

## **MONEY CRUCIFIED - The tithe eating TITHE (1)**

It is such an honor for me to share with you the message of God's unconditional love in the area of finances. I am very passionate about this message and I want to see people really being set free especially after I have really come to understand 1 Timothy 6 verse 10. It was just building up in my heart to the point that I felt that I can't but preach passionately about this. This scripture says, "*For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted (or desired) it to have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*"

Unfortunately, I think that is what is happening today, it may not be willful but it does happen. If something is not willful, doesn't make it more or less deadly... it is equally deadly. A person who willfully preaches something wrong, or someone who is deceived and preaches the very same thing, the result in the end is exactly the same. My passion is to see that people can be set free from this.

We are going to look at this love of money just for the first part and then, just quickly, touch on the unconditional care that God has for us and then how we live as Christians.

After that we will look at Hebrews chapter seven and the tithe of Melchizedek.

The reason I want to look at that is because it is something that is brought over from the old system into modern day Grace Christian churches where we still sit with a system that says we need to tithe based on Abraham who was under grace. We will look to see if Abraham was under grace.

1 Timothy 6:10: "*For the love of money is the root of all evil...*" Now, if we say that the love of money is the root of all evil, then all evil's root is the love of money. Let me repeat that. If the Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil, then all evil's root is the love of money. Where does this come from? How could Paul write something like that? I believe that it refers to Ezekiel 28 where it talks about this king who is a type of Satan and how he fell. How did he fall? Verse 16 says, "*By the multitude of your merchandise that filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned.... :17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness...*"

Now, here is a being that is made by God, made perfect in the day that he was made and had this wonderful ability, and I like the way it is used here. This is an earthly king who lived on the earth some thousands of years ago. God made this king and then used what was happening in the physical there to really explain to us what was going on in the spirit and what was going on in the fall of Satan how Satan actually deceived Adam, how Adam fell and how that system tried to come on to Jesus when He was in the desert. And now Satan's devices, we know his devices, we know how he functions, and he wants to put the very same thing on us today. It is sad to say that he is still getting it right in some instances, even in people who are passionately loving God. We need to see this freedom come into our lives.

I've been passionately caring about the things of God and still found there are so many areas in my life where I was under legalism and law and it just brought death to me. I want to say that again: it just brought death to me. There was no life in it, there was no joy in it, and the worst thing of all is when you want to walk out of it and

be free, you always feel lonely. You feel there's no one backing you, there's no one around you, yet there are thousands who feel the way you feel. When you get to the first step, you find that others follow and they are always so thankful for the freedom.

As we look at Ezekiel it says, *"By the multitude of your merchandise, they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty..."* Here he says, by the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of the very core of you with violence. Violence also means with what is wrong. So, it says here that this being, "because of the abundance of his merchandise"... in other words, "how effective he could be in business" or in other terms it would be, "how successful he was". His success went to his heart. Heart or your core there talks about your belief. His very core, his very belief, started to revolve around the success that God had already given him. That is amazing! Verse 17 says, *"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You have corrupted your wisdom by the reason of your brightness."* Do you see here that the good used in a wrong way, or using good to define you, using good to drive you (and I will explain what I am saying), can corrupt your wisdom?

What happens here is the root of all legalism and law and death came from the system where a person already possessed everything and then from everything he possessed, he looked at what he possessed and that which he possessed started to form his belief and from that belief, his wisdom, his way of thinking, his reasoning, was corrupted.

If we have that in our lives, and I want to tell you that a lot of us struggle with this, if we have that in our lives, our wisdom will be corrupted. So, when we go and we look for wisdom, we will look at the wisdom of God but if we look at what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 1:21 it says, *"For after that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."* So what it is actually saying is that your wisdom, which sounds very wise to you, which looks like, "This is it, this is what God is showing me", by that wisdom, you might not even know, or it might be what stops you from knowing the very wisdom of God.

I think what happens is if we come with the mindset and the belief that abundance of stuff, or greatness in this world, or, let's get it more close: reaching more people, or having a bigger church, or having many ministries, and all those kind of things, forms what you believe about yourself and about what success is in this life, your wisdom will be corrupted. You will read the Bible and you will think it is God speaking to you, but it will not be God. It will be the voice of your corrupted wisdom and you will have scripture for your wisdom. Like the Pharisees and the Scribes had scriptures for their wisdom but by that very wisdom they found in the Bible, they didn't know God because God has a different kind of wisdom.

Now, I want to ask you a question, and this is especially for leaders. Why do you have a church? Is it because God told you that you must have one? Why do you want your church to grow? Why do you want a big church? You need to ask yourself all these things.

I want to say this: I am not against having a big church and I do believe that we can have a big church. I do believe that we can have thousands of people that we can reach by what we do. But why do you want a big church? Why can't you just be happy with what you have and just be fully content with that and if nothing ever changes, you will be happy. What makes you want big? What does big mean? You must ask yourself these questions. If you have a big ministry, do you feel in your heart more awe for a preacher who has a big ministry than a person who has a small ministry? Would you pay more respect to a person who has a big ministry than one who has a small ministry --- in your heart? If you walk up to somebody who reaches thousands... I see people who walk up to me and when I start to talk to them, they don't know what to say. Why is it like that? Some person can say that this person meant so much to me and I'm so blessed, and Hallelujah!" Or is it, "Well this guy reaches fifty thousand people a day." Why? What is the thing that wants to make us have something big? Why do we desire big? The Bible says, that the love of money is the root of all evil and I look at that love of money and I take it to Ezekiel and it says that the abundance of merchandise but what he also talks about there is he says that by the reason of your brightness it went to your heart. What happened is Satan fell, he sold that system to Adam and Adam lost it all. And now that he has lost it, we have this thing in us that we need to have to have it back and our whole life's drive is to have that back. We want to have a big church. We want to have a big ministry. We want to have big, big, big.

I say again, that I don't have a problem if something becomes very big. I want to use a verse in the Bible in Timothy to just confirm what I am saying here. It says, *"The love of money is the root of all evil for which while some coveted after (or desired) they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* Here we can see that we can pierce ourselves through with many sorrows in loving money. Now what is the love of money?

Let's define the love of money. *"For they that want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare..."* Do you want to be rich? Those that want to be rich, fall into temptation and a snare. This means that if you want to be rich, you are going to be tempted to go to the Law. Wanting to be rich means you are in the desert meaning that now you are going to hear the voice of the Devil. You may be thinking you will stop reading this right now but I am asking you to stay with this because I'm not settling for poverty. I'm not settling for having nothing or anything like that. I do believe that we could reach millions of people and we can see large ministries in the world and I don't have anything against large ministries. But just sit through and hear what I am saying here.

1 Timothy 6:9 -10 *"But they that want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, (and listen to this) and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which draw men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil."*

Here he comes and talks about something that includes all evil... every bit of evil. So this kind of a system basically had to exist before there was even money because we know evil was from Adam's time...and even before Adam, it was in Satan. There was something evil there.

All of that evil comes from a system of, "I want to be rich!" Why? Because a life, and this is what I am talking about, the Satanic system where your life is defined in your riches, "I want to be rich!"

Let's take money out of the equation and let's talk about people. I want to be rich in how big my ministry is. Say that all the money is provided for free and you don't have to get any money from anyone or ever have to ask for money. Why do you want big? Why do you say, "I need to have many churches." You want to be rich in the amount of churches you have. You want to be rich with the quality of your band. You want to be rich in all those kinds of things... why? Because that can lead you into temptation and a snare. It can lead you into something where your mind gets corrupted by that way of thinking. Let me give you an example. If I say, "I must have a very big stage and I feel that I must reach millions! Is it wrong to reach millions? No! But if I say, "I want to be rich in how many people I reach. I can't be happy with just reaching the one across the street. I can't be happy in just reaching my family. I can't be full of joy in that. If I must come to a point where I think that I will never in my life ever reach millions, I can never be happy. I see joy as something postponed. I'm missing the moment and I'm chasing after some vision. I know that I am attacking some thing here which is at the core of our belief, but that's very important to understand because should you have that corrupted wisdom in you (and we're going to look at Abraham and the tithe there), you will not be able to see the freedom that I want to bring you to. Let me just repeat this: If I say that I want to reach millions, why do I want to reach millions? Is it just because it is a passion in my heart to want to reach the millions"? Why can't I settle for a church of 300 or 150? Why must it be 5,000? You say, "God told me to have a church of 5,000 people." I tell you that I beg to differ. I haven't seen the apostles in the beginning where they said, "Well, God told us that we must have a church in Jerusalem which seats 5,000." They didn't just get stuck in Jerusalem. God said, "Go and preach wherever... go preach throughout the world and make disciples of all people. Just go and preach. Preach to this one and the life that is in that one will reach the other one, will reach the other one.

If I look at the ministry I have, there was a time when I was chasing big and my wisdom was corrupted. I started to read Scripture in a way to get people to fund what I wanted to do. And then with subtlety, actually manipulating them, to start to fund the vision that God has given me. When they didn't want to fund that, I was upset with them because I thought, "Can't you hear God? Can't you see that we must reach people?".

When you look at the apostle Paul, we never see him ever doing any of those things. Yet, he had money and yet he had a very effective ministry. Yet he reached many nations. Yet he reached millions. If you look at his ministry and what happened in his ministry we see that he reached millions up to today. I'm not against big! I am talking about by what wisdom are we building the "big"? That's what I am talking about.

You know, even when I preach in my church, and just living in this world, and being among leaders, it's difficult to say, "Why do you want big?", because the moment you start to talk like that you see, it's like, "What is this guy saying? Is he crazy? Did he smoke something?". When we look at the wisdom that was corrupted in Satan, he had everything and then the stuff went to his heart and then he started to believe, his belief system was influenced by his brightness. His beauty and all the beautiful

things influenced his belief. That caused him to fall from the level of God, to fall from the fiery stones, to be cast out of the high place.

God has a high place for us and He doesn't want us to fall from there by having corrupted wisdom, by having a heart, a belief system, that is wrong.

Let's just look at this verse again where it says that they who want to be rich or they who want to have big ministries, fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts. I want to say that I have seen it as a thing in the Church. I love the Church and I want to say this boldly and straight out. When you chase after big, you are more open to be tempted to get people to fund your vision and then you are tempted and you are open to the deception. Remember that when a person is deceived, you think it is right, and your motive can be pure. But you will not be able to see the light because you are veiled by a belief that bigger is better.

I am not saying that we cannot have a big church. I want to say that again: I am not saying that we cannot have a big church and I'm not saying we can't reach thousands and millions of people. What I am saying is we need to look at the core from where is the foundation from where we build. Is it not, "I must have big!" They that want to be rich fall into temptation, means you are drawn away by desire, I want this. I want big and I am drawn away by this desire for big and now I am tempted to get into legalism to make this thing work because I don't believe God funds something and is behind and supports something that kills. This is what the Bible says: God is not mocked. If you sow to the flesh, don't think that you are going to reap life from the flesh and legalism. That's mocking the way God says, "I give you life, for free!"

It says, those who want to be rich or those who want big, they fall into temptation and a snare and to many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drawn men into destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil.

I will read from verse three: "*If any man teaches otherwise, and consents not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof comes envy, strife, railings, evil surmings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, (Do you see the corrupted wisdom?) and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain (or much) is godliness: from such withdraw yourself.*" This is financial gain as godliness.

I also don't think that we can say that the more people who are drawn to your church means you are Godly. Any time when we say that gain is godliness, why is that corrupted wisdom? Because in the Satanic system where we look at the things that were given, which we have received for free, and then when we see that they are free, and what God gave him he thought that this defines my godliness. This defines who I am. This defines my righteousness. Because of this, I find my life constructed in these things and a lot of us find that in our lives today.

It says if you think that gain is godliness, it is corrupt and you are loving money. If you think that bigger is better, that system, and this is what I believe, is born from, "I am defined that good is in much." So, much defines good. Much defines

blessedness. I know that this challenges so many people but please listen to this and have your heart challenged because look at the next verse: "*But godliness with contentment is great gain.*" The word, gain, there is the very same Greek word as gain in verse 5, supposing that gain is godliness, which here talks about financial gain. We can also, in the context that I am preaching this, talking about church members, talking about churches and all those kind of things. Gain can never define godliness but godliness with being content... content is talking about this once more in the sense saying there is no need to add anything.

If I look at the church that I have now, if I look at the size of my ministry, I feel I have no need that anything has to be added to this. I have no need in my heart to say, "I need this to grow." No, I don't need this. I am happy with what I have. I am truly enjoying every moment of this and you know what I find? I find that our church grows. I find that we have more people watching our broadcasts. I find that I have to go to another server because we were overloading the one we had. We find thousands of people watching our videos. We find people saying, "Bertie, I will write books for you for free. We will publish things for you. We will do this, we will do that for you." We find invitations from all over. It is just amazing! It's as if godliness, where we find our being, not based on the stuff, but based on Him and being happy with what we have, not chasing after more or lusting after more. Lusting is made only for stuff or was only made for money or sexually for women and men. Lust is the desire for more all the time. Once you can say, "I thank God that I enjoy this moment in sharing with one, that's enough for me."

I find so many times that we are so chasing after the big that we cannot enjoy life and we live life corrupted. When our wisdom is not contentment but gain, we become corrupted and we cannot see the truth. We then will start to look for the smallest little thing to save your life where you want the more. I believe that we can look at the tithe of Abraham because when I look at the tithe of Abraham, and I look at the New Testament church, and when you look from the perspective of contentment, I mean I have a growing ministry, reaching more and more people every day. We are even starting another church. So, it's like it is growing but I see it happens as a **fruit of the Gospel!** I'm not chasing after it. It is a fruit, that's what happens. I want to challenge you and I want to submit to you to check the motive of your heart before God.

I remember, one day, a person, who wrote a book on tithing, and sent it to a pastor for endorsement. The pastor, who had a nice church, endorsed it. Then he was just about to publish the book when he watched me on TV when I was preaching on the tithe. I thank God for that station. They don't believe what I believe but they don't take me off for preaching what I preach. This person listened and he became so upset, and he was so angry and had such rage inside him. He switched the TV off and went into his room shouting and saying, "I never want to see this guy ever again! He's just wrong in what he said. He's deceiving the church! He's a deceiver!" He became so upset he was shouting and he asked God, "Why am I so upset?", thinking it was like a holy anger. Then God said to him, "Because that guy is right and you are wrong."

He phoned me a week later and said that he wanted to come and see me. He told me about this and he said, "I thank God that He has graced me to be humble enough to realize that the motive of my heart wasn't right but now I am free!"

I want to challenge you before God, look at this if you want to see true freedom come to people. When you look at Abraham and I looked at this from a contentment perspective, not trying to become big or anything, just living life knowing that God gives the growth and where there is life there is just natural growth. Looking at Abraham, I cannot see, whatsoever, how we could ever look at Hebrews 7 and Genesis 14 and say that we need to give ten percent or that, should you be a believer, that there is a thing of giving ten percent to God. There is no link, there is no correlation. It makes no sense. It makes no interpretation sense.

If you look at interpretation of Scripture and we say that Abraham tithed to Melchizedek, therefore we must pay tithes to the local church, it must be from a perspective of where something forces us and draws us to see that, because it is just not written there. There's not one example in the New Testament of it whatsoever! None of the apostles ever mentioned tithing toward the church. They never indicated that tithing is money. It's not there! Yet it is one of the biggest things in the church and I want to submit to you that I think that is a fruit of corrupted wisdom where we don't think straight anymore. Where we have been so corrupted with a desire for more because we have this mentality that unless we win the world today, we are not obeying the command of God. We make the salvation of other people our responsibility in the sense of, "If I don't win everybody, then nobody's going to be won." Instead of where we look at a responsible life would be a life when we say, "I make my members available for the righteousness of God and I do as I feel in my heart today and I give no thought for tomorrow. Just live that eternal life today. Glory to God!

Now let's look at Abraham and what I think is corrupted wisdom. We, in our wisdom, can say, "Well, if Abraham tithes to Melchizedek and the Law was given by Moses, then Abraham must have lived under grace. Wherein the Bible is so clear. It says, "*Grace came by Jesus Christ.*" We look at Abraham's system where he lived and honored Canaanite priests and built altars, sacrificed animals and he was even circumcised, all those kinds of things. Then you would say, "No, no, no, let those things stay there and only bring the tithe over into the New Testament, because Abraham lived by grace." If Abraham lived by grace, then what is good for the one is good for all. **If Abraham lived by grace because the Law was not given yet, then under what did the Gentiles live to whom the Law was never given? Grace? No, grace came by Jesus Christ!**

I find that if we have a system of bigger is better, if we have a system of a driving ministry, we need funding for that. We then think, where are we going to get this, and what worked in the old way of manipulation and control out of the old tithing system and the old sowing and reaping system, it worked. It did bring in some money. Now, we think, "Well, that worked and I don't think we commonly do this but it happens in our subconscious mind, we have to find some door for that system to come and help us. We don't need that! I believe that it is born from corrupted wisdom and we can have the truth and we can see the Church living in **true generosity**.

I want to see that Dynamic Love Ministries is fully sponsored by people who don't believe in tithing or sowing and reaping, who had been healed from that teaching of the effect it had in their life and they have been set free. It is just a generous giving that makes this possible, and our ministry is growing! Even speaking against the old

system, we are still growing and reaching more. It's amazing! Grace works! Glory to God!

We say that the Gentiles weren't under grace but we say that Abraham was under grace. Abraham's righteousness is not the righteousness we have today. His faith was accounted to him for righteousness. He was not made the righteousness of God. There's a very, very big difference! (I have a two part series explaining the different righteousness there is.) Paul said that there is none righteous, no, not one. Does that include Abraham? Yes, it includes Abraham! There was no one righteous, no, not one. Death reigned from Adam to Moses, meaning there was no one righteous.

Now we have the Holy Spirit as proof of our immortality and that we can never die --- even if we die, we shall live, meaning that we have attained the very righteousness of God and we were made, or created, by the righteousness of God which Abraham never had. But it was a righteous thing to believe and now it would be a righteous thing for us to say that we don't try to follow the Law anymore but we believe. That's what the whole all of Romans 4 is actually about. But when we have the mindset of "I need to have this!", even if it is not coveted, you must realize we are talking about a seed that gives thoughts to us, from where we live. We will look at Hebrews 7 and I think I read it fifty times, and I looked at the Greek words there and the Hebrew cross references. Nowhere is there any indication in Hebrews 7 that we must tithe! He's talking of the order of Melchizedek. Let's look at that right now.

First I will touch on Abraham, again, and then end up with Hebrews 7. When I look at Abraham and where he lived, Abraham partook of what we call the kingly tithe. The kingly tithe, and that's what he gave, was the way in which you honored a king. In that time you had to give ten percent of the spoils of war to your king. If you didn't do it, you became an enemy of the king. We can read this in a lot of other texts that were written about that time, outside of the Bible, there are many. If you Google the Babylonian tithe or the Canaanite tithe system and you will see how much proof there is of this. It is even in the Bible in 1 Samuel 8, "*Samuel told the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king. You see here we look at the people who just had judges. They didn't have a king, and they look at the Canaanite kings and they said that they wanted a king like the Canaanite kings. And then what God was actually saying was, "Listen, if you want the Canaanite king, you are going to have the Canaanite System and this is what the system would look like. " And God said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you." ( If you want a king, this is how kings look.) He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and for his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; (He will have the system of Pharaoh.)*

Verses 14 and 17: *And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive yards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take **the tenth** of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give them to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take **the tenth** of your sheep: and you shall be his servants."*



So, you see here that we can clearly see that God didn't want them to have a king, outside of God, over them. When God was their king, He didn't come with a life of slavery over them. He wanted to be good to them even if they were under the Law at that time. This was talking about a different kind of a tithe. This was the tithe that Abraham paid--- the Canaanite tithe, wherein you honor your king with ten percent.

Now the writer of the book of Hebrews came and he used the system where you give ten percent, and in that, it acknowledges that person as higher. **In Jewish times, you couldn't have the lesser bless the greater....** that couldn't exist! The greater always blessed the lesser. Now, Melchizedek came and he declared Abraham as blessed. So, he blessed Abraham according to Judaism that meant that Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and that he was someone that Abraham looked up to. That's all that it is. That's all that the writer wanted to say in Hebrews 7. He just wanted to say that Melchizedek was someone that Abraham looked up to.

Then we find in Psalms that the psalmist comes and he prophecies that there will still arise a priest after the order of Melchizedek. What is the order of Melchizedek? When you look at Melchizedek, he was not Jesus. The Bible says that he had the likeness of Jesus. He was in the likeness of the Son of God with eternal life in type and shadow.

Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. That was Jesus and not Melchizedek. Melchizedek is just a type and a shadow, as Lucifer was a type and shadow, as David was a type and shadow, as Benjamin was a type and shadow, he was a type and shadow of an undying priesthood.

If Melchizedek never died, and he was God's only high priest, why was there a need for a Levitical priesthood? There was no need for a Levitical priesthood because the perfect priest was already on the earth. Do you see how our wisdom gets corrupted? We want to see something and we will just see it and it seems to make perfect sense. Here the Levitical system ended and a new system came. And the new system, under the Levitical system, was that we tithe under the system which we thought was always, the priesthood that was there all the time. We say, "Here we tithe... We actually tithe to Melchizedek who was a priest at that time, and he gave him ten percent honoring an important, good guy and now we say that means we must give ten percent to the local church." How do we connect these things! There is no reference to it! The context of Hebrews 7 is so clear. All that he wants to do there is he wanted to tell them that Melchizedek was a priest who had no genealogy recorded... no father, no mother, made like unto the son of God as if he was never born and never died because there was no record of his priesthood whatsoever. There is no genealogy of his priesthood. And now they want to come and say that Jesus comes in the same order of Melchizedek.

The whole thing about Hebrews 7 is about the order of Melchizedek. What was the order of Melchizedek? It was a priest outside of the Levitical priesthood... that's the one, and then a priest of which genealogy was not written down in the Levitical order. So, here Jesus comes and He is a priest in the very same order. His lineage does not come from Levi but from Judah and He was raised from the dead meaning He never dies. That means the fact that He has immortal life in human flesh is a

fulfillment of that kind of a priesthood which is a priest that can never die. That is all that Hebrews 7 wants to say. It doesn't say that we need to tithe to Him!

The tithe was only used to say, and this is the whole thing about it... Here comes the apostle and he preaches to the Hebrew people. He says to them, "Listen, Jesus came and He ended the whole legal system." Then they would say, "By what authority? What makes Him end it? What power does He have over the Levitical priesthood because we know that God gave these laws to Moses. We need somebody greater than Moses. We need somebody greater than Levi to come and change this. Who has the authority to say that this ends now?" Only somebody who is greater than Levi.

Then he comes and he uses the tithe as a system of honoring and defining bigger and he says that Abraham said that Melchizedek was bigger than Abraham. Then Levi was still in the loins of Abraham when Abraham did this, meaning that if Levi is the son of Abraham, then Abraham is higher than Levi. Even now we find people, in this world, all under the law then gave tithes and even then when the apostle wrote this referring to the Levitical tithe system that they basically ate, was still active then. So, the only person who could ever change this is if he was of a higher order than the order of Aaron of the Levitical order. There was only one who could ever be higher than that and that is a new kind of a priest and that would be the order of Melchizedek. He didn't say, Melchizedek, he said the order. What is the order? The order is he had to be a priest who could never die. That order would have the authority to end the Levitical priesthood. The Jews didn't even know this! The Apostle uses reasoning in explaining the fulfillment of the Law. Now, how can we use Hebrews 7 connected to Genesis 14 and say that you actually owe God ten percent of your money? It's corrupted wisdom! It's not in line with the nature of God where God says, "I'm your Father and I will meet all of your need. Don't worry about tomorrow when you have those things. I will bring forth generosity in people. I will allow that preachers can receive from people who feel generous and that will be more than enough to fund the winning of the world!" Why do we have to have this corrupt wisdom!

Hebrew 7 in the Message Bible. *"Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of the Highest God. He met Abraham, who was returning from "the royal massacre," and gave him his blessing. (He blessed Abraham and we know that he Bible says that the lesser is blessed by the greater. Jesus comes in the authority of the greater. He has the power to change the priesthood and if there is a new priesthood, then there is a new set of laws. When there was the kingly law, the Canaanite Kingly Law, you don't want that! God even says in 1 Samuel, "You don't want the Kingly Law where you have a Canaanite Kingly system where you have to give ten percent to honor your king. Why do you want that! Let Me be your God!"*

If the priesthood changes, by necessity there also has to be a change of Law. Do you think that we are accepting the Canaanite Laws on how they did things? No, we are not going to accept those laws, where we honor our King by giving Him ten percent of our money. It's NEVER preached in the New Testament... not once, ever was it preached!

I've challenged people and I challenge you, my friend, show me one verse in the Bible where we see that it says because ten percent was paid to Melchizedek by Abraham, we must pay ten percent to the local church. I want one verse or one indication of that. There is just nothing and yet it becomes the foundation of all money in the church. Why? Why should we have something that was never mentioned and then guilt goes with it! You are told, "If you don't do it, you don't have the right revelation", and people must live in guilt. That is wrong! God has another system it's in the order of Melchizedek, with love, and peace, and grace, and mercy funded by a system where God lives in you! Amen!

This is what he says, "If there is a new priest, there is by necessity a new Law." We need to get it in our mind that Melchizedek was not Jesus. If Melchizedek, the high priest was Jesus Himself, or the perfect priest, then there was no need for the order of Aaron. When the order of Aaron came in, the laws came in. Now a new priest comes in the order of an undying life and He has His own new laws and the law that He has is the law of life which means, "I will live My life in you. Pertaining to money, you will feel what generosity really feels like. You will know what "no fear" is when it comes to your money. You will know what it is to love people with your stuff and not love money. You will know what it is to love in your giving because I will live in you!" That's the new Law. It's called the Law of Life! It's a principle of, should I believe this, I shall be born of this truth. That's the Law of this new High Priest. By necessity was there a change of law when there was a change of priesthood. That is Hebrews 7. He's not trying to implement the Canaanite tithing system of which God warns people in first Samuel, chapter 8:

*"Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of the Highest God. He met Abraham, who was returning from, "the royal massacre," and gave him his blessing. Abraham in turn gave him a tenth of the spoils. "Melchizedek" means "King of Righteousness." "Salem" means "Peace." So, he is also "King of Peace."*

We have made our High Priest not the King of Peace because we owe Him ten percent.

*"Melchizedek towers out of the past---without record of family ties, no account of beginning or end. In this way he is like the Son of God, one huge priestly presence domination the landscape always. You realize just how great Melchizedek is when you see that Father Abraham gave him a tenth of the captured treasure."*

So it says, *"I declare Him great...a very important man."*

*"Priests descended from Levi are commanded by law to collect tithes from the people, even though they are all more or less equals, priests and people, having a common father in Abraham." So, it says here, we see here that all these people who tithed to Levi had a common father in Abraham. In other words, Abraham saw him as bigger than himself.*

*"But this man, a complete outsider, collected tithes from Abraham and blessed him, the one to whom the promises had been given. In acts of blessing, the lesser is blessed by the greater." Here he is trying to say that Abraham saw Melchizedek as greater.*

*"Or look at it this way: We pay our tithes to priests who die, but Abraham paid tithes to a priest who, the Scripture says, "lives." Ultimately you could even say that since Levi descended from Abraham, who paid tithes to Melchizedek, when we pay tithes to the priestly tribe of Levi they end up with Melchizedek."*

We see here that he doesn't even say to pay tithes to church. He says to pay tithes to Melchizedek and that priestly order is forever an undying order where man was not having a relationship with God based on that order there was no high priest ... we needed a high priest in that order with an undying human body and that would be Jesus and only Jesus!

*"If the priesthood of Levi and Aaron, which provided the framework for the giving of the law, could really make people perfect, there wouldn't have been need for a new priesthood like that of Melchizedek." (I love what it says here, "like that of Melchizedek".) "But since it didn't get the job done, there was a change of priesthood, which brought with it a radical new kind of law. There is no way of understanding this in terms of the old Levitical priesthood, (you cannot understand this in this system) which is why there is nothing in Jesus' family tree connecting him with that priestly line." You cannot understand this from a Levitical priesthood how Jesus could become the high priest. You needed to have another system, a priesthood where we don't find who the mother and the father is basically. Here we find that Jesus came in that order.*

*"But the Melchizedek story provides a perfect analogy: Jesus, a priest like Melchizedek, not by genealogical descent but by the sheer force of resurrection life—he lives!—"priest forever in the royal order of Melchizedek." ... meaning He cannot die!*

*"The former way of doing things, a system of commandments that never worked out the way it was supposed to, was set aside; the law brought nothing to maturity. Another way—Jesus!—a way that does work, that brings us right into the presence of God, is put in its place. The old priesthood of Aaron perpetuated itself automatically, father to son, without explicit confirmation by God." So, here we can clearly see the truth.*

I want to say this and wrap this up. When we have a belief system of bigger is better, we are bound to have corrupted wisdom. From corrupted wisdom we will start to see things in Scripture that is not there and that will be the enemy's way to keep his system running even in our Grace churches. Let us be set free and let us have the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and see the fruit of true generosity. The sooner we submit to this truth, the sooner we will see God's way of financial contribution and prosperity in the Church.

I want to say this again. If you cannot fund your television program or your television station or your church, be it small or be it big, if you cannot fund it by grace and by the system which God has placed there which is "free will giving only", then you either have a system that is a word that is not from God to start that thing or you are not hearing God in how to do it. Something is not right there. If grace cannot fund your vision, your vision may not be of grace or you are in too big of a hurry and you are really chasing after big.

In conclusion, I want to say again, I am not saying that we can not have big. My ministry is becoming bigger and bigger and we are seeing more and more people being reached. I am not sitting here saying that I must reach a million by the end of the year or I must. If I am doing that, then I am being set up for corrupted wisdom.

Contentment with godliness is **great** gain! You can't even say it the other way around because the moment you say it the other way around, it's not the truth anymore. Do you want great gain? Be content and be godly. That is wrong because you twisted the whole thing because you are still making "gain" your end goal.

No, this is the truth: contentment with godliness is great gain. Enjoy your church. Stop chasing after big. Stop chasing after more all the time. Enjoy your church and when the vision comes, say, "We're starting a radio station. I have this passion that we are going to reach people with this radio station! This is what is happening to us today and this is our vision for now." What do you do? You start your radio station and the money that there is will by grace and will fund it. That's just the way that I see it. Grace will fund it! If you must go to some system where you have to preach, "You must be very responsible because if you don't give to this church then we can't preach the Gospel and people will go to hell." My goodness, it is not God!

I want to challenge anyone who wants to start a church or maybe you are moving from one town to another town and you are taking over another church, use this opportunity to start the thing right so that we can have true freedom and all people can really walk in the fullness of what God has given for them.

I hope that you understand what I am trying to say. I say this with great passion in my heart for true freedom.

I was in a conversation with someone this week who was challenging me on how I say things and not so much on what I say but how I say things because people might get offended and not understand. I want to say this: It doesn't matter how softly you say, "Your system is wrong!", It's actually finding its source in Satan. It's not going to be nice and we need to realize that. So, let us have the freedom that God has intended for us.

In closing, if you, out of free will, wanted to give ten percent of your money to a church, not because they feel you need to pay a tithe to Abraham or any of those things. You just feel generous and you feel that is a good amount that you can afford and you can do that cheerfully, then I have no problem with that. I must say that it is interesting that we would find **ten percent** just as a thing. Why ten percent? I think it is because of the influence of years and years of the tithing preaching. There is still something there.

If that is what you felt as what you generously want to give because of the nature of God, generosity in you, and you want to do that, then I can even receive that. What I mean by that is in the context of what I have always preach, I don't receive money from people if I feel that they are not giving cheerfully. You cannot tithe to me feeling that you pay ten percent because you owe ten percent to God. If you want to support Dynamic Love Ministries because you feel you are learning here and you want to give to the one who preaches to you and it's not a big thing if you've given to me spiritual blessings, it is small, it's not big. If it's a big thing, we don't want it. If it's a small thing, in other words, it is not a big thing for you, you can easily do this with joy in your heart wanting to support Dynamic Love Ministries, then we can receive it. I can proudly say that Dynamic Love Ministries is funded by people who don't believe in tithing or sowing and reaping... and it's growing. Glory to God! Grace works! Amen and Amen!

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Share this with others. I know it can produce a little bit of a stir but let it happen. The Bible says that heaven and earth are shaken and whatsoever is not of righteousness and of grace is not going to stand.

I want to say this to you: **The Tithing Ship is sinking!** The Tithing Ship has always been sinking and the little nose of the raft is sticking out. Let us not hold on to the little nose and let it suck us down. It is sinking! You can jump off that boat. If you cling to it I guarantee that you are going to have problems. You, as a church leader, are going to go through hard times. You are going to find people rebelling against your system. You are going to find people who will want to leave your church.

It's not God cursing you! It's just that people will say, "I don't want to hear of this tithe thing every Sunday before I get the message because I don't believe in that anymore." They will feel upset and they will leave. What is going to happen then is it will cause a friction in the grace circles because we will find one speaking against the other one all the time. We will say that this guy split my church and this guy got twenty people to leave my church because of his teaching on money, and all those kinds of things.

Let us see the love of Jesus and the freedom of Jesus and walk in that. You are deeply loved by God. You are highly appreciated and even if you were caught up in the system, you are not the bad person, it is the system that abused you and today is your day of freedom.