



# THE RICHEST MAN IN BABYLON

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## 5 Clay Tablets in Babylon



## CHAPTER 9:

# THE CLAY TABLETS FROM BABYLON

*“This chapter is a lesson in overcoming debt adversity and achieving financial prosperity ”*

# INTRODUCTION

- Archeologist excavated 5 Clay Tablets with inscriptions from the ruins of Babylon. Babylon is around the present day Iraq.
- The inscriptions were interpreted detailing exactly how a chronic debtor – Dabasisir was able to overcome his crises and achieved financial stability.

# THE STORY

- A certain man called Dabasir Lived extravagant lifestyle in Babylon, accumulating a debt profile, which caused him financial distress.
- He owed his creditors 119 Silver and 141 Corper and this debt burden caused him considerable embarrassment, prompting him to abandon his wife and embarked on a desperate journey out of his native city to seek for easy wealth.
- He suffered slavery in Syria and upon returning to his native land, he was determined to pay off his debts.

- He sought and obtained advise from his friend, Mathon (A Gold Lender) who was so knowledgeable in financial planning.
- The plan was on how to liquidate his debts and become financially independent.
- He inscribed the plans on 5 clay tablets and diligently adhered to it until he was free from debt.

# INSCRIPTIONS ON THE CLAY TABLETS

## **TABLET 1**

- This tablet contains debt repayment and sustainable financial stability plans
  - ❖ 10% compulsory saving from earning in his carmel trading business.
  - ❖ 70% for family obligations

## **TABLET 2**

- Contains list of creditors to be serviced equitably, with remaining 20% of his earning

## **TABLET 3**

- This reflects his debt stock of 119 silver and 141 pieces of corper and the embarrassment he received from his creditors

## **TABLET 4**

- Highlighted his strict adherence to debt reduction plans and strong saving habits.

## **TABLET 5**

- Freedom from debts and associated embarrassment and his confidence restored.

# LESSONS FROM DABASIR

- Dabasir realized his waywardness and determined to make adjustments. - Luke 15: 17 – 32
- Debt is injurious to self esteem and financial stability, if applied to unproductive consumption.
- Do not borrow to feed extravagant and unsustainable lifestyle that will entrap you in debts e.g Borrowing to go on a vacation.

- Savings from earning enhances self worth and happiness as evident in the situation of Dabasir after commencing compulsory saving of 10% of his income.
  - Prov 21 : 20 (NIV - *A wise man saves for the rainy day but a foolish man devours all he has*)
- Seek for quality advise and guidance from knowledgeable individuals when confronted with challenges.
- It is important for individuals to review and tweak their cash flow to bring it in alignment with realities of the time.



# CONCLUSION

May God grant us wisdom to live  
free from debts. Amen

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