Remember: it’s your thoughts that control your tongue.

Matthew 12:34  “. . . How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart (= the thoughts or feelings, mind) the mouth speaks.” (NKJV)

E. “Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character;

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.”

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