You are special. That’s right. God made you unique, and He empowers you to prosper, even if you can’t see it. His word says, “But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” (Deuteronomy 8:18)

Some are not convinced by God’s words in this verse because they think of how thin their purse is or about what they don’t have in the bank account.

This may happen because sometimes we fail to realize that God has already placed something valuable in our hands. Hence, we are tempted to doubt God’s words in Deuteronomy 8:18 or take comfort by spiritualizing the meaning of the word “wealth.”

Is it possible that we focus too much on the end product—which is wealth—while not appreciating God’s raw material—which is the “ability to produce wealth”?

One day a man was asked about the difference between himself and his wife. His answer was: “When I am hungry, I behave differently from my wife. After my day of work at the office, I will drop my bag, rush to the kitchen, remove the lid from the pot, and look for my favorite dish. In contrast, when my wife is hungry, she will open the cupboard and the fridge, get out the raw materials, and prepare a delicious meal.”
Two different strategies address the same need: one desperately seeks only for the end product, and the other uses the available raw materials to produce it.

Instead of being frustrated and discouraged about the absence or limitation of the end product, it is more efficient to acknowledge and use God’s raw materials. They comprise, among other things, the health, energy, talents, and gifts that He has provided to everyone. And if you think that you lack “wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5

We are promised that we will be empowered as we partner with God by diligently using these raw materials He provides us.

As we return our tithe and promise, which is our regular and systematic offering, let us praise God for assisting us in transforming the raw materials He provides in the final product intended by Him. May we put our desires last and God first.