

Expose 44 K8

Talk Tough And Cut The Supply Chain

This is a glorious day and before you set out for either your place of worship or wherever you chooses to go, we want to set up the alarm of God's word against some sharp practices that might disposes you of the benefits of Christ, if you have ever received them and some might even prevent it if you have not received from even entry it. You know we've been stressing this for the past three weeks seven episodes.

So we've been on Knocking Out series and we've been talking about talking out the bundle of lies and half-truth about timing and giving.

And so today we are trusting the Lord by the special grace of God to be able to round up on the knock out series on giving. And if you've not been listening all these while, oh! I think you should just pay attention today and take time to listen to all the previous episodes.

So we have a lots of things we have shared in knock out series on giving, and I just want Peter to do a brief summary before we round it up today on the giving aspect.

Yeah, I mean viewers all over the world, one thing that we've been looking at in the past few episodes on our Knock Out series on the issue of giving. And we began to look at what is the mind of God concerning giving and don't forget the focus of the Knock Out series is to make sure that we knock out all false ideologies that are presenting themselves as the true gospel of Christ Jesus.

And the reason why we need to knock them out is because according to Colossians Chapter 2 verse 8 if we don't knock these things out of our mentality. They will steal from us, they will deprive us of the benefits of walking in our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

And you see on the first knock out, we knock out the wrong concept about timing and visitation from God. And on our next series of Knock Out, we began to knock out on the issues of giving, all those false ideologies on giving.

And today we are actually rounding up on this giving aspect of the Knock Out series. Now right up to yesterday, we actually established the reality of the fact that the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of Christ is the foundation of New Covenant giving. And if you don't give under that foundation, you will give on a different foundation.

And whichever foundation you choose to give on determines what kind of results will be effective in your life. And please if you missed those past three episodes on the knock out series on giving, please make sure you look for them.

The first one was where we said there “does your pastor earn the right to raise an offering?” And the second one we said “stop pointless giving.” And yesterday we actually moved on to say “does God bless you according to the amount that you have giving?”

And today we are moving on to something much more critical. And you see before we move on, we need to say this before we actually go fully into today’s episodes.

You see we cannot fully hold responsible those Ministers who merchandized people when it comes to giving. And this is the reason, because every time people are being drawn into graceless giving, the culprit is not just the Ministers who are actually teaching the graceless giving, is also those who are hearing.

And I will tell you the reason, James Chapter One tells us every man is tempted when he is drawn by his own lusts (James 1:14). The Bible says every time somebody’s drawn out into a mentality, anytime somebody is drawn out into a kind of lifestyle, anytime anyone is drawn out into a particular type of paradigm, the Bible say let’s us just not blame the temptation from the outside. Let’s us also hold the person responsible for something they have on the inside that is allowing them to be connected to something on the outside.

So James One says every man, he didn’t say some men, he didn’t say ninety percent of men. He says every man is tempted James Chapter One, every man is tempted when he is drawn by his own lust. There is something drawing you on the outside, don’t blame the source of the temptation at the outside. Blame something on your inside connecting you to the outside.

That is why Jesus Christ says in the gospel, he said the prince of this world come and he founds nothing in me. That is what Jesus Christ said, Satan has come to actually tempt me. That is the reason why in the temptation of Matthew Chapter 4, Jesus didn’t fall for any of the three temptations of Satan. What is the reason? Jesus Christ said when Satan came there was nothing for Satan to draw in me.

So the reason why so many merchandizers of the gospel who actually merchandized men by leading them to graceless giving are succeeding is because the people who are listening have something in them that is always being drawn to graceless giving and that is the thing we are addressing today.

And let me tell you this, if you do Economics. This is commonsense. Supply will not exist without a demand. You see the reason why Supply is in vogue is because there is a demand for that supply. And the reason why there is so much graceless giving going on in the body of Christ today, the reason why men are being drawn into giving on a different platform beyond the platform of God's grace and God's love is because there is a demand for such Ministers. So as long as demand exist in people, supply will continue to exist of the Ministers who are ready to give people such teaching.

And so in the reality today, what we are doing this, we are commission of the Lord to destroy that demand in people. The demand that draws people to actually listen and yield to teachings and mentality on graceless giving. And that is what we are going to look at today.

Now we would look at what Jesus says that thing is in our life and we are going to explore that.

Now if you have your Bible with you, I will say quickly go with me to Hebrew Chapter 13 verse 5.

Don't forget our focus today is to destroy the supply chain. We have come by the sword of the spirit to destroy the supply chain of graceless giving. Giving that is based on a platform except Christ. All giving that are actually being propelled or motivated or driven outside of Christ. And for that to succeed we need to destroy the demand and supply chain. Once the demand is destroy, the supply wouldn't exist.

Have you not notice that one of the ways that Jesus came to destroy the devil, because you know atimes I was reading 1John 3 where the Bible says for this reason was the son of God manifest to destroy the works of the devil (1John3:8).

You know I used to read that back in the days and I thought what Jesus Christ came to do was to bomb Satan away with the bomb. And I noticed that's 1John 3:8, if you read 1John3:7 it tells us that **he that committed sin is of the devil, for the devil sinned from the beginning and for this reason was God's son manifest.** It means that the only way Jesus manifest to destroy the works of the devil was to deliver us from sin. Because Satan feeds on humanity who are in darkness.

Listen that is why the Bible says in Genesis when he told the serpent he said you will feed on dust, and he told man you will return back to dust. (Genesis 3:14, 19)

So in reality the existence of Satan is predicated on men who are in darkness. So as long as Christ came to snatch you and I out of darkness, the meat of Satan was taken away and the Bible says in 1John 3:8 potentially he was destroyed.

Now listen, we are simply saying graceless giving is still existing in the body of Christ today because the Ministers who teach such things have people to feed on. And if you as a person can come out of that paradigm, if you can destroy that hold in you, it means is a matter of time, the system will die off.

And that is what we are talking about today on this episode, this final episode on the knock out on giving.

Now quickly follow me to Hebrew Chapter 13 verse 5.

Let's lay the foundation of the Word on this.

Can you read please?

Hebrew13:5

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

Let your conversation be without covetousness;

Now when it says conversation that is your lifestyle. He says let your lifestyle.

Now watch that apostolic instruction! He said ensure that your lifestyle exist without covetousness. Now if it is not possible to have a lifestyle of covetousness, he wouldn't say let it be without covetousness.

So He's simply saying well you know what, there are two types of people on the planet. There are those whose lifestyle... when the Bible says conversation, the word conversation is the old Greek word for lifestyle. When he says let your lifestyle be without covetousness. It simply means people's lifestyle can subsist together with covetousness. They go together.

He said for you as a child of God, for you who are a son of the kingdom. Let it be that your lifestyle will not go together with covetousness and he is going to tell you why?

Now what is the reason please?

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have.

Be content with what you have.

Now if you listen yesterday we laid the foundation. We destroyed the mentality that says contentment is about you having little. We said that is not true, because

according to the scriptures in Philippians Chapter 4 the Apostle Paul categorically said I have learnt to be content and he said in little or much.

So we've laid the foundation that contentment is not what people think it is about saying just make sure you are happy with small. It simply saying that I am content with what is little and what is much. (Philippians 4) And he says I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me.

So Paul is simply saying you know what? I owe my identity to Christ, it doesn't matter whether I got billions or I got nothing, it doesn't determine my identity. That is contentment. **Contentment means my identity is not in what I have, it is in who I am.** That is identity. That is call contentment.

Now see what he says, the Bible says if you are not contented, it means if your identity is not hooked unto who Christ is, he says you would be covetous. It means then, please let's listen to this, it means then the opposite of contentment is covetousness.

And what is covetousness? If it is true that we said Philippians 4 says contentment means I have a Christ centered identity. Can you see that? It means covetousness is simply saying I don't have a Christ centered identity. It means the things I have will define who I am. And this reminds of us of Luke Chapter 12 verse 15. **Jesus said beware of covetousness.** We are going to look at that later.

Continue please.

For he hath said...

It means have you listened to what God said about you and who you are?

Go on please?

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Why are you living like? Why are you talking? Why are you listening to men as if God forsook you and as if you are going to give you a gift that will make God to remember you? That is why people talk about the year of remembrance.

And it is amazing that a times there are some titles of ministry or titles of meetings that actually abuse the true Redemption power in the name of Jesus. How would you name a meeting or a seminar the season of remembrance from God? When the Bible says in Hebrew Chapter 13, **God said I will never leave you...** God said I will... God didn't say I will be on and off. Can you see that? He didn't say I will... I will go up and down, I will remember you and I will forget.

Now mark the word, he said

I will never! That is the word! **I will never leave you nor forsake you.**

Now let me say this, it doesn't matter how you feel. If you are feel great today and you are feeling forsaken, your feeling is immaterial. Romans Chapter 3 verse 4 says let every man be a liar, but let God be true. Let your feelings be a lie, let your thinking be a lie, if it doesn't line up with the word.

The Word of God says in Hebrew 13, God says **I will never....** Can you see that?

But the Bible says in the book of Psalm 134:138 he said **God has exalted his Word above all of his names.** Now God said, **I will never...** It means God will never forsake his Word. In fact 1 Timothy tells us that **God will never denied himself.** He will never go back on his Words. So this says, **I will never leave you nor forsake you.**

Now what is the next thing?

So that we may boldly say

So that we may boldly say, so that we can talk rough. Can you see that? So that we can talk.

You know for example people talk about, the Book of Proverb tells us that a rich man talks roughly. That is in the book of proverb. And it is true. If you look at our modern day context, have you notice there are some people they can talk rough? The reason they can talk rough...they can get away with it.

In fact if you look at the political world at the moment, there are some men that can say things that others dare not say. Some men they say things they arrest them but when some other people say it, nobody dare touches them.

That the Bible says in the Book of Proverb a rich man talks rough. That is what he does because he know what he has. Now the Bible says you can talk rough. The Bible says you can boldly says... can you see? You can talk tough. You can talk rough and say I can boldly say the Lord is my helper. So you can talk because you know the person that spoke to you. That is why he said, has He not said?

You know who told you something. You know what He spoke about your life. You know the declaration of God upon you and when you know that, you will talk tough, you will talk tough in this world.

And the Bible says if you have such a mentality, your identity is hooked unto what God said about your life, not in things you are trying to gather around you. That is

why He simply says here that make sure your life is not filled with covetousness and he says the only way you can ensure your life is not filled with covetousness is that you know what God said about your life. And if you know what God said about your life, you need to talk tough accordingly.

And let's say this critically, now it means then those people who merchandized people, those Ministers who merchandized us and try to actually manipulate us. The instruments they use is to actually tell you that your identity is connected to how many things you can acquire around your life. And that is the reason why when it comes to the body of Christ today, the people we elevate, the people we look forward to as the symbol of excellence are the people that will say yes they've got lots of things.

Let me tell you something, if you know what God spoke about you. No one will intimidate you. If you know what God spoke about your destiny, no man, nothing will intimidate you. That is why Luke 12:15 can you see? Luke 12:15, Jesus made a bold declaration he says, can you help us read it please?

Luke12:15

“And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

And he said unto them

And Jesus said unto them

Take heed

Can you see that?

Be careful now, that is what he says

And beware of covetousness.

Again we come back to that same thing in Hebrew 13:5. It's coming up in Luke 12:15. Jesus said you need to watch it. Now what does it says

Beware of covetousness

For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possess.

Now I think to help our other brethren on the other side of the divide. I am going to rephrase this particular scripture. Because I know some people are saying yes that is the verse! That is the verse! All those rich people! Now before you go on with that, let me say this, let me rephrase what Christ meant.

What he is saying is, a man's life he said beware of covetousness... a man's life does not consist in the things that he possesses. And a man's life does not consist in the things he doesn't possess. *Abbaba*, that is the better way to put it. Because of people who think they can define their life by what they don't possess. Some are actually thinking you know what? Yes we are the one sacrificing for the kingdom, we have nothing, we are the true worshippers, we are in the villages, we are the one going into the desert, we are the one going into the terrible areas, we are the one serving God. Says who? That is not true.

Jesus is simply saying you cannot afford to define the quality, the significance, the value of your life on the basis of what you have or don't have. Don't just connect it to things. That is the summary of the teaching of Jesus. Don't connect it to things. Connect it to the identity that only God can confer on you.

And let's say this critically and this is the reason why the merchandizers seem to have the upper hand. Because there is something in men, there is something in us that always want to define ourselves by the things that we have around us. And that is why they tell you that you don't have enough. How many cars do you have? How many these you have? If you don't have those things you better come and sow a seed so that these can happen? And you see this is the danger, the person saying this to you, you look at them and say oh yes! This person's got substance, this person's got this, he's got that. That is why most of them they are just pimps. That is what they do, they try to make sure they create all these atmosphere around themselves so as to draw you.

And we said this, James chapter One says every time you are being drawn into any mentality that is ungodly it simply means there is something in you as well. There is a wrong mentality inside you. And that is the mentality we have come to pluck out by the Word of the lord. You see that mentality is what the Bible calls covetousness and contrary to what people think.

Covetousness doesn't mean that actually you are looking for somebody else's goods, is way beyond that. In the New Covenant? Jesus gave us a radical redefinition of covetousness, and he simply says any time you don't listen to what God said about you or you don't remember what God said. Any time you can't boldly declare that the Lord is my helper. He says every time you forget those things, he said you are already moving to covetousness.

So New Covenant definition of covetousness is way beyond what people think it is. Is actually deeper than what we think it is. Is are you living by the identity that only God gives? Can you tell someone?

In fact have you noticed when the Apostle Paul was before the king, King Agrippa. He said something about Agrippa and this is amazing. And I think Christians have a lot to learn from this Apostolic Revelation of Paul.

When Paul was before Agrippa, you see Paul was a man that seemingly look as if he was destitute, he looked like a man that was alone. Paul told Agrippa, he said I wish you were like me. I wish you were like me. He said if not for the chains in my hands, I wish Agrippa you had a better life... See Agrippa I am having a better life than you. Agrippa am having a better life. I am in the best stage of my life at the moment. That is what Paul was telling King Agrippa.

That doesn't make sense. How can you be telling the king, the king who has a lot of resources under his control? The king who seems to have the political power. The king Agrippa who has the authority. And Paul is simply saying King Agrippa may I tell you this? I wish your life was like mine.

Can you look at a man yourself? A man who is in the four blitz, can you look at that man as a Christian and tell the man I wish you were like me. I wish you know that what Bible says concerning my life in 1 Timothy 6, the Bible says **tell those who are rich in this world not to trust in uncertain rich, but in the living God who gives us all things richly to enjoy.**

Now let's say this critically it means then the foundation, the basis of what lies in humanity that makes us to fall for graceless giving is this thing we are talking about. This thing that makes us not to really walk in the identity that only God can confer.

Yes I want to say for viewers, to stress this important point that just like you said that there is something they are using as a hook, is there in us, that the merchandizers, the hirelings are using to draw us.

And you have given us the panacea, the response in Hebrew Chapter 13, he said no matter what you are listening to, no matter how intimidating those testimony is, no matter how the sales pitch is so that you can sow and everything, he said you must boldly declare, you must boldly declare. You can't be silent right? You must keep talking.

The thing is, first of all have to know what to declare first. You know what to say. That is the thing. Because some people don't even know what he has said. Because he said hath he not said, that means is somebody reminding, that is if you have already known what he has said.

So the first step for you to remove yourself out of that equation, to remove yourself from the target market for these merchants is that to know, first of all to bend down and find out what he has said. What did God say about you? What he has said about you. Because if you don't know what he has said about you, you are going to attach your identity on the things, you are going to attach your identity on the prevalent circumstances around that time and so you are covetous, by that way you are covetous.

And then if you are in that way, you have that thing in you which they can use to hook you up. And you know if you have that word in you, if you know what he says you will boldly... then you need to have the confidence to boldly declare it. You have to talk about it. You have to boldly that is why he put...not just say declare it.

I wonder why he said the word boldly because there are some noise, there are some something... don't be shy about it. Because some are saying their own and they want to stop you by their own testimony, they want to stop you by their own crooked up evidences, half-truth, bundle of lies and everything to make you... they are sales pitch. So you just have to boldly... that means you have to step up in your speaking game. And say No! You cannot silence me (The Lord is my helper, I have the help of God). You cannot silence me with this your testimony. You cannot silence me with whatever you are saying of your own unique anointing, buy into this and this.

You must bold say No! The Lord is my helper, I have got help on every side. I have sufficiency in all things like we said yesterday. And I've got help on every side. And I have a God that does not leave me and can never leave me nor forsake me.

And if somebody is saying pay to get into this realm or to higher level so that you can have the help of God. They said the year of help, the year in which God will actually raise up your hand. Say common up which God will raise up my hand, if the Bible say he has never left me or forsake, how then do I have to buy into the anointing for my hands to be raise up in God when the Bible says he will never leave me nor forsake me?

In fact when people subscribe to such teaching, they have to admit that God has left them or forsaken them first and when you do that, you actually discredited the integrity of the Word.

And that bring me to the point I was saying before, the stages into this. You need to really establish everything he has said. Is when you know what he has said, you establish yourself in the identity of what he has said. And then you move into the steps. Some people are even in that, but they don't know how to boldly declare,

because when they hear some intimidating testimony, when they hear some encounters and strange and wild things, so they know some of those things, some of them they are so shy about it. You need to talk tough, you need to talk loud.

You must stop every mouth that want to take the revelation of God's word of what you know. And you must boldly do it. He said boldly declare it. The Lord is my helper. He did not say muffle it. Some people can just muffle it. The Lord is my helper. You have to boldly declare it. Say I am not intimidated. The Lord is my helper... confrontation are there, you have to say it. The Lord is my helper. And so when you have those circumstance that somebody is bringing those into your face, you can boldly declare it. Be confrontational about it. The Lord is my helper.

And that is what the Word says. And you see don't forget our focus today is to destroy the supply chain. Because we know we've been talking in the past three episodes regarding knocking out all those false ideologies about giving in the body of Christ.

But like we said unless the source of the demand is destroy, supply will continue to exist. So it means then, we are addressing you. We've addressed in the first episode, those people that teach on giving when we said has your pastor earn the right to raise an offering? And I think you need to listen to that episode. But today we are addressing the people. Something in you that actually hooks you up to graceless giving is what we are addressing today.

The bad news is that we will always have this till Christ return. So there is no way we can stopped the mouth of all these, because some people, we have in the prophesy, we will have people like this hirelings that are making merchandized of people. But you are the one that should make sure you are not part of this, that you are no longer their target market. By removing yourself, by taking heed to what we are sharing today. And you yourself, go and sit down and look at these things. And make sure that you are no longer a spoil or a spot for them anymore.

Now quickly we are going to move to 1Timothy 6. Don't forget by the grace of God are believing God for the destruction of that thing in us, that thing that helps us, that make us to fall for that graceless giving mentality. So we are looking at 1Timothy 6 and we'll see again the Apostolic Revelation in 1Timothy chapter 6.

We'll see what the Lord has to say regarding that.

Now quickly if you look at 1Timothy Chapter 6. We would read from verse 13. I mean that is a good way to start.

1Timothy6:13

“13. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession.

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

18. That they do good, that they rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19. Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

I give thee charge in the sight of God,

Ok go on please

who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession.

Go to verse 17 please.

Charge them,

You see give an instruction

Now

That riches in this world,

Yeah

That they be not high minded. Nor trust in uncertain riches

Now if you listen to this, again we've said before if we...there is nothing in the kingdom gospel that talks about either being poor or being rich being a thing of merit.

And I think you see, you might be wondering how true is that? Because Jesus said blessed are the poor for theirs are the kingdom of God (Mathew 5:3). Now we are going to go there, just hold on, in a few minutes we are going to get there every soon and clarify those things.

But we are simply saying there is nothing wrong with being rich and nothing wrong with being poor. Identity in the kingdom is not connected to either of them, but this one is simply saying the problem with being rich, he says tell them that are rich not to trust in uncertain riches. It means tell them not to draw a sense of security, tell them not to draw a sense of identity from it.

Now the reason why this is important is because Ecclesiastes Chapter 7 verse 12, it says something we might quote that we don't need to go there, we can quote it, it simply says

Just like wisdom is a source of defense, so money is a defense.

It means in this present world that we are, money is a defense. Money is a security strategy we can't shy from that reality.

But the Bible says if you are a Christian, and you a rich. If you are kingdom person, he said of you, you cannot trust, you cannot turn money to a means of defense. He said you cannot trust.... The reason is, if you trust money for what only God can give. It means you make an idol out of it.

And now let see what this has to say really.

That they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

You can see that?

Now it means every mentality that says that for it to be God you have to manage, or that says for you to be God, it has to be something you have to manage. It says God who gives us all things richly to enjoy.

So what this 1 Timothy 6 is actually attacking in our lives is simply saying listen, you cannot afford to trust riches. You cannot afford to put the confidence, your sense of significance, what makes your life valuable, what makes your life significant, you cannot tie down to money.

And you see when we say things like this, it is very tempting for you to think we are talking about rich people. No! No!! No!! We are talking about the rich and the poor. So this applies to everyone. This is the reason, for those who are poor that think identity is connected to riches, they become intimidated because they are poor. This is not about the status of people, is about what we think about these things.

And that is the reason why there are some Ministers of God today who were doing great things for the gospel but who are being intimidated by those Ministers who are well to do, and are influential because they think, because these Ministers who think they don't have enough resources, they are intimidated. Such Ministers have this same mentality because they think that identity is connected to how much what? You can gather.

So it doesn't matter whether people are rich or poor. The scripture is not attacking people's status, is attacking people's thinking. And anybody can think this way whether they are poor or rich. The Bible says we cannot trust. We cannot attach our life to amount of things that we have, what happen is Hebrew 13:5 and what we have read in that place will actually come to pass when it simply says it will lead to covetousness.

Again we say it means then this covetousness thing actually is much closer to home that we think. Is much closer to our mentality that we think.

So here is saying he said... if you look at this again, we need to clarify this.

1Timothy 6, it says look at verse 18

Read verse 18 please.

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute.

Yes

Willing to communicate

Go on to verse 19 please

Laying up in stock for themselves a good foundation and against the time to come.

Can you see that?

That they may laid hold on eternal life.

And that is what we've been talking about.

So it's actually come with it in that verse 19 that he says so that they can lay hold on what? Eternal life.

Now please if you read from 1Timothy Chapter 6 from verse 17 it says not to trust in uncertain riches. And verse 19 closes and says so that they can lay hold on eternal life. It means then one of the reason why people don't have the appetite to lay hold on God's life in them. One of the reason there is no much appetite to lay hold on life eternal is because they are laying hold on something else. Because they are laying hold, they are deriving a sense of value from something else. And that is why people are not laying hold...

And you see, I notice because we've been talking about this issue about giving by grace and all that for the past three episodes. And we are talking about the fact that you cannot afford to give without the platform of grace. Some people are wondering,

and they are simply saying does it really matter anyway? I mean it doesn't make any difference for me. I mean what matters for me as long as I know that I can see my man of God and I can see that he's saying if you do this it works for you, and have people do it and it works for them. That is what matters to me, I just want the result. I just want to multiply my resources.

The Bible simply says every time we put our confidence in the volume of things that we have, we lose the appetite to lay hold on eternal life. To demand that grace defines us. To demand that grace gives us his own identity. He said you cannot do both. That is what Jesus Christ meant when he said you cannot love God and mammon. People don't get the point. Is not about money or no money. Is about the fact that you cannot derive your sense of value.

So 1 Timothy 6:17-19 it simply says if you are laying hold, if your mentality is connected to how much you have, what happens is you will not have the appetite in the spirit to lay hold on life eternal.

And when we say life eternal, is not talking about living by and by in the by and by. It's talking about the life of God in you. How did I know that? 1 John 3 says **every murderer does not have eternal life abiding in him**. So life eternal is in your spirit. You will not lay hold upon life eternal.

That is the reason some of the things we've been talking about some people unfortunately might say they don't see any reason to lay hold on what we've been talking about. Because they said well does it matter? I mean I have got something else to lay hold upon anyway. So the Bible says if we don't disconnect ourselves from covetousness we would not have the appetite to lay hold on life eternal. And that is what it simply says.

Yes we can see that the same old devil has the same temptation package to custom fit it for different social profile. It is that this same temptation about money. So for the so called rich and for the one so called poor. It is just the same thing, but is just custom fit for different social profile. It is the same thing. Is just covetousness. Is the same thing of just deriving your identity whether in in much or in little. Because some people too you have the same pride, they are proud of what they have, and some are proud of what they don't have.

And that leads me to Matthew Chapter 6, you know the particular verse from thirty-one that "Take no thought..." about this worry and the like... people just thought that is only the poor people that that verse is applicable for, just like they think 1 Timothy 6

is for the rich. You know, we found out now from the exposition that these seventeen (17) is talking to everyone. What you possess or what you don't possess.

How do you think about it? Do you feel intimidated because you don't have, you have the same problem as the rich man who feels so important because of what they have. Let's say that again, if you ever feel intimidated because of what you don't have, you are in the same state (guilty) you are guilty of the same problem or the same offence as the rich man who actually feels important because of what they have. Feel confident... It's the same thing. Is the same thing in a two different sides of the same coin.

And so if you are just thinking you are off the hook by saying because I don't feel confident of things because I don't really have this to feel confident about. But if you are intimidated by those things that you don't have. You are as guilty as the same. And that is why we see in that Mathew chapter 6 verse 31 that say we should take note of.. He was talking about all the worry and everything... And so we found out that... those people that the so called poor rich feel that this verses talking to them that they should not worry, but we find out that this verse is talking to every one whether you have the goods or you don't have the goods.

In fact thank you for mentioning that verse. Do you know that worry... worry about what to eat and to drink is actually a symptom of you actually putting your confidence and identity in things? Do you know that? Because Jesus said can you see that your heavenly Father knows the things that you have need of. And you know... is just like the same thing like that Hebrew he will never forsake. He says he will never forsake you nor leave you.

Every time, you see every time we have a sense of being orphaned. Where we think we are in this world destitute, Bible says that sense of being destitute is actually covetousness in reality.

I mean and I know some of you might not be happy to hear that, because you will think covetousness is a one kind of big sin, is this big sin. Bible says every time we talk and think like someone who doesn't have a God in his world, it simply means there is no vacuum in the realm of the spirit. If you don't have the sense of what God told you, if you cannot say the Lord is my helper, the Bible says of course you are probably trailing on the realm of covetousness.

Then there is a strong correlation link between Mathew Chapter 6 and that Hebrew 13. Because we find out that if you have the same solution say in that Hebrew 13 and Mathew Chapter 6 that was saying "**he will never forsake you,**" and he was saying in

Mathew 6 “**for your heavenly father knows that you have all these things**”... is about what you remember. Is what you remember.

We are stressing this point again, that you just need to first of all know what this... what he has said and then you need to remember that what he has said. You have to remember that your Father will not leave you in a destitute, he will not leave you in a Sahara land, he will not leave you (you know) desolate.

So if somebody is bringing those testimonies, if somebody is saying things that is making you that you start want to judge and looking around and making you to forget, like he will never you nor forsake you and making you to forget that he knows that your Father knows that you need all these things. Then you know the person is taking you away, taking you away from the platform of grace.

And is taking you to the place where he can pounce on you. Taking you out of the sphere of grace where he can pounce on you. Because he needs to take you out of that, he needs to make you forget that, he need to make you feel forsaken.

Have you notice that when the Apostle Paul was talking about this graceful giving in 2Corinthians 8, he told the Corinthians brethren, he said am asking you to give not out of covetousness. Can you see that? Paul said am asking you to give...

If you were there please go and listen to that episode. “Stop Pointless Giving”

2Corinthians Chapter 8 if you read it I mean also Chapter 9 there is a verse there where Paul told the Corinthians brethren am asking you to give, but don't ever do it out of covetousness.

Now we know what Apostle Paul meant now. He says don't give because you think am destitute, am forsaken and I want to give just to make sure that the Father who forsook me can come back to me. He said don't do that!

And we know the foundation of this Knock Out on giving he say “for you know the grace of God”. It still boils down to this that you just have to know. You have to know the grace of God and part of knowing the grace of God, you have the ever abiding presence of the Lord with you. No matter how you feel, wherever you are, whatever situation you face, you have the ever abiding presence of God. And you know that his grace has provided all things that you need for life. His grace has provided for you in that Mathew 6 that your heavenly Father knows that you have need of them and he graciously has supplied them.

You just have your knowledge. You must rest your mentality. You know we are talking about mentality today. You must rest your head on that revelation that your

Father has provided all. He has known all that you will need all these. And he has graciously supplied them. You don't need to give to get this. You might need to give in appreciation, you might give to do good works. That is what he was saying, but not to give to get because you already has what he... and never has your Father left you. And he has not done with you and he will never at any time leave you.

So you don't have any reasons to feel forsaken or desolate. That you don't have anything that you have a precarious situation which God need to urgently come to help you out. And you need to do something and raise an emergency fund to get out of that situation. You don't!

And nobody should make you feel that. If you know yourselves and you will take time to begin to meditate on this, and so you are always coming into constant remembrance because is not about just knowing because some cases of some people they don't even know at all. Some even know, but they forgot it. You know and that is why he was saying don't forget he will never leave you. So it must be in your remembrance that he will never leave you, he has graciously supply this.

And after that, then you must have the confidence again to boldly declare it. Telling you that some noises, definite noises that want to silence that which you know. There are some mediating voices that people they want to silence what you know. They want to use their status, they want to use the influence, they want to use the privilege you have given them. Some of them you are the one that even fed those things and supply those clothes and all those things, cars and they are using it to harass you.

So if they want to harass you, you must boldly. That is why you have to be... this is not the time to be a shy Christians. This is not the time to just be talking in muffle voice. You must boldly declare it. The Lord!!!! The lord is my helper. I have help on very side. The Lord is my helper.

So if you... you need to be chanting this to yourself so that it can ring through and every part of you will believe it. So every of your circumstance must reverberate in the sound of knowing that the Lord is my helper. No matter what you say. No man can help you out. The Lord is my helper.

You know some Ministers says, some people says you know what, if you don't connect to this grace in this house, we are not sure how you are going to make it. I mean if you want accelerated progress in 2017, you've got to connect to this grace and if you don't give to connect to that grace, you have mortgage your accelerated progress in 2017. That is a shame on Redemption.

He said the Lord is my helper. He didn't say that Ministry is my helper, he didn't say that organization, that man is my helper. How can a man say that because you have refused to connect to the grace in their house, it means that you wouldn't make accelerated progress in 2017? That is an abuse of Redemption. He said the Lord is my helper. Can you see that?

Now what see what is important the last phrase of that Hebrew 13:5.

As you were talking God ministered to me. Hebrew 13:5 when he says **the Lord is my helper**. The next phrase says **I will not be afraid of what men can do**.

I will tell you one of the reasons why people think they need to have a lot of things around them. The reason because the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 7:12 **that money is a defense**. The people then think you know what if I have enough money in this world, it means then nobody will be able to cheat on me, nobody will be able to slap me and get away with it. It means I have something of substance to defend myself in the society.

But the Bible says there is something that the hand of the Lord releases into your life that money can't even supply. He says you will boldly say the Lord is my helper. Common! I will not be afraid of anything. It means I will not be afraid of anything that man can do to me. Oh! You don't say that unless you got something right there with you. Nobody talks that tough unless you know what you have. And Bible says you can say that today if you come into this understanding.

Whether in place of worship or outside of the place of worship. Whenever the news you are hearing, you might not even have *chat* with those Ministers. You can boldly say the Lord is your helper. The Lord is your helper. You can boldly say. How can you be afraid of what is coming? That means it doesn't matter what people are saying, it doesn't matter what the news is saying. The merchant of fear.

People use the fear factor, No matter the fear, they use the greed factor in you, fear factor, greed factor wherever you see it, you must remember what he has said. And you must remember he has not left you. And you must remember he knows that you have the need of these before you ever thought or even come into it. And he has graciously supplied this. Not that he will supply it when you do it. When you give into this level he will supply. He has graciously supplied everything you need for life. And you must remember this and beyond that you must boldly declare it.

You cannot just un-emphasized that bold declaration. Sometimes it might make you look pompous, it might make you look arrogantly in faith, but you just have to boldly declare it. And you must also say you will not be afraid of what anybody can bring.

Like we said, (any policy) you don't talk that unless you know what you have. And that is what we've come to say.

You see don't forget viewers all over the world, if you don't walk in this understanding in Hebrew 13:5-7. Don't forget he started by saying don't be covetous, it means if you don't walk in the things we've been talking about, you are going to go back to square one and it will be a life of covetousness for you. And that is why you cannot afford not to walk in this revelation of what we are sharing.

You know because I think you mentioned it in part of this what we are sharing today that some people has attach...the New Testament message on it is like ok you just have to believe and go and drop everything and dispossess of that thing, and then you just be poor or something like that.

You know there is a thus movement, is a paradigm shift again. But we can see Jesus the way his relationship, to know that he knows how to balance all of these things together. You know you see all the set, all kinds of people were with him. And he had them as disciples. He had the one the lowly, the poor, the damned and out. Then and he was able to relate, he has the disciples that are rich and well to do. You know that kind of a thing.

So is not actually that he cannot save, he cannot pick a virtue out of money or lack of it in any of the thing. That you are walking and discipleship with the lord, you can't attach it to any of those things. You just have to understand that is not about things just like you have reshape our focus today that is not about those things that whether you have or not, you cannot...the New Testament want your identity in Christ just like you see with those disciples. You see Joseph Arimathaea, you see...

Yeah we will go to that later on

Yes

Now please we are still going to look at some other verse now to actually clarify this.

Don't forget our vision today is to see the roots, those things that are in us, that make us susceptible to graceless giving, that makes us always connect to men when they try to merchandized. That things is what we are by the grace of God addressing today.

And again we are going to go to the book of Mark chapter 10 and look at the depth of what the Lord wants to unveil to us on that.

There is a wealth of heaven's resource in that Mark Chapter 10.

I want you to read from verse because there is a lot of things to look at there.

We can start from verse... when we have the rich young ruler.

Oh! That is what I want to draw your attention to.

What verse is that? That should be from verse 16. Or let's say verse 13

Mark Chapter 10 verse 17

Can you read that?

“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him and asked, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

So this man is really serious, this man wants the life eternal, he wants the life of Christ, God's life living in his system. He wants his spirit man to be recreated. Let's commend him for he actually has a very good focus of what he wanted. I mean from Christ Jesus.

So what does he says next.

18. And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God,

19. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor they father and mother.

Now if you notice something and I want viewers to look to actually investigate, we are actually looking, we are actually dissecting this young man, we are looking at his paradigm, his thinking pattern, his reasoning.

Jesus asked him a question **why will you call me good?** Why the reason why Jesus wanted to know is because, he wanted to know are you calling me good because of what am doing or you are calling me good because I am God in the flesh? That is why Jesus Christ said why did you call me good? There is no one that is good except what? God. Jesus is not saying He is not good, He's simply saying I need to know why you called me good.

Now don't forget this is a man whose mentality simply says you are what is around you. You are the things that you can exhibit. Jesus is trying to teach this man something contrary. You are not what is around you. You are who dwells in you. So Jesus is saying why do you call me good? I want to know why?

Now go on please.

Ok

20. And he answered and said unto him, Master all these have I observed from my youth.

Ok

21. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Now you see reading that casually you will think the prerequisite for salvation is giving everything you have to the poor. Yes! People has used that. But we know that is not the gospel, because Ephesians Chapter 2 verse 6 tells you and I **for by grace are ye save through faith. It is the gift of God and it is not of yourself less any man should boast.** So we know that Ephesians 2 tells us we are save by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. It is not about whether you give to the poor or not.

So what was Christ trying to achieve in this discourse with this rich young ruler? Why was Christ telling him to give everything to the poor so that he can come back and follow Christ?

Now listen this is simple reasoning. And is simple! We are going to look at that in this Mark 10. There is a lot of things to look at here. Now the reason why Jesus could not possibly be saying the man should give so as to be saved is simply because we know Jesus as you said actually had other disciples that are rich. In fact there was a man call Joseph Arimathaea he was called the rich disciple of Jesus.

And let us point out Joseph Arimathaea was not a rich donor to Jesus ministry because we have lot of people who are rich donors to ministry. They don't even believe in God. If they do, they are so shallow but the church try to maintain them on the board because they have money.

Now listen Joseph Arimathaea was not a rich donor unto Jesus ministry, he was a rich disciple. He was a disciple! It means this was somebody who was following the ministry of Christ to the letter.

Listen John 8:31, 32 simply told us then that **“if you continue in my word, you are my disciple indeed.”** So for Joseph Arimathaea to qualify to be called Jesus disciple, he must have been continuing in the word of Christ. So we know is a disciple but Bible say he was rich and Jesus didn't say anything about that.

A verse in the bible actually said Joseph Arimathaea a disciple. We didn't not make up the word, we did not give him the title of disciple. He was a rich disciple of Jesus.

And again let's say this, don't forget when Zacchaeus actually has salvation coming to his house. Zacchaeus told Jesus, if I stole from anyone, if I took anything from anyone, I will give back to them four times. Jesus did not say why will you give them back four times, give everything to them if you are really seriously about this gospel? Jesus never said that. He suggested it himself, and Jesus didn't say hey Zacchaeus to be serious about it, give everything to the poor.

You see then we are wondering why did Jesus tell this young rich ruler?

And he did not tell Joseph Arimathaea to sell anything. No! he didn't say that.

And again don't forget in Jesus ministry he had these women who are following Jesus. These women were giving to the ministry of Jesus (Luke 8:2). In fact one of the women was from the Herod Palace. Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward. These women were bringing, one of them was bringing the resources of the palace to bless the ministry of Jesus. And Jesus did not say hey give everything to the poor before you could follow me.

So why this young man?

So why would Jesus speak to this rich young ruler about the fact that if you want the kingdom, you want to follow me, give up everything?

This is the reason. Don't forget here is a man who actually, Jesus recognize at the beginning of their discussion, who attached his identity to activity. Because at the... Jesus said why did you call me good? Now don't forget this man attached his identity to something.

Look at what did Jesus said,

Go and sell...

Now you see, he said

See what I have done

This is a man that attach who he is to (what) the activities around his life.

Now listen to this

He had kept all those commandments from his youth.

And Bible says in verse 22 when Jesus told him to go and sell everything and give to the poor.

And he was sad at that saying and went away grieve for he had great possession.

May I say this way? He didn't just had great possession. Great possession had him.

It means then, to this man possessions were not just possessions. Possessions was what define who he was. That possessed him.

Those things possessed him.

The reason why he couldn't give everything to the poor... and it is true.

He was not comfortable even with the thought.

It is true, he couldn't give everything to the poor. Is simple. The reason is, if he give everything to the poor, he is going to give himself because his identity is in those things. It means he's going to lose himself, he will become empty, vacant. He will completely become a nonentity. It means the reason why he couldn't give it was because is person, is definition, his significance, his value is in those things. So it was in just impossible for him to release those things to the poor. Because he will be lost himself. He will have no definition. And that is why Jesus attack his identity.

Now listen viewers all over the world. If you were with us when we finish the last series before we started the Knock Out series. Please before we began the knock out series, we had the prodigal father series. And I think if you want to walk in the fullness of what the Father has for you in Christ Jesus. You need to listen to those series.

In those series we did say something about Luke Chapter 15, Jesus redefined the whole notion of what sin is? You know we have come to think that sin is about doing the wrong thing. That is sin. If I do the right thing is not a sin. Now listen!

Jesus redefined the whole notion of sin and brought it all the way back to identity. Identity is the whole foundation of sin. The old fact is, have you notice in the Bible there are some people that says we cast out devils in your life, we prophesy in your name and Jesus... Bible says I will say to them. I don't know you. You know I mean you wonder, have they not prophesy in the name of Jesus, have they not cast out devils?

Now listen, they told Jesus, we prophesy in your name, this is who we are, we are prophesiers, we are demon casters, is our identity. Christ is not our life. Now Jesus said I will say I don't know you. The whole point about sin is not whether you do the right thing or the wrong thing, what defines you? What makes you valuable? What is it that if it is taken away from your life, life will be useless to you? What is it that if it is subtracted from you, life has no more meaning for you? That is the thing that you are serving and worshiping.

You might say with the word of your mouth that you are serving Christ. You might say that by your profession that Jesus is your Lord, but functionally there might be something in your life that is your Lord. That you are servicing all the time. And if that things is not there, life is not meaningful. And that is why it goes back to covetousness. If that thing is not there, life is not meaningful. If that thing is there you think life is worthy living. That is the thing you are serving.

In this case of this rich young ruler, as long as Jesus attack his identity... Christ knew that ... you see the reason why Christ didn't bother to attack the identity in Joseph Arimathaea, the reason why Christ didn't bother to attack the identity in the women who were giving to his ministry, because to them that is not their own identity.

So you cannot label every rich person the same way. You cannot label every rich person in the kingdom the same way. And give them the same dosage or the same medicine.

Now you see, before we actually have a full dossier of this Mark 10 that we are reading we need to go the way down in this Mark 10.

Do we still have time? I don't think so...

Oh my God! We need to round up the revelation.

Now see what he says

And verse 23

“And Jesus looked around about, and saith unto his disciples, how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!”

Oh yeah, you see Jesus said I told you about the men who are rich, this is why they will struggle to enter the kingdom.

Now before you define what is call rich? Just hold on please, just hold your sit and look at what Christ has said about being rich.

The next verse, verse 24

“And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answered again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!”

Jesus repeated what they said, in case you didn't hear what I said before. How hard it is for them that trust in riches. Jesus changed it again.

Now watch it, because he knew they were confused. He knew the first time he said how hard is it for the rich men to enter the what? The Kingdom. Because they were astonished and confuse, Jesus restated what he meant, you got it wrong. What I wanted to say to you is they that trust... Mark the word. 1 Timothy 6 told us about them.

Jesus said ok actually I meant those that trust in riches, those that derive their sense of value from it are the ones am talking about.

See what they said next

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”

That is where most people stopped.

Now listen, please hold your sit like I said.

Look at verse 26

And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, who then can be saved?

Ok, now we have a problem

We do have a problem. The problem we have is, they said among themselves who then can be saved?

They were astonished, they were taken aback.

They were saying, are you simply saying now they didn't say, it means ok some of us will be saved, and some will not...

Ok

Maybe that is fine. At least we are not rich any way.

That is a problem of the rich people.

Now I think there is a way the disciples hear what Jesus said that we didn't hear him. The body of Christ need to listen to this all over the world. There is... you see there is a way the disciples heard what Jesus said and I think that is not the way we are hearing the same thing.

When Jesus said it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom, the disciples... all of them, (included all of them) and they said if that's the case. **They didn't say who**

then among us can be saved. They said **who then can be saved.** It means all wide world, nobody in the whole world can be saved.

They didn't say..., you know some people the reason why they said it is because some of them were rich. Just wait! Hold on!

They said, who then? Who? Who can actually lay hold of salvation?

If that is the case, are they saying everyone is rich?

Now let's get this straight

Are they saying everyone is rich then before they can make such a bold statement that who then can be saved?

Hold on! Now let's see,

See what they say next,

Verse 27

“And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.”

Jesus said ok, if you guys think you are rich, am saying with God. With the God centered identity it is possible to enter the kingdom and be rich.

Now listen, look at verse 28,

“Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

Verse 29

And Jesus answered and said, verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's

Ok don't forget this is just one single discuss.

He said no one that has left what? So if you think what he says rich in that context, it means do you have something of value in your life? That is why Peter said who then can be saved? It means then it is the same line of thought. He said there is no one that has left house, or brethren.

Now do you have brethren? Do you have relations? Do you have brothers?

Now you see, when we talk about riches. Is not only in money. So to be rich mean do you have something or substance and value that makes you, (that attaches to...) that gives you a sense of security?

Because this is why they said who then can be saved? Because everybody's got something. That is why they said who then can be saved. Everybody has something of value that they looked towards to in their life. (Like relationships, brethren) That is why he says house, brothers, now he says sisters, the same category...

He's putting land and houses in the same category as brothers, as sisters, mothers, children.

Oh!!! Can you see why they said who then can be saved?

Everybody is got something.

So this message is for everyone, you cannot say is for the rich.

If you think you have no land, if you think you have no houses, do you have brothers, do you have sisters, do you have a mother, do you have children?

Have you noticed that unlike the western world, in the eastern world to them family is identity. That is the reason why we have something call honor killing. They can kill, even to protect traditions. In fact there are some people if you abuse them don't really care. But if you abuse their mum or their dad, they can go crazy.

You see everybody has that thing that connects identity.

Now it doesn't matter, so please before you run ahead. Be it lands or houses so Jesus put in the same box. All category! Lands, properties, mother, father and children, brothers, sisters. He said well, if there is something of significant value in your life that you attach yourself to, we can categorically say you are rich in that thing. And he says that thing could become functionally your identity.

And when that thing becomes your identity, it defines who you are. And he says if that ever happen, it is hard for you to walk in grace for giving. That is why he attack that in this young ruler. That is the reason why Peter said who then can be saved. It applies to everyone. This is the gospel for the whole world.

So the gospel of Christ Jesus is not just basically about right and wrong, sin and not sin is about identity.

I want to ask you a question, what defines who you are? Your brother, your sister, is it your mother? Your things? Is it your lands, whatever? The issue is, it doesn't matter

whether we call Jesus Lord, it matters what makes me feel satisfy about life? What makes me feel important about life? Is it the value that Christ confers on me?

And you see don't forget what I have said today, unless we live in a Christ centered identity, we'll become prey to merchandizers who merchandized the gospel of Christ Jesus.

Because of time, I just have to stop you and then pull you back.

Because we've already spent the time.

And then I wouldn't want to add any more thing, but I will just beg our viewers. I implore them that they will do the honorable thing. And what is the honorable thing is to just to chew on these words and consider whether these things were so like the Berean Christian. They said they were honorable. That is the part of honor today. That you go and see these things, and check these thing out what was said and see if it were true.

And then he was talking about honor too to those men. He said that those people that labour in the Word, you know consider them of high honor. So if you want to do what is honorable today, chew on this word, consider whether it is true and share it. Do the honorable thing and share it with others.

So till we meet next weekend Saturday 7pm UK time and Sunday 9am UK time while we continue the Knock out series.

So be blessed and stay blessed.

Bye!!!