

THE RICHEST MAN IN BABYLON

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CHAPTER 11: THE LUCKIEST MAN IN BABYLON

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INTRODUCTION

- In this series, we had done ten [10] chapters and today is the last one; chapter 11.
- So far, some of the major takeaways include:
- **PAY YOURSELF FIRST**
- **LIVE BELOW YOUR MEANS**
- **MAKE YOUR GOLD TO MULTIPLY**
- **GUARD AGAINST LOSS OF YOUR TREASURE**
- **CREATE STREAMS OF PASSIVE INCOME**
- **TRACK YOUR WEALTH**




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PREAMBLE ON CHAPTER 11

- This was about the encounter between Sharru Nada [an elderly merchant from Babylon with expensive tastes]; travelling through the desert of Damascus with young Hadan Gula.
- The young man was the grandson of his friend Arad Gula [now late].
- The trip was meant to help the young man break-away from his father who mismanaged the family's finances and inheritance.

FINANCIAL EXPERTISE

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- Sharru felt that Hadan and his father did not possess Arad Gula’s kind of talent for handling money/finances.
 - All of us are not financial experts; but we can engage or talk to the experts for guidance. This is not the era of “Jack of all trades and master of none”.
 - This is also one of the objectives of running this enlightenment on Morning Dew, to guide us in areas we may be deficient.
 - That was why Sharru asked Hadan whether he would like to become wealthy like his late grandfather.
 - Knowledge is power; even the Bible tells us so in Hosea 4:6.



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HARD WORK PAYS

- Sharru recounts his life experience with Hadan; how he was sold into slavery by his widowed stepmother.
- In slavery, there was this debate whether they should work hard to earn respect or try to slack and avoid more suffering.
- Sharru was advised by a guard to say he was a hard worker with the hope that a merciful would-be owner could buy him.
- That was how Nana-Naid a baker bought him.
- He worked hard and quickly learnt baking skills.

HARD WORK PAYS

- Eventually, he convinced his master to allow him sell his own cakes on the streets with promise to share profits.
- That was how he met Arad [started as a slave too]; Hadan's grandfather on the streets while selling cakes from house to house.
- He also met Zabado [his fellow slave]; who rejected the notion of hard work.
- He was still a brick worker by the city gates.

WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS?

- Arad asked Sharru; what he would do if freed from slavery? He wants to be a merchant.
- Unfortunately, Sharru's master lost money gambling and his creditors encumbered Sharru and took him away from bakery.
- Sharru buried the money he saved in a pit as he worked under brutal conditions for his new master.
- Nevertheless, he continued to work hard, not relenting; until he was taken back to the city where he met Arad again.
- Arad bought him out of slavery and offered him partnership.

WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS?

- From here, the sky was no longer the limit for Sharru.
- His aspirations were beyond the sky.



POSITIVE MINDSET AND HARDWORK

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- These are like Siamese twins and inseparable.
 - Both are embedded in work ethics, discipline and then success follows.
 - See hard work as a friend. Sharru embraced hard work as his best friend.
 - He convinced Hadan that hard work is not meant for slaves alone. Similarly, house chores is not meant for house-helpers alone. The children should be involved.

POSITIVE MINDSET AND HARDWORK

- Hadan was presented as young, inexperienced and naïve in the ways of money. It is one of the downsides of being raised wealthy and without adversity.
- Eventually, Hadan realized his desire to be like his grandfather and increased his respect for work and life experiences.

– *THANK YOU!*