

## Characteristics of God's dealings with us

- 1) God's mercy comes when we do not deserve it (Romans )  
I don't believe financial health is about "positioning ourselves for God's material blessings" but about sharing in his attributes. He has been merciful to us, therefore we ought to be merciful to others
  
- 2) God expects us to continue God's generosity by being generous and merciful with others  
Remember the debtor whose debts were cancelled...then turned to the man who owed him money and demanded payment...
  
- 3) God expects us to forgive the financial wounds of our past...  
Nothing tears apart a relationship faster than being at odds over a financial issue (families)  
What will Thanksgiving Dinner be like?  
The majority of all marital problems have finances at the very center  
If we want God to heal us financially, we must be willing for Him to heal those wounds of the past  
Are you willing to forgive someone for taking advantage of you? for robbing you? for misappropriating your resources? For not paying you back?  
Before you answer, ask "Is God willing to forgive that person?", then ask "Has God forgiven *me*?"
  
- 4) God's first order of healing is in our *use* of resources, *not in our having more*