

THE GUILT FREE, CONDEMNATION FREE, FINANCIAL LIFE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

I want to talk about the guilt free, condemnation free, financial life of the early church where we see what Christ has done for the Church and how free we have really become.

So many times we hear the word, "money" and guilt just wants to grab a hold of our hearts. Just hear Him say, "You're not guilty anymore!" It's so difficult to hear God's Word about a certain topic if you feel that you are guilty. You're not guilty anymore. You're not guilty anymore because of the High Priest, Jesus Christ, Who took away the sin of all the world. Hallelujah!

While we were worshipping I was thinking of the justice of God. His justice is like the ocean's waves. They just come all the time, unending. When you go down to the beach here, you will see that there's no time when those waves will stop. It's going to come continually, unending. The size may vary but it's unending. The tide is unending. If you look at the tide, you know, as long as the Earth turns, there's a tide. It never, never stops. That's how the justice of God is. And the justice of God is not defined in punishing people, and killing people in the end time. That's not God's justice.

When God made man, and when He placed man on the Earth for the purpose to be a partaker of His quality of life, He saw man, His design, His man, fall into this absolute death. He thought, "It is not just for this man, for My man, to live like that." And He demonstrated His justice in Jesus Christ in taking away all guilt and reuniting man with God in the Godhead, that we can experience His life. That's the justice of God! Hallelujah!

While I was praying this morning, I realized that these words we speak can only come from Divinity. A human mind cannot think of these concepts. It's born in God and it is the justice of God that allows me to teach these teachings on finances, because God doesn't think it's just, for man to live in guilt and in condemnation. It's not just, that God's people to live in fear when it comes to the future and their provision. It's not right!

Therefore God has included, in the finished work of Jesus Christ, absolute peace.... absolute joy... tranquility. When you think of a pond and there's no one around, and that absolute stillness, that peace is what you need to have when it comes to your finances. And that is not a command that you must have peace. **He** produces the peace. You just need to have the right information. If you can hear what He hears, and you can eventually start to believe what He believes, you will have His peace. And that is His whole plan, with you, concerning money.

I'm not against the Law. I'm not against anything... but I am for something. It's like one of my friends said, "It's like a fish. A fish is not against walking on dry land, it's just a fish. It's outside of its nature, outside of its design." It's not man's nature, his design to be legalistic and to function in legalism. So I'm not against something, so for those who are pro fish walking on dry land, I'm not against what you say, I just want to be myself and I want to preach what is natural to the human race. Glory to God! So let's start. If you think of God's justice that so many times brings fear know that God's justice brings freedom.

Ephesians 2:10 is such a powerful verse! It basically talks about boasting in your works and then it says that we cannot boast in our works anymore for we have been made for good works. It's basically like a bird boasting because he can fly amongst other birds. You know, all birds can fly. Why do you want to boast in your works if that is your design? The moment we come to a place where we realize the purpose why God made us was not to offer Him good works so that He can feel good about you. But when we realize that God has created good works beforehand, so that we could walk in it, so that we could experience what it is to be like Him, then good works becomes a beautiful thing and not a bad thing.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in it.*" So what it says here is that we have been created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Your will power can never bring forth the good work God has intended. In Christ Jesus you are created unto good works. By His doing, you are created unto good works.

It says here, before time, basically beforehand, God created these good works so that we could walk in it and then by Christ, He came and designed a being that can actually function in these good works.

Now, where did these good works come from? These good works were alive long before the earth was made. The good works, like loving one another, caring for one another, having respect, being generous, having a mind set where you see the value of the other person, is not works orientated where you don't judge a person based on what you have given the person, but you judge the person based on his birth --- where he comes from, his origin. When you start to realize that Truth was in the Godhead long before and God lived that good works life based on Who He is, based on His design. For the Father loves the Son. The Father had respect for the Son. The Son had respect for the Father and vice versa. These good works were alive in the Godhead and that is how these good works were basically prepared for all of us.

So God said, "Listen, man, this is the most wonderful life. This life where we could have a revelation of the value of the other person to the point that that revelation brings forth a manifestation of something called respect... or something called love. This is the highest form of life.

The highest form of life is not just to receive God's love. The highest form of life is when His love, you have been so loved by Him that it has formed Who He is in you so that what flows from Him can flow through you. So when you feel what He felt, when He gave His Son, that was what the whole thing is all about.

It would be something like if you like skydiving and that is the best thing for you --- the absolute feeling of freedom. That feeling of when you stand inside the airplane and you jump out and you do the free fall. I once jumped out of an airplane. You hear nothing. It's just the wind and you. That's all there is. It's almost the only place where you can really be alone. It's an absolute peace.

One day I went sailing on the lake and I got the very same feeling while sailing in the middle of the lake there. It's just this wind and you hear the wind a little bit in the sail and just the water breaking and it's like this awesome, awesome freedom.

Imagine that I want people to feel what I feel. It would be impossible to have them feel it without preparing the boats for them or a parachute, because you cannot have it unless those things are present because everything needs to be in place. Everything needs to be fully in place for you to have that. So God saw another being. The Father saw the Son and They loved each other. So when God made man, He said, "This love that We have for each other, these actions of good will toward each other, We want other people, We want other beings to experience this. Yet there is no other being like Us." So He went and made a man in His image and in His likeness, gave him the ability to multiply, so that He could have objects on which He could bestow this love that He is experiencing from the Father.

So, the end goal of God wasn't just for you to act right. Acting right means nothing to God! What means something to God is when your heart overflows with what is in His heart to the point that it flows out of you. The end goal that God had for you was to experience how He lives. And the Law can never produce that!

The Law concerning money, any form of indebtedness, can never produce that. The Father and the Son don't owe each other anything. Jesus doesn't wake up once a month with an emotion of "I owe the Father ten percent". Because even if it was true that Jesus owes the Father ten percent, then Jesus could never feel what it feels to be like the Father to not have any debt. And His life could never be born from the life that Father has.

True financial freedom can only start from the platform of no guilt...NO Guilt! You know we are still going to get into the whole tithing thing but let me just say this. I am going to talk about your nature and how God loves you and how you've been designed for and about free will giving and how to know where and to whom to give. I am going to discuss that from the platform of the new nature and God's quality of life.

If the end goal of my teaching is to take a bigger offering from the church, I have just failed... miserably! I can't have this big vision in mind with "we wanted this" and "we wanted that" and then I have the abundance of merchandise, in other words, the abundance of the vision of the things that

God has given me and now I take this vision of abundance of things and I now make that the call of my heart. And from there I teach on finances because I needed funded, my wisdom is corrupted and it is Satanic. That is what it is!

We can have all those visions. Thank God for that. In my heart are many visions but I can't have the abundance of visions forming my belief concerning money in the church. It doesn't matter how pure that vision is... it doesn't even matter if God gave that vision. The problem that happened in the beginning in the fall of Satan was not because of evil thoughts or trying to hype God and all those kinds of things. He took all the things that God gave him and found His life in the abundance of what God gave him and not **in** God Who made him and how God made him. Let me explain that. God gives people stuff. God has given you so many things. In the beginning when God made Satan, before his fall, he was perfect. He was more beautiful than all the other creatures. The Bible say, "... because, in the abundance of his merchandise", he looked at all that God gave him and then the simple verse that Jesus quoted in Luke 12 where it says that a man's life does not consist out of the abundance of his possessions. And then he took the abundance of his possessions that God gave him and he formed a conclusion on who he was based on what God gave him.

The money God gives you cannot ever define you. If I have a million likes on my Facebook page, it can never define me...never! There's one definition about me and it is Jesus Christ, the Man, in the Godhead.

When I look at the abundance of visions God has given me and the abundance of things, and I make that my belief of whom I am and what I must do based on these visions, my wisdom is corrupted and my interpretation of Scripture becomes askew and I will abuse people and myself and will be caught by the enemy in the trap that I never wanted to be in.

We have been created for good works so the most natural thing for you to do, once you are loved by God, would be, in your finances, to live fear free. Now that's just a foreign concept, you know -- no fear and money. I mean, how do you put these two together? No fear and money... no way. Just watch the news and you will know that there is no stability in this world concerning money... never! There is not! It's just not stable. The only stable thing there can ever be about money, is one thing. It's called contentment. It's something that God gives you. Glory to God!

I'm going to preach these things because the end goal of this is to see people truly free... Not living in fear... Not living with a heart where you want to give or help someone in the church or a family member and whenever you want to do it, fear grabs your heart so much. The end goal here is not to get you to give. The end goal here is to have you so free that you can experience God's kind of life where He says, "I love the world so much that I gave." The end goal is to experience His life. God created things, like giving and this and that and whatever, as instruments where you can experience this life. But it cannot be experienced as a command. It can only be experienced as an overflow of a revelation. Amen! Glory to God!

What does "no condemnation" really mean? Romans 7 talks about a life under the Law. A life under the Law, Paul said, " That which I wanted to do, I could not do because I was married to the Law and the Law was bearing its fruit in me which is called the administration of death and it was killing me. I looked at the Law and looked and I looked at what was good, like one of the commands that is "Don't Covet. As I looked at the command I wanted to obey the command, I found the inability to do it." In other words, what Paul was saying is, "I wasn't living from the place where I was so looking at the love of God that His love overwhelmed me to the point that I don't covet." He was saying, "Well, I shouldn't covet, so let me not covet." That's what he was doing. It sounds the same but it's not the same. It's a world, a God, apart. That's the only way that I can explain it. In the one it is just God missing, the Almighty God is missing. In the other one, God is the Source of this contentment, where you don't covet anything that anyone else has because of this overwhelming contentment that took place in the revelation of your full acceptance and innocence before God.

Paul tried to obey that Law. And when he tried to obey that Law, he found that he was condemned. The word, condemn, is a legal term. It's not the word guilt. Guilt is the emotion that is in your heart when you feel you haven't measured up. Condemnation is a legal term which is used when somebody was found guilty and then he is condemned to a year in prison or he is condemned, he's trapped, he

cannot be free. He's condemned to a bondage. In the early Church, what Paul was preaching was: No Condemnation.

We even see that the church in 2 Corinthians 8 gave so much that it was actually an example to the rich church. This giving that came forth was the sign of their liberty, how they had been liberated. It was never a command! It was a joy because of gratitude that came to their hearts, not even toward God, but toward the Church in Jerusalem. Here we see that God has come to take away a life where you are condemned unto something you've never been designed for. We, as humans, are freely the God kind and we've never been designed for looking at somebody who is in a need, having the means to help that person, and then be so bound by fear that we cannot even do what we want to do. There is no condemnation anymore for those who are in Christ.

What has happened in this world is we've defined ourselves so much by money and our income that we are so condemned by what the bank account says, because of not having a true revelation on Who the Father is because of the church, and unfortunately to a great extent, the Grace church worldwide. We are so scared to take the step to true freedom when it comes to finances. We want to say that there is no guilt for you! You don't owe God anything. Nothing belongs to God anymore! Everything belongs to us. He has given us the Kingdom! He has come to live with us, now.

We can say that, but when it comes to money we still think we owe God something. And therefore we find that the Church has never been truly free and has never experienced what real freedom is concerning money. I want to tell you this: I think that there are very few people who have ever, in modern history, experience true freedom when it comes to money because the truth has not been preached on it. It has not been preached! People were too scared to preach it. This truth can only manifest if you preach the truth and somebody believes it. Even though Jesus took away all your sin, all your guilt, but unless you hear it, you can never live guilt free. Unless you hear the truth on finances and how you are not indebted anymore, you can never hear it, believe it, and experience it. That is why the truth concerning it must be preached. The truth must get out there and people must be truly free so we can see what true peace looks like... what true generosity looks like. We don't know what it is. We don't know how it looks. We have no point of reference.

We can look at the early Church. Some of them sold houses and brought it and shared it. Even the thought of that will make you scared. I'm not saying, "Go and sell a house!" That's not what I am saying. I'm not saying, "Give a cent." What I am saying is that we need to come to the place where we hear and be set free from condemnation where we are condemned to a life where we don't do what we really want to do.

It took some time in my life for me to allow God to get my mind to shift concerning this... and not just a mind shift but a heart shift. Now when I feel to give this person a thousand, five hundred dollars, I just tell Helena to put the money over and she does it. I say, "Let's give this person a thousand dollars", and we do it. When we want to go and buy something, we do it because there is no more fear. But I want to tell you that this freedom that I am starting to experience now in my life, I could never have experienced under the Law! The Law could not set me free!

The more I would hear, "You must tithe, you must sow, you must do these things", if I must be honest with myself, the most scared I was. It was actually my fear that was driving me to give something because if "I don't give now, I shall not have." And I would never experience what it is to live fear free! But I am starting to experience it now and it is the most wonderful life that belongs to every person. Don't let anybody, ever, steal from you through a teaching that is contrary to the Truth!

So, hear clearly, there is no condemnation! Paul said, "When I was under the Law, that which I wanted to do, I could not do." He lived by fear. He found that all manner of wild lust was breaking out in his life because of trying to obey some Law, feeling he owes God. He thought that he will pay God and bless God and live up to God's standard by not coveting. The simple thing of not coveting, wanting another person's money, brought even sexual lust to manifest in the life of Paul, the Apostle. You don't hear this many times because we want to preach Paul, this perfect person who never did anything wrong.

In Romans 7, Paul, himself, out of his own mouth, confessed that he was alive without the Law and when legalism came, he was condemned to sin and what sin did was it grabbed a hold of his life

and enslaved him. Sin is more powerful than the will power of a man and he couldn't be free and he was condemned to lusting all the time. Then he realized, as he wrote Romans 8:1, where he said, 'When I walk after the flesh, when I try to obey some commandment, I find that I am condemned to this death. In talking about money, it is fear, making wrong decisions based on this fear, and stinginess.

Stinginess will condemn you. Stinginess is the condemnation of the Law on your life. Stinginess will cause your heart to bring forth the emotion of guilt in you. So you will be a person that will say, "I am under grace. I'm under the love of God", and you are condemned in a certain area, not because of grace but because of the Law, and now you will even feel bad about it. That will steal your boldness before God. We will read that verse where that is explained.

First, let me recap here:

God's number one plan for us was for us to experience His quality of life, to know what it is to love to the point that you can give of yourself. That's what God wants. I was always thinking that God wants my stuff... as if He needs anything. No, no, no... God wanted to give His experience of life to me therefore He created things that make it know to us called generosity and don't covet, and love each other,, and all those kinds of things. These things cannot manifest without this word. "let".

I never understood this, but the other day I saw it. The Bible says, "In the beginning God said, 'LET Us make man.'" That word, let, means something. It immediately talks about unity. It talks about asking someone else's permission. Let's do it! It's like saying if I tell my wife, "Let us go away for a week-end. What I'm saying is, "Would it be okay with you?" That's what I'm saying, "Let us do this. Allow us to do this."

So, when the Father and the Son created man, the Father said to the Son, and said to the Holy Spirit, "Let Us make a man" When the Father felt it, what He was actually wanting was the Son to feel the very same thing. He wanted the Holy Spirit to have the very same vision and passion, and in this unity, They made a man!

So now the Bible says, "Let us love one another," or "Let us be generous." So what it means is when God says, "Let us do this," He is saying, "Let Me give you the revelation that I have about a certain thing so that you can have the freedom to be generous, or let's be generous or let's give." That's how giving works in the New Testament. That's how the New Testament church worked and Paul carefully guarded these people against those who just wanted money, money, money and preached money in the church.

Paul even came and said, "When I preached to you, you didn't give me any money. Now these other apostles come and they preach to you and all they want was money from you and you give them money. Then their gospel corrupts you and then you push me away." That's what Paul wrote in Corinthians. Paul clearly warned people who bring in this legalistic system of putting obligation on people to give because the moment you put obligation on somebody, you've stripped him and robbed him from the opportunity where he could hear love in that area and feel what it feels to be generous as God is generous.

I just want to say the vision I have in this message is for you to experience God intended generosity for the purpose of feeling what it feels to be like Him. The goal is not to get money from you. Some people might give toward this ministry or this church, others might give towards your mom or your dad, or someone that you've always wanted to but you were so scared because you could never help that person. It's as you feel -- free. This is what it is. And in absolute freedom, we don't have to fear for the church. Glory to God!

If grace cannot pay the vision, then the vision is not from God... simple. If grace cannot build the building and you need to have some form of "you owe God", maybe your vision is not from God or you are still not really set free knowing that God can bring that forth. Glory to God!

A life that is condemned is a fear based life, a life where you don't live based on the value of others, because you are condemned by legalism and your wisdom gets corrupted.

To be condemned means to have some Law in your life where you feel condemned, where you feel guilty. In the area of your money, where you are condemned into being stingy and you're living in fear and then your wisdom gets corrupted and you think, "I'll only give to this person if he lives right.... I'll only do something good if they do this, if they do that."

I've changed my whole view on giving money to poor people in the street. Why must they first do something right before I do something for them? God gives to me before I do something right. My whole vision is changing. I'm thinking if I want to give him something, why not give him something and try to say something to him that can change his belief about himself because money can never solve his problem. Sometimes you give him money and this keeps him alive long enough so that he can hear the Gospel somewhere and be saved. It can happen that way.

1 John 3 says, *"My little children, let us not love in word neither in tongue but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him."*

Now listen to this. This sounds like a very legalistic thing but when God made us to experience what it is to "free fall", there has to come a time when you have to strap that parachute on and jump out of a plane. You have to come to a place where you're so loved and you have this vision for freedom that you say, "There's something this person experiences that is so good and I start to see what true freedom is and this is now mine and I'm going to do it now!" When you hear about this and you say, "I have been made for this", and you have never been in an airplane, and you've never had a parachute strapped to your back, then something will come to your mind that will ask you, "Have you really been made to sky dive? This is just a lie. It can't be the truth." And your own heart will condemn you.

I know that I am the righteousness of God and my works is not the final word concerning my righteousness. But if I would go today, being the righteousness of God and having the holiness of God, and I cheat on my wife and I sleep around, and I am completely bound to pornography, and I molest children, even though I am the righteousness of God, I will live a miserable life on this earth because the word that God speak about me and what is in my life doesn't line up. So what I will do all the time is I will confess, "I am the righteousness of God. I am the righteousness of God, I am the righteousness of God." I will have this double life and my heart will be torn in two and your own heart will condemn you. But what it says here is, "Let us love one another", in other words, "Let us allow". How do you allow? You allow God to love you and you allow yourself to believe that this is what you have been created for. I have not been created just to be loved on. I've been created to know what it feels like to love without having any strings attached. That is the end purpose of why God made me...to have a good friend who can feel what it feels to be like Him and from this mutual experience of eternal life, we fellowship with each other.

I could go to God and say, "God, it's so nice.." When I normally drive back after the service and when I'm at home and we edit the program and I play some of the stuff that I preached and I listen to what I preached, I would say, "God, that's such good stuff, man! I really enjoyed preaching that!" When I could feel that I can go and preach there and I'm not there expecting something from the people but I'm there to give and I feel what it feels like to share this revelation and I'm so excited! It's almost when a Baptist comes to me or a Hindu comes to me with a new trick they want to do of jumping or whatever then I think, "Dad, come and watch this!"

My son built himself a gun which shoots out fire. "Dad, come and watch!"

It's like there is something inside him. Now when you start to live this life, you have communion in the Godhead, sharing with the Father and talking about this wonderful life.

This is what he is trying to say, "Let us love one another." It's like, "Let us create a man." It's God's voice to you, "Let us love... will you allow this?" We're His! He's our now Father. You now live in me. "Let us be generous and give towards this. Let us be generous and help this poor person. Let us be generous." And you do it and after it's done you feel that life that was not just something that came toward you but the experience of it flowing and being in you and now you can communicate this with the Father. Isn't that beautiful! Glory to God!

Now, let's read this verse. It says, *"My little children, let us not love in word, not in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before God."*

"Hereby we know....", that word, know, means experiential knowledge. Hereby, by having this love, or this generosity, flow through us, we don't just have a word of that God has set me free and there's no condemnation of being bound to the Law and sins. Hereby we can have experiential knowledge of the Truth that God speaks every day. That's much different than having a command of, "You must love."

And then he says, "*By this, you will have experiential knowledge and our hearts will be assured before God.*"

That's why Paul said, "God, give us boldness to preach Your Gospel by stretching forth Your hand to signs, wonders and miracles." The signs, wonders and miracles were not to get the apostles to believe. They prayed and believed that long before the miracle was there. But what happens when there is a manifestation, or when we see the fruit of it, your heart doesn't come halfway through and tell you, "Is this true or not?" You know, it's much better to live with only God's Word in your mouth than having the word of Satan in your ears.

When Jesus was in the desert... what is the desert experience? The desert experience is when you see no fruit, yet you continue to believe the Truth. When Jesus was in the desert He saw no fruit, He was called the Son of God but He didn't have food, He had no followers, He had no disciples, He lived in the desert., He was stinking because He hadn't bathed for 40 days, and He was living in the middle of nowhere. Then the devil came to Him and said, "Well, if You are the Son of God, do this, this, and this." It wasn't difficult when the miracles were happening around Him and when the life was flowing and then that voice wasn't there. But once it wasn't there, then that voice started to come.

We are not going to find our life based in the fruit, but all that the fruit does is it confirms what we believe based on what He has said. So when we say, "God is my Provider", and you feel the unction to give something and you say, "God, My life, this life, I've come to the revelation that You are my Provider, You give to me." So when I pay this water and light bill I pay it with freedom. I don't pay it with fear. Why do you always want to fear when you go to pay the water and light bill? You paid it the last twenty years fearing and you've always come through. So now, pay it without fearing.

You fill up your tank with fuel and you fear. It's difficult to say, "Not full." It costs a lot to fill it up, so you say, "Not full." Even though you have the money, you still can't say, "Fill it up." Why? What is it? Even though you are going to drive many miles and use up the fuel, you still are fearful to get a full tank.

I thank God, Who has set me free and I can put fuel in my car. I'm going to drive more than a tank, so I can fill it up. And that is what my life is there for.

"Thank You, Father, that I can go with this persuasion and I live from this persuasion when I go and buy things and do things."

And what has happened in the Word of Faith system was, "Well because I feel this, I am going to now be irresponsible and just buy crazy stuff." No, just live your normal life in peace. Glory to God! Amen!

And when it comes to giving, where you don't have to think, "Oh, my goodness, now I have to give again", and you find that fear... you say, "Lord, thank You, that when it comes to the church, when it comes to Your work, when it comes to all those things and it comes to the poor and people in need, my heart, my life is an instrument of how good You are. You have been so good to share Your life with me! And as from today I see how this revelation is dawning upon me. That's what I've been made for. I've been created to experience this."

And as you give and as you pay things that way, you will find the voice of, "Is God really your Provider? Is He going to come through this month?", leaves your heart because that is your own heart condemning you. It's your own heart binding you more and more and more. It's not God!

So this is what I want to say, "Let us have a life where we realize what we have been created for." Now listen to this. I want to read the whole verse there. "*Our hearts shall be assured before God...* when we see His word that complete calmness, no war, no fight, will come when we see Him bearing His fruit not you copying His fruit... Him bearing His fruit and you hearing His voice. Those two things together, is an absolute life of peace.

Now, what if it is not like that? It continues, "*But If our heart condemns us God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then have we confidence towards God.*"

I do have confidence towards God even if I don't live right but my confidence is absolutely perfected as I see Him bearing His fruit in us. I have no confidence when I try to obey a law to please God. I started with having no confidence. So, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

The early Church, is where the apostle Paul preached the message of no condemnation on to a life of enslavement of the sins of the flesh. So we don't have to be people who are stingy. We don't have to be people who are never walking in love. I remember a time in my life when I first got this message of grace. You are so glad that you can do things you couldn't do before and God will not be angry. And you start to live in rebellion and you are upset with the old thing from that anger you basically live. And that life is not a good life. You are against people all the time. You feel like a gossip all the time.

I remember a time when I didn't give. For two years and I heard the Lord tell me not to give. And in those two years of not giving, I realized that I am made to give. I frustrate the life out of me if I can't give something away. It's my very design. I have been designed to be a partaker of that. And why are we going to allow the lie to bear its fruit in our lives with stinginess and fear?

Many of us grew up in a life where our parents' parents came out of the Great Depression. They said, "Eat everything that is on your plate". That came because that was all the food they had and they didn't know when they would have food again. Because of that mind set, if someone comes to visit, his plate must be full and he must eat everything... a law of eating.

I remember my one friend, who is a big guy, went to a farm and they did that to him. So he ate all the food and after eating all the food, the woman came with another plate and he ate it all. Then the woman said, "You know you are full when your sit at the table with your four fingers touching your stomach and when the table moves, that's it! He ate all the food. And then they came to him with pudding and asked, "Do you want pudding?" He didn't even answer. He just slowly nodded back and forth, "No!" That residue was of the depression years. And we grew up in a house where you must save everything and you are actually bound. God is free and He has created you for freedom! You don't have to save everything up all your life. What does it help if you saved everything up in your life and never enjoyed the freedom of seeing the joy on somebody else's face when you give him something or fill up his tank with fuel... or put new tires on his car for him... or just help him even if it's a small thing. Just help him. That is true freedom. That is what we have been created for -- to partake in His quality of life. Amen and amen!

I am going to take this concept of free living on: how much He loves us, how much He cares for us, and how He bears His fruit in us.

I am then going to take the message of how the abundance of merchandise can corrupt your wisdom, and then message of how God freely provides for you, and I will use that as the standard for judging all Scriptures. Does the Scripture produce? Let me give you a for instance:

"If you sow, you will reap." Now, what does that produce?

1. It says that God cannot provide for you on the basis of Father. It's impossible!
2. It really leans itself toward lust for stuff because it uses the fear for not having things, as the motivating factor for you to give something. What will happen is you will start to measure God's approval on your life by the abundance of your merchandise and your wisdom will be corrupted on how you read the Bible and it destroy your whole life.

We will look at sowing and reaping. We will look at how God provides. We will look at all those verses used in the Old Testament. We will have to look at the Abrahamic tithe. Did Abraham give just because he felt free to give or not? We will just go and study these things out in depth.

My greatest challenge is to get some leaders to just sit around a table and talk to me about these things. It's not even a thing of, "You're right or wrong. It's just that I don't want to talk about it. I don't want to talk about it!"

We can do it in private, and that's fine, but I want a public platform. That would be very good. A public platform with two to three thousand people watching four guys discussing this from Scripture. And then the guy who is wrong, repents in front of everybody and tells his church he has misled them and get the true grace of God into the church.

I am not scared to debate any person on this topic because Jesus Christ came to take away legalism and He came to give His life as the only life for us: A debt free, guilt free, condemnation free life! I don't owe God, I don't feel guilty anymore and I'm not condemned in the area of finances to fear and stinginess anymore. I'm a new person and I experience His life! Amen and amen!

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your great love. Thank You Father that we can, not just debate this truth, but that we can experience its life! What a great revelation it was when I realized that good works wasn't something You commanded me to do, but the very thing designed by You wherein I can experience what it is to be like You, given to the passion that comes from You loving me. What a great life!

I thank You, Lord, that I can pray for everyone reading this. I pray that hearts can just be opened up. I want to pray for pastors and leaders especially.

I thank You, Father, that Your Holy Spirit works in the hearts in such a way that the pride of life, being right, all those things will just disappear in the light of Your love.

I thank You, Lord, that I can pray for church leaders who hear this and know in their hearts that this is the Truth. That they can have the boldness to go to their congregations and declare to them the Truth. I thank You for Your provision for them in those times when their church goes through a bit of turmoil because of this and maybe income drops or it's not just as stable as it always was under the legalism. That they would have the boldness and the courage to go through that, to eventually see the fruit of generosity that can come by the resurrection power of Christ living in them.

I thank You, Lord, that I can pray for people. I don't even want to pray and say, "Provide for them God", because that is just Who You are. I thank You, Lord, that contentment can just settle in their hearts. Thank You, Lord, that the love for people can overwhelm their hearts so much that they can say, "Maybe I can't afford to buy that expensive thing because that will cause me not to give something to somebody, because I love people."

Thank You for Your mercy and Your love and Your grace that can bear this great fruit in our lives. Amen and amen!