

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principles 122-1

At the Core

Hagar in the wilderness

1. **Jesus feeding the five thousand**
2. **The real-time encounters happening in the 5/20 Project**

Together they form a single biblical pattern of **God seeing people in places of need and responding through ordinary human hands.**

An interesting truth. When introducing to a potential influencer my desire to give the 5 20s when a person strongly believes in the concept, however some, particularly men will not except the seed money from 5/20. They want to fund it themselves and move out accordingly. I have on several occasions insisted, as led, to say please start with these 5 20s that have been given to the ministry. It like in my spirit there is a difference. Then reload with your own. I remind them there are know strings attached. It seems that particularly men have a very hard time receiving.

What you are noticing is actually a **very deep spiritual and human dynamic**. It touches on identity, humility, and the Kingdom principle that **receiving often comes before giving**. Your instinct to sometimes insist that a person begin with the five twenties already entrusted to the ministry may be spiritually significant.

Let's unpack what may be happening.

1. Many Men Are Conditioned to Be Givers, Not Receivers

In much of our culture, especially for men, identity is tied to:

- providing
- earning
- giving
- being self-sufficient

Receiving can feel uncomfortable because it may subconsciously trigger feelings like:

- weakness
- dependence
- obligation

So when you offer the **five \$20 bills**, some men instinctively say:

“No, I’ll fund it myself.”

Their motivation is often honorable. They want ownership. They want to contribute.

But something important can be missed if they skip the **receiving step**.

2. The Kingdom Pattern Often Begins With Receiving

In the Kingdom of God, people almost always **receive first before they are sent**.

Examples appear throughout Scripture:

- The disciples **received authority** before they went out (seen in the Gospel of Luke).
- The early believers **received the Spirit** before they began their mission (recorded in the Acts of the Apostles).
- Even Paul first **received grace and calling** before he became a giver of the gospel (in the Epistle to the Romans).

The pattern is clear:

Receiving is not weakness.

Receiving is alignment with grace.

3. Why Starting With the Ministry’s Five Twenties Matters

What you are sensing spiritually may be this:

Those first five twenties represent **entrusted grace**, not personal charity.

If someone skips that step and begins with their own money, the subtle mindset can become:

“This is my generosity.”

But when they begin with the ministry’s five twenties, the posture becomes:

“I am participating in something God started.”

That small shift changes everything.

The influencer becomes a **steward of grace**, not the origin of it.

4. The Spiritual Lesson Hidden in Receiving

When someone accepts the five twenties, they are practicing something spiritually powerful:

Humility

They are acknowledging:

- I did not create this
- I am receiving something entrusted
- I will now pass it on

This mirrors the exact pattern of Jesus with the disciples during the feeding of the multitude in the Gospel of Matthew.

The disciples did not bring the bread.

They **received it from Jesus first**.

Then they distributed it.

3. Why receiving first is important

When someone receives those first five twenties, they are not just receiving money.

They are receiving:

- the vision
- the trust
- the shared mission

It creates **spiritual continuity**.

They are not starting their own version.

They are **joining a living stream of generosity**.

That may be why your spirit says:

“Please start with these first.”

6. The Beautiful Outcome

After participating, **many influencers begin funding it themselves anyway**.

This is exactly the Kingdom pattern.

Grace received → generosity multiplied.

The flow becomes:

1. Receive the seed
2. Experience the joy of giving
3. Continue the practice personally

At that point, they are no longer simply participating in the 5/20 Project.

They have **internalized the rhythm of the Kingdom**.

7. A Simple Way to Explain This to Influencers

Many people want to start by funding this themselves, which is beautiful. But the Kingdom often begins with receiving before giving.

These first five twenties represent something entrusted to this ministry. By starting with them, you are joining something God has already begun.

After that, if you want to reload with your own twenties, that's wonderful. But first allow yourself to receive what has already been given.

8. The Deeper Spiritual Truth

One of the hardest spiritual lessons for many people—especially strong, capable men—is this:

Grace must be received before it can be given.

The entire Christian faith rests on that same foundation.

No one earns grace.

Everyone receives it first.

Only then do we live it out.

A Powerful One-Sentence Insight

“In the Kingdom, the first act of generosity is not giving — it is receiving what God has already provided.”

And once someone receives, the giving becomes **overflow rather than effort**.

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