

THE TRADER'S GOSPEL

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DEDICATION

To my Father. To the one who gave me life, and to the One who taught me how to live it. Seen and unseen, near and eternal. And to those who taught me, without ever knowing they did. To all who thirst for truth and aspire to wisdom.

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“You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

PART I : THE ILLUSION OF SAFETY

INTRODUCTION

Has anyone ever spoken to you honestly about money and wealth? Probably not. Truth is rarely convenient.

Many men and women today live with a quiet unease. Something feels misaligned in their relationship with money. They work, often seriously, sometimes skillfully. They follow the prescribed path, meet expectations, and yet the promised calm never fully arrives. Peace remains conditional. Security feels fragile, suspended from a monthly deposit or a signature they do not truly control.

They were taught that financial stability follows a single script: study hard, earn a solid degree, exchange time for a reliable paycheck, gain access to credit, accumulate patiently. That model is not foolish. It worked in certain eras and still functions in specific contexts. But believing it to be universal, safe, or sufficient in today's world is a costly mistake.

My journey began in Europe, within a scientific education that extended from high school through top level universities. Environments where precision is non-negotiable, where intuition is not worshipped and only

method, proof, and intellectual rigor are allowed to stand. Science teaches discipline, repetition, and humility before error. It instills respect for work, research, and limits.

It was there that I developed a deep affinity for probability, not as vague chance, but as the science of uncertainty, its hidden structures and asymmetries. I learned something essential: uncertainty is not an enemy. It is a territory. One you can ignore, suffer through, or learn to navigate.

The world is not linear. It is probabilistic. Logical paths are routinely disrupted by rare but decisive events. Those who deny this reality do not escape it. They eventually pay for it.

Before finance, I learned to reconcile two worlds often placed in opposition: biblical wisdom and rational thought. I discovered they converge. Scripture is not abstract mysticism detached from reality. It speaks clearly about time, debt, prudence, diversification, discipline, harmony and transmission. Science measures what wisdom already names.

Finance became the natural proving ground. An open-air laboratory where risk, time, psychology, scarcity, greed, emotions, data and decision collide. Trading floors taught me a hard but healthy truth: markets do not reward ideology, narratives, or speeches. They reward discipline, clarity, humility, risk management, and the ability to survive being wrong.

I am a trader. A student of probability : a student of life, shaped by markets. This book is not born from a rejection of work, nor from a fascination with money itself. It comes from a simple observation: many lives are financially fragile without realizing it. Fragile because they depend on a single income. Fragile because they confuse debt with wealth. Fragile because they mistake saving for safety. Fragile

because their financial structures were never designed for uncertainty.

My aim is simple, and demanding. To give you the tools to recognize these weaknesses and begin building something else. Not a fantasy of instant freedom, but a robust long term architecture. A structure that absorbs shocks, endures time, and gradually restores control over your calendar and your choices, what we now call financial freedom.

What you will find here is drawn from the real world, anchored in Bible wisdom, and shaped into a viable path. No myths. No embellishment. High standards, grounded hope. Redeeming your time is not a utopia. It is very much a decision, followed by discipline.

If you are ready, we can begin.

CHAPTER 1 : THE DECEPTIVE SAFETY OF A PAYCHECK

Verse: “*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*” Proverbs 14:12

Parable: The Late Paycheck

« *A man lived by the rhythm of a paycheck, wired like clockwork at the end of each month.*

To him, that regular income was a fortress, solid, protective, unquestioned. Each morning, before dawn, he sold his time and his skills to a prosperous institution, established for generations, widely respected, seemingly unshakeable.

His trajectory was not accidental. From childhood, his father had taught him that a man must pursue a respectable occupation, intellectual, recognized, socially valued.

“Study hard. Get a good job. You will never have to worry.” He obeyed. Degrees earned. Credentials secured. A position many envied.

In his mind, three ideas merged into one: social status, job quality, and the perceived solidity of his employer. The company was old, resilient, a survivor of cycles. It had employed men like him for decades. Risk, he believed, belonged to the past, or to others.

He was not careless. Not lazy. He worked diligently and honored the rules. As long as he fulfilled his part of the contract, life would remain orderly. Ambition could wait. Stability came first.

Then, one month, the paycheck did not arrive on time.

At first, he dismissed it. A delay. Systems always work, until they don't. Days passed. A low-grade anxiety settled in. Rent was due. Expenses continued. For the first time, he realized he had nothing else to lean on.

When he asked, the explanation was casual. A transaction had been delayed. Payments would follow. Nothing serious.

Yet on his way home, a thought struck him with unexpected force: despite his respectable role, his status, and the apparent strength of the institution, his entire peace rested on an external promise he did not control.

That night, he slept poorly. For the first time, he saw that the wall he believed unbreakable might be little more than a mental structure inherited from his father and reinforced by his era.

A few days later, the money arrived. Immediate relief. Bills were paid. Life resumed. To the outside world, nothing had changed. Inside, something had cracked.

What he had taken for a citadel revealed itself as a thin wall, dependent on a cash flow he did not own. And without naming it yet, a thought began to take shape.

Something stronger was needed.

Something that could not be delayed.

Something that truly secured safety.

Without realizing it, he had planted the seed of his future choices. »

Employment is not the problem. Historically, it is one of the most efficient systems ever created to organize labor, allocate skills, and provide social stability. It built societies, lifted families, trained individuals. It granted status, recognition, and often dignity.

The problem begins when employment ceases to be a tool and becomes a foundation.

What many call “security” is often little more than habit. The paycheck arrives. Bills are paid. Life organizes itself around repetition. Over time, repetition is mistaken for certainty. Past continuity is confused with future guarantee. A classic human error.

In markets, this is known as naïve extrapolation, the assumption that yesterday’s pattern will persist simply because it always has. Markets punish this relentlessly. Life does too, only more slowly.

The true fragility of a paycheck is not its size, nor the prestige of the role, nor even the apparent strength of the employer. It is simpler, and more brutal: dependence on a single source.

A life built on one cash flow is structurally vulnerable. Height does not matter. Longevity does not matter. Reputation does not matter. When a system rests on a single pillar, the question is never if it fails, but when, and at what cost.

This vulnerability is dangerous precisely because it remains invisible while things work. Risk does not arrive gradually. It arrives as rupture. Layoffs. Restructuring. Illness. Industry shocks. Regulation. Macro events. The trigger is irrelevant. What matters is having no alternative when it strikes.

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