



# TEMPLE TALK®



*1 Corinthians 13:7 ~ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (NLT)*

## SPIRITUAL THEME FOR FEBRUARY

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! Our Spiritual Theme for February 2018 is "God Economics." For the next few weeks we will discuss what God's word has to say about economics. The lessons were written by Danny Davis, a pastor and author in South Africa.

We will see examples through the scriptures of things God wants us both to do and to avoid doing as it relates to our finances! Our first installment is from the thought "The Basics." These lessons are geared to empower us if we will apply the principles that are shared.

Please feel free to invite a friend or family member to be our guest in February. If you are unable to attend the bible study, we have made it available on Facebook Live or you may call our conference line at 7:00pm and listen in. (605)475-3200 access code 943444#

Until our next communication,  
Pastor T Marc Gandy

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Praise the Lord to my Miracle Temple Family and to the people of God everywhere. I greet you all in the Matchless Name of Jesus! If you're anything like me, you have the best intentions of making a plan and sticking to it. I'm sure somewhere you have a list of To Do's! You probably even have a calendar with boxes filled in for vacations, appointments, and goals that you've set for 2018. As I said if you're like me, LOL! Well, I have done all of those things and to add to it I have set goals for my weight loss and fitness as well. Goal setting is a wonderful way to remind us of things that we consider a priority. The problem is if we never check in we can easily fall off the wagon or quit altogether. I have purposed to make this year a different year than those of the past. I may not have done too badly in the past, but I want to do better this year! I would like to see the things that I have set as goals being accomplished this year and the only way that will happen is for me to actually take what I write down on paper and begin to work toward completion. Let's not settle for what could have been but rather let's make it happen this year! Is anybody with me?

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The deadline for submissions to the next issue of Temple Talk® is Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please deliver to Pastor Gandy for approval to be included in the March 2018 newsletter.

***Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ. I would like to share with you a biblical outline of giving. Now, before you start thinking that this is an attempt to get more money into the collection plate, I want you to know that the Bible says giving is more than money. Let's get started...***

1) You reap what you sow...

The Bible points out in Galatians 6:7-8 and Luke 6:37-38 that whatever you give, will be given back to you. You cannot "give your seed assignment", like the televangelists often tell you. What you give out, whether it be good or bad, you will take in. If you want peace at your job, you have to stop sowing into chaos.

2) God does not measure how blessed you are, by your material possessions. In Mark 8:36, Jesus asks, "what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but lose his soul?" The word "soul" is interchangeable with a few words here: peace, sanity, reputation, respect, family- you can have the big house and nice car, but what good is it, if you can't sleep at night, because you have no peace? "Money" is not a fruit of the spirit and is not a measure of how "anointed" or "blessed" you are.

3) You will not be blessed, when you brag about giving. Matthew 6:1-4 spells this out clearly. When you stand in church, and say "I'm giving \$1,000.00!", your reward is the congregation's reaction. When someone else does this for you, they have blocked your blessing- your reward is the congregation's reaction. People don't often give to the poor, because bragging about buying a homeless person some food doesn't get the desired response from the congregation. But buying the homeless person food would result in an actual blessing. Which brings me to my final point...

4) God favors those who help others... When I say "others", I am not talking about your friends, or people who can pay you back. I'm talking about the people who can't repay you. Jesus says in Matthew 25:40 "What you do to the least of you, you do to me." So, when we talk about someone, or scoff at someone, or mistreat a person, because we feel they are "less than" us- we are doing those things to God. Likewise, when we give to someone we feel is "less than" we are, we are giving to God. Giving doesn't mean "money" either. We can give encouragement, a smile, we can help someone with a problem they may be having- there are many ways we can give and be blessed, that don't involve money... because a lot of times, "money" is not the blessing we need...

- Min. Michael Robinson

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