

GOD INTENDED FINANCIAL PROVISION

I was just thinking of the unconditional love of God, the message by which He enlightens us, the grace of God, that enables us to experience His love for us. That is so good!

I will now teach about how God provides in the New Testament.

We have had two main messages that we perceived all of our life, and that is that, in this world you will have by the sweat of your brow. And that is the only way that you can prosper; it's the only way that you can have money.

As an introduction I want to say this: I preach in a lot of places and we are very busy and I do get money, but it is not by the sweat of my brow. It's by living the passion in my heart and there's a big difference!

I look at my friend who owns a transport business. He gets money that way and it's not by the sweat of his brow... he loves what he's doing.

Another friend has a passion to take pictures and, he wouldn't want me to say this, but he's rated in the top ten news photographers in the country. He's good at what he does but it's not by the sweat of his brow although he works hard. He's not trying to fulfill a curse in order to be blessed. He's living his passion.

God has come to set us free from:

1. to live by the sweat of our brow and
2. what came later on in the church world is to follow some kind of a spiritual principle to persuade God to provide for you.

He's come to set us free from that so that we can have freedom in this life and we can enjoy what is in our hearts. Now, we have seen in the church world that anything you do, outside of being in full time ministry, is actually by the sweat of your brow.

You know, all people are not called to preach. It's just the way it is. You can share with a friend and give a CD and invite someone to church. You can get to a place where you see someone in need and you feel the Holy Spirit is awakening a certain thought in you and you can share it, but, you shouldn't think that what you are doing is actually part of the curse. It is not! When Adam sinned, then God said, "...by the sweat of your brow, you shall bear fruit."

Adam is a type of Christ and what He was actually saying was that the only way that there would ever be fruit in the life or provision for his bride, who was Eve, would be by the sweat of Adam's brow. There was definitely sweat on the brow of Jesus, the last Adam, that formed drops of blood, and by that there was provision for us. And now we want to carry that curse in our lives where Jesus is the end of the curse, when we can enjoy what we want. But we have been brought up in such a system that you look at what is not nice and that is what God has called you to do and what is nice is what the devil calls you to do. We've twisted this all around.

When something bad happens, people teach that it is God testing you or God is purifying you or God wants to shape your character by putting you through this hard time by giving you a job that you hate every day. Our hearts have come to a place

where we are only receptive to things that are contrary to us because the way we think was born from a system that is contrary to us --- which is called legalism.

Now we hear and we want to do something that we hate and then one day, when we retire, we can go and do what we want. It doesn't have to be like that! I'm not saying that the first thing you must do on Monday morning is to resign your job. What I'm saying is let the love of God flood your heart to the point that you can come with boldness before God and make your passion known to Him and as you make your passion known to Him, you will find that He brings forth the very desire in your heart. And that is the way it is supposed to be!

You might say, "Well, Bertie, that is too easy for this world." Well, let this word flood your heart and dare to share that vision or that passion that God has brought you, with Him and you will see how He brings forth a new life for you and how you can have provision for yourself.

You know, if I look at myself... I grew up in a house where my father was in engineering. He was the head of the Electric Department, the whole electric department of the biggest saw mill of the Southern Hemisphere.

I did a lot of things with my hands... I can start a business right now doing engineering work if I want but it would be by the sweat of my brow. I don't want to do that. It is something that I am capable of doing, but it's not born in my heart. It's not a passion that lives inside me. We must realize that we are people that can live that passion.

I remember when I started out and many people said to me, "You know, Bertie, many people become pastors because they are too lazy to work. They say that a pastor is just lazy and doesn't want to work. The wonderful thing about that is when you are in grace you don't have to prove how hard you work to counter their accusation. I don't have to do that.

When you start out, it's like that. "You are just too lazy to work."

After twenty years of preaching, when you travel all over the world and you have a wonderful life, then they come and say, "You know, you pastors do nothing. You just have a wonderful life." You had a chance to be "lazy" and be blessed but you never grabbed hold of it.

I don't say that we should be lazy. I just say, "Let's follow the passion of our heart and it can work that way." Glory to God!

I want to read from Matthew chapter 6 and I will get into the message now.

I previously talked about the love of money. I had said that the love of money wasn't actually a love for money but a love for what money gives you in the sense that you find your identity in your ability because your ability is portrayed in how effective you can do business and how much money you can make.

Matthew 6:31-33 says, "*Take no thought saying, 'What shall we eat or what shall we drink or wherewith shall we be clothed for after these things do the Gentiles seek, for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of these things. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.'*"

It says here that the Gentiles, or let me put it this way, the worldly person, what he seeks, is what God knows you need. That's what it says there. It says what the Gentiles seek. He says, "Don't you seek after those things. You worry where you will stay, what you will wear, and all those kinds of things." He said, "Don't worry about those things or even be defined by those things. Don't worry about it all! Your heavenly Father knows that you have need of these things."

So, when God comes here and He talks about New Testament provision, He comes and He puts the concept of Father, on the playground and makes that the center of the discussion. The word, Father, or God as a Father, was a foreign concept to the Jews. Jesus was the first one who would relate to God as Father.

In the Old Testament there are ten names for God but none of those names was the name for Father. Jesus came and He declared God for Who He really is. He declared Him as Father and the best way that you can understand God is to understand Him as a Father.

If I look at my children and I always see them busy, trying to do some kind of business, trying to sell something, working all the time, I ask them, "Why do you do this?" If they say, "We need to provide for ourselves, for our future. We want to go to the University. We want to make sure that we have clothes for school." Then I would say to them, "Listen, you did all this work because that is a passion in your heart, I will even help you to get more of this. But since you want to do this, thinking, not knowing that I will provide for you, I want to declare to you that provision that you are working for is included in the fact that I am your father."

So, the word, **Father**, is the end of all of your worries concerning provision. He came and He declared Himself as Father.

I heard someone say that it says, "First seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness AND THEN these things shall be added unto you."

The scripture says, "Look at the Father. The Father will meet all of your needs. All that you need to do is be concerned with His kingdom and His righteousness." The word, righteousness means equity of character. What kind of a wonderful Being He is Who calls Himself the Father who will always provide for you because He is not a bad Father but a good Father. He has this absolute elegance about Him. He has this glorious light shining out of Him called compassion and love and care. And that is what you need to be persuaded of and have your mind flooded in, is in **His** righteousness: The right that Jesus has to be provided for and the equity of character that is in the One Who calls Himself your Father.

Have your heart saturated in that because the way it works in the kingdom of God is God is everything and then He made beings in His image and in His likeness that He wants to share His life with. But these beings can only partake of His life on the foundation of a God kind of a being which means they need to believe in it, they need to want it, they need to have a desire for it. They need to have it influence them by looking at the good because we are human beings.

It's like Helena, my wife, and me. It doesn't matter how much I wanted to be good to her or how good I am, because she is my equal. She had to be persuaded of my

love and then believe in that love to such a point that she says, "I can see myself united with you forever more." And in that whole relationship you find that she is a partaker of who I am and all the provision that surrounds me. She's not an animal. She's a human.

I have a dog called Klaviev which means Piano. We call him Klaviev because he's black and white. It's better than calling him Apartheid.

We've got this dog from the S.P.C.A. where he was born. There were like six puppies and we went to pick one. Just before our other dog had to be put down, I said, "I think that the best dog to get is a Border Collie, you know, a crossbreed. There was a Border Collie and thank You, Lord.

So I went there and there were six of them and three of them ran away when I entered the cage. Two were just sitting doing nothing and he came and sat on my foot... so that's obviously mine. From the first day I saw that he had adoration for me. When I sit next to the fire, he will come to me and he will sit in front of me and stare at me, and look at me, and he will not move his face for five or ten minutes. He will just look at me with this absolute worship.

If I tell him, "Sit", he sits. If I tell him to go outside, he goes outside. If I tell him to lay down, he does it. He can obey me and he worships me. He loves me but when I come from a service, and I really enjoyed it, I struggle to share my emotion with him because he struggles to understand Afrikaans.

For he lives and moves and has his being, not in humans, but in dog. I can share that joy with someone who has and moves and has their being in human, which is my family or with you, but the dog struggles. Although he can obey me and worship me, he is not my kind. Then Paul comes and he says, "In Him, we live and move and have **our** being...". So we are fully the God-kind to the point that the only being in the universe that God could have a sensible conversation with, is a human being. That is good news and makes me happy!

So, God, in His provision, brought a being that has its being in God. This means that this being can partake of God only on this foundation of the principles of this kingdom, which is love: where you are loved; where His love influences you; where your heart gets persuaded of this love; where you see yourself in unity and in union with this other being. In so doing, you are a partaker of everything that being has. Now, this beauty that I am sharing with you has been distorted in the church.

A man called me and said, "This is Dr. So and So, (doctor --- he studied some theology somewhere). He asked me, "Where did you study?" That was the first thing he said to me and I then knew that this is trouble. I said, "To whom am I speaking to?" He said, "It's Dr. So and So." I repeated the question several times and he answered the same way each time. I said, "It seems to me as if your identity crisis made you lose the knowledge of what your name is. "Who are **you**?" He then told me his name.

Because everything is about the title, Doctor, and what happens through all this theology is people have taken this wonderful truth on how provision comes through

our union with a Father and having a Father who said, "Seeking the kingdom there means **tithing**." They think that the kingdom of God functions on the principle that if you give you will receive. They believe that's the kingdom of God therefore you first need to seek how you must tithe, then all these things shall be added unto you. That is not what is written there!

Jesus didn't have the tithe in mind! What He had in mind is children who are fretting about provision and where their identity plus their financial stability are all included in one being who is willing to tell you, "I relate to you as Father." That's the way and that was in God's heart.

Let me talk a little about the kingdom of God because the kingdom of God was not functioning in the Old Testament. John was preaching that the kingdom of God was at hand and then Jesus was preaching that the kingdom of God is here. He even went to say that if I cast out a devil on this planet, it means that the kingdom of God has now come. So what is this kingdom?

When Jesus was baptized at a place, in Hebrew called, Bethabara. What Bethabara means is the place of the crossing. There was a shallow place in the river where people could walk through the Jordan River. It was the very same place where the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land. The very same place, where they went from the desert into the Promised Land, was where Jesus was baptized! If you go and read about this what happened was when the priests went in and when they put their feet in the water it dammed up and made a wall of water. The water was pushing back like a dam but if you go and look at the Red Sea, it just opened up. It wasn't like the Red Sea and God specifically did it in this way trying to tell something to us. The Bible says that it dammed up very far to a town called Adam! Beautiful!

What were they talking about. It says, "Listen, now the kingdom of God is about to take place, to start to come to this earth, to manifest here. John was baptizing and there at the crossing, where you go into the Promised Land, was where he was baptizing. While he was baptizing there, what I believe was happening was, it was a damming up of all the sin of all mankind, was right there... right up to Adam because Jesus didn't just come 2,000 years ago. The Bible says that Jesus came in the fullness of time. The fullness of time doesn't mean the perfect time. The fullness of time means in the consummation, in the taking together of all time, Jesus came. So, the sins of all the world were dammed up even up to Adam. Then He was baptized into that sin and took the sin of all of the human race --- every sin that would ever be committed in the future unto Him and it was taken from all of the human race, put on one Man, and then He came and He demonstrated the kingdom of God. **He healed all the sick because they had no right to sickness because all of the sins were upon Him.** Then He went to the Cross and the Bible says that Jesus was lifted up just like the snake and our enmity, and the letter that accuses us, was nailed to the Cross. The Law was taken away and all our sins died in Jesus so that we are now partakers of a kingdom where we are not works orientated or sin conscience. This is the new kingdom!

It says, "Seek the kingdom of God." This kingdom is a place where there are beings that function from being united with each other. Where the Father is united with the Son in a perfect union, like I have preached many times, we are seated in the Son and we are a co-heir with the Son meaning everything Jesus inherited in His

resurrection, you are a co-heir of that, seated with Him, meaning you are fully unified with the Father as Jesus is!

As Jesus is a partaker of all the provision that is in the Father, based on His union, you are a partaker of all that! And all that manifests in us as our hearts get persuaded of this truth. Glory to God! And God's attitude of provision is not just toward the righteous. He says that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. Glory to God! He cares for all of us. One wants provision by sweating and suffering. Others have provision from a foundation of a Father Who loves him and is unified in unity.

The Bible says that we are so knitted together with God. Let me explain it this way. The Father took dust and then from that dust He made a human being. Then He put His life inside that human being who was taken from dust. Now, the Bible says in Romans 8, that the creation waits for the glorification of the sons of God, meaning our physical immortality. Then creation would have the very same life that We have. Why? Because we were taken from dust and this dust is from this physical world and if you glorify a man, because we are so one with this dust, then everything shall be glorified. The whole kingdom of God functions from unity. That's how it works.

The Bible says in John chapter 1:1 and John 2:1-2, "*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. And everything that was made was made by this Word. And in this Word was life and this life is the light of man.*" So, in the beginning was the Word or God's kind of a life was in the beginning. In that beginning because of a union in that kind of a life, we find that from that unity God said, "Let us make man." By just saying, "Let us make man", it implies so much. If the Father says, "Let us" what He is actually saying is, "I need Your permission. Let Us do this!"

If I say to my family, "Let us go on a holiday", or "Let us go and wash the car." It means, "Let us all be in agreement. Let all of us agree and see the need for this, understand this, and in unity have the same knowledge and from there we can bring something forth." That is the kingdom of God. That's how the kingdom of God functions and God has invited us into His way of thinking.

What God is saying to you is, "Let us have peace. Let us live a stress free life concerning our finances. Let us." If You say, "Let us do this, how will we do it?" Simple! Let us hear what makes Him say that. Let us hear what persuades Him to be so bold that He can say, "Let's enter into NO stress." As your heart gets persuaded of that, the Bible says, "From your heart flows the very force that drives your life and then Someone, called the Holy Spirit, comes and brings forth and manifests in this material world what is true inside you.

We've always had this teaching that we must rule, we must reign. The Bible says that all authority was given to Jesus... not you... to Jesus. And He has come and brought the complete new kingdom and His authority manifests in those who partake of His kingdom and that's how He rules His kingdom. He is the King. We are called kings because we are in the King. We have had this idea that God gave us this power and now with this power we must try and change the world. God is still in control. All we do is we preach His new kingdom. As people are partakers of this new kingdom, because the kingdom functions on the system of this unity and mutual belief and trust and union, we find His kingdom manifesting in people's lives. God is

not going to partner with any other system in bringing forth righteousness in people, bringing forth holiness in people, health, financial prosperity or anything outside of **Him loving you into it**. That's the only way. That's how God provides for us.

In Him was a certain kind of a life. That life is a unity life and that brings forth all of this. So, first seek His kingdom and His righteousness.

When we look at Philippians 4 and in explaining how God provides for us, it says, "*But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*"

The word, supply, is an old English word that means "meet your needs." "But my God shall supply and meet every need you have in accordance to His riches which is in His glory by your contribution." No, "... by Christ Jesus!"

I want to say to you, forever in the depth of your being, (and this can't just come to you by me just preaching it to you today), you will have to hear the Holy Spirit say this to you, over and over so that the very depth of your subconscious mind gets reprogrammed, that your belief gets reprogrammed with the system that God provides for you based on Who He is. "*...by Christ Jesus according to the riches of His goodness.*"

That's how He provides for you. We have been walking with this cloak of guilt and fear. I remember when I just got the message where the Lord said to me that I don't have to tithe or sow for Him to give to me. I didn't do it but I had an underlining fear because what if I don't tithe and it doesn't work. A lot of people preach tithing and giving and all of that but you'll find only about five or ten percent of the people in the church actually tithe. What happens then is, the rest only live in guilt. Ninety percent of the people are living in guilt.

Every time money is taught, there is an underlining of emotional guilt. I want you everyone to be completely free of that feeling of indebtedness when you get your paycheck. I want you to feel loved. I want you to feel that God cares for you. I want you to feel gratitude in your heart for God's love for you because we cannot start our month with guilt.

The newest thing that I see now in the Grace teaching is, "God will not curse you if you don't tithe and neither is He going to bless you if you do tithe. But if you don't tithe, you still have something that belongs to Him and you're a thief."

Jesus took away the sin of all man, yet God declares you as a thief in the presence of the Blood of Jesus! By preaching this, I don't want to take away your generosity because generosity is something completely different. We are a generous being from inside of us but generosity forced is like forced diving. Breathing is not that easy when you are forced to dive. When people keep your head under the water you shall die. That's what it is like when you are forced to give. It chokes you. You feel like you can't breathe. So for me to force anybody to give would be absolutely ludicrous.

What we want is **to see God bearing His fruit in people and it can never happen in the presence of guilt**. We don't start our month with guilt. Come to church without feeling guilty. He has come to remove all guilt! Amen! Be set free! I don't

know how to say it clearer...be set free from all guilt, from all sense of obligation and all those kinds of things. Be completely set free.

God promises you generosity. Why can God be generous and have a passion for people that is so great that he sees so much value that He gives His life and lives from such an emotion charged life that He can't but give His life for these people and then keep that away from the church! The only way that I want to see any of you give and the only way that I give, is when I see that passion. I want Jesus' generosity born in me. That's the way God intended for the church to give and it shall never come forth if we, in any way, say that God will provide for you on the foundation of, you shall tithe and you shall sow. There is no such a thing as tithing!

I've tasted what it is to be in the presence of God Who loves me and how must I see people, all over the world, dying with guilt through a system called, "The love of money"; through a system called "Tithing was before the Law, so it jumped right over Moses into the church now."

If you're preaching tithing, you need to repent before God. And you need to tell your people that you are sorry. I wish I could say it more radically because people are misled and we are postponing the time where people will enter into true generosity. My goodness!

The church in second Corinthians says that, the grace of God came upon them and they gave out of their poverty that it astounded the apostle Paul. But we want to steal that liberty where they can be liberated from fear, and liberated from what will happen in the future by always coming in with some stupid tithing teaching!

There is one tithe... His name is Jesus. That's it! He is our great high Priest. He has come and brought provision for the church. We are His bride.

People often ask me what Helena does. She works in our office doing the books and the grammar check for our email. That's what she does. I wish that she couldn't even do that! All I want her to do is to just be my wife. That's all I want her to be. I want to provide for her. I'm her husband. That's how I feel in my heart. I don't say everybody must do that. Don't make a law out of that. There are some woman who want to do some business or this or that and that's fine. Live the passion that's in your heart. I just want to tell you how I feel towards her. I feel that God feels exactly the same way towards us. I don't want her to have one day of worry on where she will get anything from. I want to pay for her. When she's dressed beautifully, it talks about me. And why would we say that God wants a relationship with us. I tell you that that woman has never tithed to me! She has never sown to reap or anything like that. I invited her and said, "I will love you. If you are opened to be loved, you will find my life born in you and you will be a partaker of my quality of life!" That was the end of all worry for provision for her.

How much more shall Jesus not have the same call on us... the very bride of Christ! God provides for you on the basis of Who He is and no other system. When we come to the place where Who He is floods our heart, because He said that He will meet our needs according to His riches, which is in His glory, by Christ Jesus.

What is His glory? I preached this many times. It says here that this is the glory of God. Moses went onto the mountain and he said, "Show me Your glory." God said, "No problem. Tomorrow I will declare all My goodness to you." Making the glory of God, the **very goodness of God**.

And then he declared this glory. He said, "This is My glory. This is My name. This is Who I am. I am merciful. I am gracious. I am longsuffering. I am kind. I keep mercy for thousands. I never deal with you based on your transgression." He said, "I will meet your need in accordance to that glory and all you need to do is seek that glory." That means we need to find out how merciful He is. How influential He is. How kind He is. How He walks with no consciousness of sin. Let that flood the depth of your heart so that Proverbs 4:20 can become truly alive in this sense. The Bible says, "My son, attend to My words; incline your ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from your eyes: keep them in the midst of your heart for out of your heart flows the very force that will guide your life." Let the glory of God, the goodness of God be the very pivot point of your belief system so that you can find that your life is driven by the very mercy of God. Hallelujah!

God will meet all your needs according to His riches in glory. Amen!

I tell you pastors, if you see a need in the church and you can't pay your bills, preach the love of God until God's love brings forth the generosity of God in people. That they can see the value of this message being preached. That they can see the value of having a local church where they can come and fellowship. Let them see that. When it burns in their heart like it burns in the heart of God, generosity will come forth and everything will be paid by the nature of God in people.

But if we come in with some tithing, sowing and reaping message, what we do is, we preach the Gospel that will be funded by Satan! We don't need the Devil's money! What we need is the love of God in the heart of a man that floods your heart to the point that desires start to be born in you that are in line with the desires of God. Where we don't find our desires born from a BMW but we find our desires born from a loving relationship with our Father. We start to find our vision and our resources and what we have and our life. We find that the character of God and what is portrayed in Christ, born in us. And that cannot come with, "Come on! Come on!! You better give!" No, it comes with sharing the love of God revealing to people who they are. Revealing to them how the Father loves them. **God is your Provider!**

The Bible says, "*In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth.*" In the beginning, but in this beginning was the kind of life that the Godhead possesses. So let's say, "*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God... and this word was life.*" Let's take the word, beginning, and replace it with the word, life. "*In the beginning was God's life and from that life the heaven and earth was made.*"

The way God intended for the kingdom to manifest in this world was from His kind of a life. That life is called the Word or God's logic. God's logic is, "If I have everything, I'll put it in a nothing and then the nothing will have the everything." That's God's logic. That's God's Word. That's God's message for the human being.

And now He says, "In that beginning, was enough power, in that life, in that union in the Godhead was enough of everything to create the universe." And now what He is saying is, "I introduce to you this kingdom and I come and I propose to you, and I say to you, You are not guilty anymore. All of your sins have been taken away. Come and partake of this by allowing this to form your belief so that from your belief, you'll find My belief brings forth everything that needs to be created from the beginning--- the life of Jesus, in your life... whatever you need!"

I have found that the more I am saturated by the love of God, the more my desire is towards people. I found that the best investment I could ever make is in people. I thank God. This didn't come from some theory I heard at some seminar, but it's born from One who has loved me. The sooner you see this will be completely connected to how quickly you allow Him to fully love you! Because the end of His commandment wasn't to be merciful to you. The end of the commandment was that His mercy could get you to a place where you can feel how it feels to live like Him. You are provided for. The word, Father, says it all! Amen!

Father, thank You for Your love. Thank You for Your mercy. Thank You for Your grace. Thank You that we don't have to get Satan to fund our vision by preaching his logic in the church. That we can have a Father Who provides for us with a burning heart that cares for us with a passion that is greater than what we could ever imagine.

Lord, Your ways are higher than our ways. Our way was, "You work to get." Your way is, "Unified and you have." If we have a desire for a certain business, that is what He will give us. If you have a desire to work at a certain place, we will have knowledge on how things work in this world and we will discover new things. We will have new patents. Even when we work we will have such a passion to do our work successfully. Living with love towards everyone who is in that building where we work with.

Thank You, Lord, that we can passionately live our life born from You. And Father, I ask You that millions of people might hear this message. Thank You that many will spread this. Look in the hearts of people to share this wherever they can.

Thank You, Father. Thank You. Lord, and I don't even want to say that we work together... we are one! Thank You, Jesus! Amen! Amen!