

Manifesting the Abundance

Part II

A Caleb's Promise Ministry Teaching

You can't be a blessing until you're blessed. If you aren't blessed, you can't bless others.

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A "Breaking News Alert" to all Believers – making money is NOT YOUR JOB. It's the job of THE BLESSING. The employer or your business may be a channel God uses, but they are not your source. Only God, through THE BLESSING of Abraham that came on us through Christ Jesus, is your source.

What is a Believer's job? It's very simply to "seek the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Every day you're to do what God's assigned you to do. If you do this, God will not only meet your needs, He'll satisfy your wants. I can hear the church right now: "But, this kind of attitude will lead to a Believer becoming materialistic, a Believer placing things ahead of God." WRONG AGAIN!! When someone is trying to satisfy a spiritual need with material goods – this is materialism. God has NO problem with riches. He has a problem with the wrong heart and wrong attitude. Get thee behind me satan. You're NOT blinding the body of Believers any longer from the love, care, and compassion of the Father for His children, and from the supply of God's riches for us in Christ Jesus to be a blessing to others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I Timothy 6:17

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Despite the clear teaching in God's Word that He is the One who causes us to prosper, and He delights in our prosperity, most Believers cling to the conviction they must earn a living – it is so ingrained in them by the world. No matter how hard a Believer works, they cannot earn the kind of wealth THE BLESSING (Genesis 12:2-3) brings with it. No matter how much a Believer loves God, God will not violate His laws to benefit the Believer. However, God doesn't have to violate His laws for the Believer to benefit. The Believer just has to get into God's Word and be led by the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things, bring all things to your remembrance, and tell you things to come. In this way, the Believer is taught THE BLESSING by the Holy Spirit and how to appropriate it. Why? To fulfill our part of the Covenant [contract] of THE BLESSING – "you will be a blessing to others."

Deuteronomy 8:18

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Psalms 35:27

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

God makes it very clear in Romans 4:3-4 that any part of THE BLESSING a Believer tries to earn is not by grace. It can't be grace if it can be earned. Remember, "Grace" is "unmerited, undeserved, and unearned favor." Is salvation earned? No. Is healing earned? No. Is deliverance earned? No. Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit earned? No. You can't EARN God's prosperity either. Abraham made terrible mistakes (married his half-sister, twice with no objection gave her up to commit adultery, committed adultery with Hagar); however, God imputed righteousness and the BLESSING to Abraham, because he believed God (Genesis 15:6). It is our faith in God's Word that pleases him (Hebrews 11:6) and brings God's rewards to us (salvation, healing, deliverance, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, prosperity).

Romans 4:3-4

³For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

⁴Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

II Corinthians 8:9 is another terribly misunderstood verse of God's Word. Jesus Christ, the King, is spiritually and physically RICH. Would you agree? Of course you would unless you were satan or his children. When Jesus Christ left Heaven to come to the earth in the form of man, did Jesus become spiritually poor? Absolutely not! Jesus is the WORD. Is the WORD going to become less than it was when it was in Heaven? God forbid! Yet, this is what the church teaches. Why is this? Because they struggle with the last part of the verse, "that ye through His poverty might be rich." If they agree the WORD did not, and does not ever, become less than it has always been, they'll have to admit Jesus become physically poor that we might become physically rich. You can hear the thuds all over Tampa as religious bodies hit the floor from a fainting spell. Yes, it is plainly and powerfully simple – as is all of God's Word. Jesus Christ, the King, became physically poor that we might become physically rich. How? Through His teachings on the Kingdom of God and how we, as His children, are to operate in it to receive the fullness of all His grace – THE BLESSING! Praise God.

Just as Jesus was made sin for us so we might be made righteousness (II Corinthians 5:21), just as He bore the stripes for us so we could be healed (I Peter 2:24), just as He bore the curses for us so we could be redeemed from them (Galatians 3:13), He became poor for our sakes, so we, through His poverty, might be rich. A Believer who will put his faith in the fullness of God's Word will never have to toil for a living, ever again.

II Corinthians 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

II Corinthians 9:11 (also read verses 6-10)

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

"Giving" enacts God's command of "Sowing and Reaping" (II Corinthians 9:6). God's Word says when you bless someone, the LORD Jesus Christ, your heavenly High Priest, will multiply and increase the fruits of it until you are "enriched in everything to all bountifulness." Praise God!! God increases that which you sow, thirty, sixty, one-hundred fold (Matthew 13:23) – BACK TO YOU. It is His law. He, God, cannot go against His law.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Genesis 12:2-3

²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

As a Believer, it is vital we understand God commanded “THE BLESSING” over us when He blessed Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3. If we don’t know, or don’t understand, and believe THE BLESSING, we’ll live mediocre Christian lives at best. Let me be blunt. If you don’t know or understand Genesis 12:2-3, and how it relates to our walk in Christ, then YOU ARE, AT BEST, A MEDIOCRE CHRISTIAN. You will not fulfill God’s will for your life on this earth. You will not achieve all God has planned for you to achieve for His glory and honor. You will not be the blessing God has planned for you to be to so many people in your family, your neighborhood, your community, your business, your county, your state, your country, and the world.

THE BLESSING given to Abraham is given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not “a thing” or “things,” but it is the favor of God spoken over us. This spoken favor of God provides emotional, physical, spiritual, and financial prosperity in our lives – just as it did in Abraham’s life.

THE GOSPEL – THE GOOD NEWS – IS THE BLESSING!

Yes, you’ve NEVER heard this in church. But, God’s Word is clear the Gospel was preached to Abraham. And what was the Gospel? The Word says, “in thee shall all nations be blessed.”

Galatians 3:8

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Galatians 3:13-14

¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:29

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Proverbs 10:22

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow [toil, labor, sweat, stress, worry, fear] with it.

Unlike the world, Believers aren’t BLESSED because we’re rich, we are rich because we’re BLESSED! As Believers, we are privileged to simply trust God and do what Jesus commands us in Matthew 6:26-33.

From Jesus’ perspective, it’s all about us. He didn’t die on the cross to save Himself. He didn’t come to earth to fulfill the plan of redemption so He could have abundant life. He came so that we could have it (John 10:10). He became Abraham’s Seed, not so He could inherit God’s promise but that we could. He did it so THE BLESSING could come on us, and, through us, all the nations of the earth could be blessed.

God's Word will take you from living outside THE BLESSING – where storms, disasters, and hard times tear up and destroy things, to living inside it, appropriating THE BLESSING in your own life and replenishing the earth around you with it.

I Peter 5:6-7

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time:

⁷Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

So, the Holy Spirit asks you again, “are you going to serve God or mammon?” If you refuse God's rest, you will serve mammon. You can't have it both ways. If you choose to serve mammon, you will not be any or much different from the world. You are in opposition to God. What did God challenge us with in Deuteronomy 30:19? I set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Choose life that both you and your generations may live.” God gives us the answer – choose life, choose THE BLESSING.

How We Manifest the Abundance

In order for Believers to manifest the abundance God already has for them as part of their inheritance, they must believe in THE BLESSING and be cheerfully observing tithing and offerings:

1.) Tithing:

Malachi 3:10-12

¹⁰Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a **blessing**, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

¹¹And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹²And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

What is the tithe? It is the “gateway for the believer into the covenant of blessings.” In the Hebrew “maaser” or “maasrah,” is translated “tenth, or tenth part,” and in Greek “apodekatoo.” In both, it means a “payment or giving or receiving of the tenth.” The tithe is that tenth of our gross [before taxes] income that we give to God, our first fruits, which enables Him to move on our behalf in the area of blessings. The Bible records numerous accounts of man tithing to God. God is the creator of everything that exists. He owns everything, and we are simply stewards of what we have been entrusted. The tithe principle is this: “He gives unto us; we give back to Him one-tenth of all that He has blessed us with and He blesses the other 90 percent.” What a great system!!

There are those who say the tithe is not covered in the New Testament; that it was done away with the fulfillment of the law by Christ's death and resurrection. Hebrews 5, 6 and 7 speaks to the tithe – who receives it and how to become mature through paying it. Therefore, the tithe didn't begin and end with the law. Abraham tithed unto Melchizedek over 430 years before the law, Isaac tithed over 300 years before the law, Jacob tithed 200 years before the law, and many others - before the law was given. Remember, why did God institute the law? The Children of Israel had been under Pharaoh, the System of Darkness, for 430 years. God had to renew their minds and bring them to realize they must depend on the grace of God or else they would perish physically and spiritually [law as a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, so that we might be justified by faith - Galatians 3:24]. God was bringing them back to the Kingdom of God and teaching them how to operate in it for their blessing, for their good.

Genesis 4:2-7

²And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

⁴And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

⁵But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

⁶And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Genesis 14:18-20

¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine [communion]: and He was the priest of the most high God.

¹⁹ And He blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

²⁰ And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he [Abram] gave Him tithes of all.

Hebrews 7:1-4

¹For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, Who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

²To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

³Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

⁴Now consider how great this man was, unto Whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

Many Christians do not tithe because they have been taught they are not under the law, but under grace. While it is true we are not under the law, God did not institute the tithe to bring us under the law, but to get blessings to His children. Abraham tithed before the law, and God blessed him supernaturally. We're under grace that we might establish the law; not turn from it. Jesus said that He didn't come to do away with the law, but to fulfill it. Because He fulfilled it, we are to establish it. His Words are forever settled in heaven, therefore we establish His Words upon the earth. What did change with the death and resurrection of Christ was the lifting of the curse of Malachi 3:8-9. If a Believer doesn't tithe today, they are not under the curse of the Old Covenant. Christ took all curses upon Him according to Galatians 3:13. We are redeemed through Christ from all curses (NOTE: We are redeemed from all of the curses; however, we can ignorantly or willfully place ourselves under a curse. This is why we are to know God's Word). However, if a Believer doesn't tithe today, they are not able to access all of the blessings God has for us.

You are learning "rhema" which is a Greek work that means "the spoken or revealed Word of God." His Word has been revealed to you concerning **Jesus as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek**, meaning that Jesus has become High Priest over the tithe, (and your life) forever (Hebrews 6:20). Chapter 6 further states (verses 9-19), that God blessed Abraham by saying "With blessings, I will bless you and multiplying I will multiply you." He also promised immutability (unchangeableness) of His counsel and confirmed it by swearing an oath that by these unchangeable things, we might have strong consolation and lay hold of the hope set before us. Hebrews 6:19 states this hope we have is an anchor for our soul (mind), both sure and steadfast. I am convinced these two unchangeable things are both

God's promise to bless us, and our promise to tithe back to Him. Hebrews 7:8 states, "Here mortal men receive tithes, but there He receives them of whom it is witnessed, that He lives."

Chapters 5-7 deals with the ministry of Melchizedek and that Jesus is the priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalms 110:4). We know Abraham gave tithes of all that he possessed. We know in the Law of Moses, tithes were commanded. After the Law, Hebrews states Jesus is the Lord, not just of the past, not just of the present, but forever. Hallelujah! He is the Lord of the tithe, forever.

Seeing that Jesus is the Lord of the tithe, is He our Lord? If He is, there should be no question that we tithe unto Him. I can just hear someone saying, "If Jesus was my Pastor, I would tithe," but Hebrews 7:8 states "that men (subject to death) receive tithes on this side; but on the other side, Jesus Himself receives them." Why should we look for ways to excuse us from what we know we should be doing? Let's be about establishing and not doing away with His Words. The tithe was, and is, and shall ever be holy unto the Lord.

2.) Offerings:

II Corinthians 9:6-12

⁶But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

⁷Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

⁹(As it is written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

¹⁰Now He that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

¹¹Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

¹²For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; [Philemon 1:6]

Sowing and reaping is a very important principle in the Word of God. We must sow (plant) money into God's works if we expect to receive a harvest. The Lord gives us money for two purposes. We must have money for a living and to eat, plus money for giving.

Isaiah 55:10

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater.

God expects us to keep money for bread, as well as seed for sowing. The Believers who give it all away and then expect God to take care of them are violating this principle of keeping bread to eat (farmers kept grain to grind into flour for bread making, as well as some grain for seed to plant the next crop). Some people give all their seed away and have nothing to eat, while others wrongly eat all their seed and have nothing to plant for the next harvest. We should have seed for both purposes.

After we plant a crop, we expect a harvest. Even so we should expect God to meet our financial needs when we have been obedient and have given of our tithes and offerings.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Jesus promises a rate of return on the seed a Believer sows.

Matthew 13:23

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Our giving should also be to help our brothers and sisters whenever the Lord so directs. We must learn how to give by the Spirit's direction and not allow our emotions or sympathy to rule us. Until we have had these soulish areas renewed, we can still be influenced by satan through them. God is not always sympathetic with seemingly good causes. We should not give mechanically to things because it has been our pattern in times past, but we should remain open to the Lord's direction for our giving as with all guidance. Sometimes the Lord may speak that we are not to give to a certain person or ministry. We need to be just as sensitive to the Lord's restraining voice as to His condoning voice. He may want us to give elsewhere.

If we are truly walking in the Spirit, we will always have the desire to give because it is the true nature of God to give. Greed, hoarding, and stinginess are from satan. If we are truly committed to God, giving will not be a burden, but rather a joy. God is calling us to be committed to the point where if He told us to leave all and follow Him, we would not hesitate. We find a rich man in the Bible that could not make this commitment, and he ultimately missed God's blessings for his life. Let us be faithful in the area of giving, and we shall never lack in the things we really need as that is God's promise to us.

Five Steps to God Meeting Your Needs (Dr. Bill Winston)

- 1.) Decide what you have to give (woman/widow giving oil; Peter giving his boat, etc). satan cannot limit your return when you sow in faith. He might be able to limit your paycheck, but when you're paid by the Master, you're not limited in what you can receive.
- 2.) Bring it to Jesus. You bring it to Jesus to place it under the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the anointing of God, and once it gets under the anointing, it multiplies.
- 3.) Release your seed in faith. You must believe in what you release your seed to do (Mark 11:24). Even if you don't have anything to give, at all, you can give "faith."
- 4.) Follow the instructions of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is going to give you instructions on what to do. These are going to be foolish thoughts, but if it's making sense, it's usually not faith.
- 5.) Receive your harvest.