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New Testament Twist-Reap Before You Sow

We want to say a very good morning to you and to tell you that this is a very good time to bring all these our Knock Out series on Giving to a sound scriptural conclusion. You know we started...like we have five or six episodes on giving.

And if you remember yesterday we gave clarion call for you to upgrade your system you know from this sowing and reaping and come to a better and higher operating system. And I just hope you've yielded the call.

So today we are going to continue and bring this to a sound scriptural conclusion on this giving, the sowing, the reaping and all the questions that have been coming. So am going to leave you to kick off.

Yeah, viewers all over the world. Thank you for joining us again today on this Knock Out Series on giving. Now if you've been with us for quite some while on this particular series, what we are focusing on is to knock out all the false ideologies in the body of Christ that are depriving us of the benefits of Redemption.

And you see, most of the practices that we are actually engaging in the body of Christ as innocent as we think as they are. Because if we subscribe to them, Colossians Chapter 2 verse 8 tells us we can miss out on the benefits of Christ. And those are things we are knocking out on this series.

Now up to yesterday, what we've established before we actually left off yesterday was the fact that most people who are actually talk about the issue of giving in the church as a means through which you can gain God's favour they always subscribe to the law of sowing and reaping. And they simply tell you that the reason why you need to sow by giving is because so that you can reap abundantly back from God. And this is what people talk about, and they mostly kind of go back to the sayings of Jesus, that Jesus himself actually subscribed to the same notion. And that is the very thing we are investigating on this series today.

Now, we've started that yesterday, we are going to go on with that today. We began to look at the book of Luke Chapter 6, what does the scripture says? What is the mindset of God regarding sowing and reaping? That is what we are looking at. And we actually invite you to join us on this journey.

Now we began to look at book of Luke Chapter 6 yesterday, and we'll make progress with that today.

Now quickly I will go to Luke Chapter Verse 36 if you please.

Now verse 36 simply says, it says

Be ye therefore merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.

Now you see, here is Jesus... don't forget the goal of what we are going in today is Luke Chapter 6 which is verse 38. Where people said Jesus said give and it shall be given unto you. But don't forget that Luke Chapter 6 verse 38 is not a stand-alone verse in the Bible. There are actually things that actually happened that Jesus said before verse 38. And you see one of the ways that you can actually interpret the scriptures and not go wrong is to contextualize the scriptures. Is call proper exegesis. When you actually look at the context in which the statement was made and in which it was actually spoken about in the scripture. It will be hard for you to go wrong with your interpretation.

So Luke Chapter 6 verse 36 it says

Be ye therefore merciful as your Father is merciful

So what is simply saying is, am asking you to show mercy because your Father shows mercy. Now in simple terms, it means God is expecting you to express the Father's nature. It means this is why grace, this is why the grace of God is completely different from the doctrine of men. It means the grace of God doesn't demand from you anything that God has not put in you. I repeat, the grace of God does not make any demand on you beyond what God has placed in you.

And that is the reason why God never asked you to be righteous unless He knows that you are already made righteous in Christ Jesus. In fact the Bible simply says that, he that knew no sin was made sin for us so that we can become the righteousness of God in him (2Cor 5:21). So it means then you were already righteous because Jesus was made sin.

Your righteous act never makes you righteous. But of course if you were righteous, you will act righteous. So grace only demands you to act in accordance to who you are. It is the law of men, the traditions of men that actually ask you to perform beyond what you are. So grace never asked you to do what you are not. Grace only asked you to express your true nature. And that is the reason why if you read the Bible with the lens of the law, with the lens of men's tradition you will read other things into the scripture.

For example when the Bible asks us to be holy. He only said that because according to the scriptures he said you are a holy nation. Can you see that? He said you are a royal priesthood that is the book of Peter (1Peter 2:9). He said you are a holy nation. Not you are on the process of becoming holy. He says you are a holy nation. But you see you wonder if the Bible says you are a holy nation, a royal priesthood. That is the scripture 2Peter. Then again in another verse in 1Peter 1 he says be holy (1Peter 1:16). Now the only way you can interpret that is to say can you act the way you are?

Here again is saying just act. Be merciful as your Father is what? You've got the Father's life. You've got the Father's nature. You can only act the way you are. You have the DNA of God.

Now watch this! Watch this! Acting merciful doesn't make you merciful. You act merciful because you are merciful. Now I think I will say that again, I will slow down a bit to say that.

I said again, acting merciful doesn't make you merciful. But you act merciful because you are what? You are full of mercy. That is your nature. So Jesus is simply saying am inviting you to act like your Father. To act like the way you are. Express your nature again. So He says be merciful as your Father is merciful.

And you see how does this connect to the giving thing we are talking about? This is seriously fundamental to the nature of giving because Jesus in the next few verses in Luke Chapter 6 will start to talk about giving.

Now this is actually connected to the whole concept of giving. If you don't forget this, we actually made the verse very prominent in our previous series on giving.

We simply said that when Paul told the Corinthians brethren to give, he started about telling them that you know grace of our Lord Jesus. Am not asking you to do something beyond what you already are. Now he said **you know the grace of our Lord Jesus that even though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor so that you through his poverty might become rich.** Somebody asked us a questions on one of our video. The person asked the question what is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ? What is it? And we said simple, the Bible says you know the grace of our Lord Jesus. What is the grace? **That Jesus was rich yet for our sake he gave it all.** Now he says if you know that grace, you will know that you have been invited into the same grace where you also know that you are rich and that you just bless because you know you are rich. And that is the invitation. So we are simply saying that giving must be taught from that perspective.

And again Jesus is simply saying am asking you to show mercy because your heavenly Father who lives in you is the God of mercy. You have the nature of mercy.

Now let's go on. He says in verse 37

Judge not and you shall not be judge. Condemn not and you shall not be condemned, forgive and you shall be forgiven.

Now if you were with us yesterday, we actually looked at the previous verses.

I will actually encourage you if you are listening to this particular episode today. Please take your time out to read Luke Chapter 6 from verse 31. You will notice that Jesus contrasted how we should live life compared to other people who are sinners, who are not of God. And is a contrasting view that we have here, because what he said in previous verses was, he says listen to this, he said do good to others as you want them to do unto you but He simply said don't pay people back in accordance to what they do to you.

And then we clarified that because how can Jesus say to us to do unto others as we want them to do unto us but he is not asking us to do to them as they actually did to us? And we said simply put Jesus knows that other men are not of the spirit of Christ. He knows they don't have the nature of God. So the only thing men can do to you is to repay you back based on what you do to them. Is not their fault. Men operate by the law of sowing and reaping. You do good to them, they do good to you. You do them worst they do you worst.

So Jesus said if you expect them to treat you well, if you don't expect them to condemn you, if you don't expect them to judge you don't what? Don't judge them. So is about them. Is about what they do to you. But the same Jesus in previous verses simply says if you only do good to them that do good to you he said why are you different from sinners? So it means then this law of sowing and reaping, Jesus is simply saying don't operate that principle for you even though other people will operate it on you. But you don't operate it on them. I think that should be clear enough.

So he's simply saying the reason am saying don't judge them is because they don't have a choice. They operate by the law of sowing and reaping. If you judge them they are going to judge you anyway. So Jesus said well if you want them to react to you well, just treat them well. Is a problem with them, they can only operate by sowing and reaping. They only understand that language. They only understand the language of sowing and reaping. That is what they do. So it means just give them what they understand. But for you, don't ever treat people only based on how they treat you.

And that is why if you go to the previous verses you can see what Christ is saying. So simply put, this issue of judge and condemn you will not be condemn. Don't condemn so that you don't get condemn. Jesus is asking you to do that to men because they don't understand beyond the law of sowing and reaping. And I think that should be well clear enough in this context.

And listen to this, the next verse 38 which is the key verse that most people actually use. I don't know how many times people have actually use this verse as a means to raise an offering. People have used Luke Chapter 6 verse 38 as a precursor, as a verse to actually motivate people to give an offering. Let's see what Luke Chapter 6 verse 38 actually says in this regard.

I will read slowly. It says

“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.”

Give... can you see that? Give and it shall be given unto you. Now we need to find out two things, **who will give you back when you give? Who is the one doing the giving?**

Now he says give and it shall be giving to you. Now good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall God. Is that what is in your verse? No! Again, he says he didn't say shall God, he didn't say shall your heavenly Father.

Now watch, see when you read the scriptures, let's read in between the lines. He didn't say shall God, he didn't say shall your Father in heaven. He says shall men... That is the language men understand. Can you see that? Shall men give unto your bosom.

Can you see that?

Jesus is saying the same thing he is being saying in context from verse 31. He's saying the men of the world you deal with, they only understand sowing and reaping. It means in the time of their crisis if you help them, when you too are in crisis, they will help you. They don't have the spirit of Christ. Men only understand the law of sowing and reaping. In fact is so bad that in some cases, some people even do you worst that you did them. At least you can guarantee that if you do them well, they will do you well.

Jesus is simply saying because the men of this world, because they are natural men. Men who have not the spirit. Because all they understand is sowing and reaping. So

am asking you that, if you want them to treat you well. If you want men to give to your bosom try to make sure you give them as well. Because if you think they will give you, if you don't give them you are deceiving yourself. Because all people understand is sowing and reaping. That is the best they could do. That's the best that men understand. So it means when people use this verse in...

Now two things that are wrong with using this verse to teach about offering is this.

1. It doesn't even talk about God giving you back anyway. So I don't know why this verse is applicable to God. He says shall men give to your bosom.

Yesterday we laid the fact out yesterday that Jesus said in the gospel. He says consider the ravens, they don't even sow, they don't even reap. Yet your heavenly Father feeds. So the Father is telling you and I, don't put me in the box of sowing and reaping. Don't do it. Is not good. Is not fair on God. If you box God up into sowing and reaping. God doesn't give you what you deserve. God only gives you what Christ deserve. You never get what you deserve. If you get what you deserve, you are going to get death am telling you. If God was going to try to relate to us based on what we deserve, we will get destruction. No matter how perfect you think you are. You see you still don't measure up to God's standard.

So the reality is we only get what Christ deserve not what we deserve. God is not operating by the law of sowing and reaping. God is simply saying to you and I how to relate with natural men. That is what this Luke 6 verse 38 is written about.

Now listen even though God said to us how to relate with natural men. Is it not amazing that he is asking us not to relate with men with that same principle? Can you see that? God is saying don't do that! Don't do that! Have you noticed he said be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Have you noticed? Please let's back track. He never said be merciful because they are merciful to you. Can you read that in your Bible? It's not there in your Bible. He didn't say be merciful because men are merciful to you. He only said be merciful as your Father is merciful. Is just the nature of your Father. Can you see that? But when he's going to talk about men, who are natural men. He said well for them if you want them to give to you, you better give to them. That is it! Now so, people that asked this question about what about Luke 6:38? We've actually broken this down to you. It is about men, it is not about God. Is about men.

And you see, there is nothing wrong when you relate with men this way. That is how men think. That is how far men understand life. Men have to go through life based on their own efforts. They have to sow their own seed so they can get their own reaping.

So now we've established Luke 6: 38 it's not applicable to you to live by. It is for men around you to live by. And that is what we've established today.

So again we are simply saying God himself never operates by the law of sowing and reaping. He never does! He never does! If he did, then what Jesus said in the gospel about the Father feeding the ravens even though they don't sow or reap will not be true. But Jesus we know everything he said is true because the Bible says he is grace and truth all by himself. Now we've established that fact.

I just want to say now that we've clarified Luke Chapter 6 verse 38. So we just want to enjoin everybody not to be using that verse mischievously again anymore. If you do... because we see that, that Luke 6:38 is not in isolation. We see the fact that he was talking about men from 6:31, from 30 he was talking give to people, give back if they do this, and he was in continuation. If you show mercy, if you lend to people, don't expect to return back. He said if you lend to people don't expect to get back from them. He said if you give people that can give back to you, he said how are you different from sinners? So Christ is saying you don't operate the law of sowing and reaping even though people can operate that law on you. Don't operate it on people.

And you cannot use this to offering because it cuts across every aspect like justice, judgment, condemnation, how do you lend, so many things it cuts across. So you cannot just come to 38 and says that is about all money. You know that is the mischief there. Because it talks about everything even in judgment, in condemnation, how they operate. It cuts across all aspect of human life. And then to that giving. So shall men give unto your bosom. But you know some people will just read their own greed into that. They said that God will make men. You know even if God will want to bless you. He will still use men... Well!

They have taken that in isolation of

Well, you've mentioned something very important. Even if people think that God can only use men to bless you. Now listen! Jesus has established from Luke Chapter 6 from verse 31 all the way to verse 38. He's established am simply saying to you that you cannot operate that principle.

I repeat that is why he said, you don't give only to the people who can give back to you. Don't do it! If you know if you give to men, they will give back to you.

Jesus said if that's your motivation, you have just brought yourself down to the thinking of sinners. That is why he said...Because he said when you sow, like you said yesterday, when you sow you get back in returns, in folds, even when you plant a natural...

So if you give to somebody good you will get those measure back, pressed down, get it in percentages, in folds, in hundred folds, running over because is the law of sowing and reaping will bring abundance in that realm.

But if you remember yesterday we told you that there is a realm of sowing and reaping which you gets in percentages of what you give. But we saw the higher system yesterday when the parable of that good man when he gave the servants talents, and when he is giving him back to tell you, we hope we are able to sensitize you to see that beyond the level of sowing and reaping to see that they were given cities back.

That is even in a scale that is beyond the returns. Because what we can see in (Luke) 6:38 is the best of the men system of sowing and reaping is to give you the same thing in pressed down. Just the same thing, running over in percentages of the same thing. But to come to a higher level of riches in glory. It is only the Father that gives that. And that is what we are inviting you for, that you don't stay in the level. We don't want to say trading talents for cities. You know that is something very big. That is huge! And that is what we are saying.

Now viewers all over the world. Let me tell you the implication of teaching this as an offering verse in the body of Christ. I will tell you the reason. Every time people says give and it shall be given to you. You are telling people that God is just like natural men. He is on the other side. Unless you give him, he doesn't give back to you. Can you see that? Unless you give him, he doesn't give back. Unless you sow into him. Don't forget that Jesus said we should not even live that way. We should not sow into people because you want them to sow back to you. So you are simply saying that even we are more righteous than God. That is what you are simply saying. That is how ridiculous it is to bring God down to that level using such verses like this.

What we know is in James Chapter one, he said the God who is the Father of lights, that is what he call God. He said God, every good and perfect good, can you see that? Comes down from above from the Father of light in whom there is no shadow of turning nor variableness (James 1:17). What that verse means is, it means He will not change his mind. The Bible says the gifts and the callings of God are without repentance. It means that the reason why God chooses to bless you has got nothing to do what you are giving to God. Is got everything to do with the nature of the Father. And that is what we need to understand when it comes to giving.

And if you decided to stay on the sowing and reaping level. If you bring yourself down to that level. You just have the natural experience just like every other sinners, just like every investment you put into banks. Any thing just get it in the returns of

what you give...30%, 60, 100. That is all... but we are calling you to the supernatural life to live your true nature. And then we are calling you to the riches in glory. We are taking you beyond the levels of the returns and percentages. To come into some batches of glory. To get it beyond the realm, beyond the scale of what you sow, and that is what your life should be. There should be a difference between you and a sinner. That is why Jesus was saying what is the difference if you are doing this same thing and you are getting the percentage back? If you sow so that you can get back, he said you are just a pagan. You are just a sinner. Just like sinners. So what is the difference? What is the difference between you and your neighbor doing the same thing? They invest, they might not say. They invest into people. They might not invest in the church, they might probably invest into people. Into good causes, just like your charity causes, your kingdom causes. They might feel it is a charity cause too. And they do the same, and they get it back too. So what difference is it? It doesn't make any difference.

So that is why we call you to the higher operating system, to upgrade your life in the New Testament reality beyond the sowing and reaping. Beyond the sowing and reaping where the Father feeds beyond your own ability to sow and to reap. And according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Beyond your scale, that is it! That is it!

Now quickly we have established that fact today and for those who are asking that question. I believe you can see this verse, is not for you. Now this verse is for you to work with unbelievers. And that is not only about money now. Is general. Is about giving of judgment, justice and everything. That is the giving. So is not actually reduce to money.

Have you noticed that in the area of politics there are some people when something actually terrible. When somebody falls into some kind of error, in politics some other people will refuse to criticize the person, so that by the time they too have any such similar issues so that the person too wouldn't criticize them. Jesus is simply saying well this is how men think. That is the normal operating system of man. You need to live beyond that level. You can't live at that level.

And see, before we go on to other verses to clarify this living beyond sowing and reaping. What I want you to understand is, when it comes to the realm of grace. If you noticed in Matthew 10:8 we are not going to read that am just going to quote that.

In Matthew 10:8 Jesus told the disciples he said **freely you have received, and freely give**. Now look at the concept, can you see how Jesus twisted the verses? Can you

see? People talk about you give so that you can receive. Jesus said well, you have received, Can you see that? Your starting point matters a lot.

And that is why we are simply saying to you for the past few episodes. We are saying to people any teaching that tells you give this year so that you can receive from God, is actually undermining the finished work of Christ. It is destroying the whole essence of the death and the resurrection of Jesus. It is spoiling what you have received in Christ Jesus. If it tells you give so that you can received. What Jesus tells disciples is you have received so give.

And that is why we said that you should know the grace of our Lord Jesus. 2 Corinthians 8:9 Apostle Paul said you know, you see it was a verse on giving, but he said you know the grace of our Lord Jesus. If you don't know the grace of our Lord Jesus, you would not even know what you have. You would not know what you possess that you were made rich only because of the poverty of Jesus. Is got nothing to do with anything.

So he told them in Mathew 10:8 freely you have received. So every time you give wherever you are, whether you have given to a ministry. You must come with the understanding that I have received, all I need for life and godliness have been given to me through my knowledge of him who has called me unto glory and virtue. You come with that revelation.

So nobody can then manipulate you to tell you that when you give then you can receive from God. Then you can tell the person No! No!! You are getting it twisted please. I have received because Christ was my exchanged. Am blessed with all spiritual blessings in high places. I have all I need for life and am giving because I have received. Can you see? It is important that we come with that understanding.

And that is why he told them that. And you see every time you come with that understanding of grace, it is very hard for the devil to manipulate your thinking. And that is what you need to understand.

Thank you for bringing that verse that the starting point is freely you have received. The starting point is receiving. Yes! You just have to know and understand that you have received. So that is the starting point of every teaching on giving. Is like you must know that freely you have received. You know is still in consonance with what we've been discussing even from that episodes that does your pastor earn the right to raise an offering? They must make you know that you have received first, before they talk about giving. Not that they are taking you to give to get, to receive. You give to receive no! We can see the consistency of the Scriptures. We receive to give and the

receiving is only completely at the doorstep of what Christ gave to us at Redemption. And that is actually what happened.

And I think see what you talked about... we must really know that you have received first, so anybody that has not even established for you that you have received first, has no right to ask you to give. To know that is the freely you have received. Jesus was not talking to those disciples and say give so that you can received. He said you've received. Freely you have received. So you really need to come and sit down to know all those things you have freely received.

Have you noticed that when Peter got to the gate of beautify and saw the man who was lame? Peter said what I have I give unto you (Acts 3:6). Every time you are giving, whether money, whether time, whatever you are giving, be it kindness you need to talk tough. That is the reason why you have to listen to our last episode last Sunday when we said talk tough and cut the supply chain.

Peter said what I have you see? I am starting with knowing that I have received and then I give to you. So every time you give your offering, see people think, some people got it twisted, people think we are simply saying that because of this kind of teaching that people should not give anymore. Some people are asking the question are you saying we should not give?

We never said you should not give. We are only simply saying that when you are giving, you must understand that you are not giving to receive. You have received to give. And that is what we are simply saying. Every time you are giving so that you can receive, you'll slide all the way down to Malachi Chapter 3 verse 10. You will leave the New Covenant in Christ Jesus and you'll start frolicking with the Old Covenant. Every time you do that.

And when they are talking tough they said what we have we give. So you must come to a point, you know when people they make people when they want to collect offering from them. They even begin to see the poverty of themselves. That what you don't have so give so that you can move to the next level. That is the thing! They just rubbish the work of Christ. And make them feel destitute. They bring them to a point of being desolate and desperate because that they don't have anything, they don't have... and the way to help themselves out of that situation is to give.

But we see Peter that was saying what I have I give. So you really need to get and sit down to know what you have freely received. That is it! Because even Jesus had to talk to the disciples that freely what if they don't know, if they don't know that they have freely received some things. The way they will give will not be scriptural

because they will want to be giving so that I will get back. Just like the men's way of getting back. Sowing and reaping, let's give to them so that maybe they will be able to get back when we come back into that city.

But He said No! Freely you have received, so you must come to the point of knowing what... so why would Jesus say that to them? Why would Jesus tell them that please disciples before you go just know that you have received?

And Jesus was not telling them to work on give to them so that next time you can received. No! You have received already. That is what we are calling you to, to the New Testament way of living. The operating system to fully know what we have freely received this. (Where my God supply all your needs according to his own riches in glory). This thing we already have before we give. So our giving must come from that place of knowing that we have freely received all things that we need. We are not giving to get. But we are giving because we have freely received them all. Amen

Now I think there are some other verses that will actually clarify these things. Because I know some people are hitching and saying but we have some other verses in the New Testament that talks about sowing and reaping.

May I say this, you see when Jesus teaches in the gospel, because some people, people think oh yeah the New Testament started from the gospel. May I say this to you, the New Testament didn't start from the gospel. Because the Bible says in Hebrew Chapter 9 that the covenant or a will does not go into effect until the death of the testator. We have an episode on that, which is the "Death of The Testator." (The Testator is dead). You can read that.

Until Christ died, so nobody will... a testament is a will, and nobody's will goes into effect until the person has died. So the New Testament in the blood of Jesus went into full effect at the point of his death on resurrection. Having said that so atimes when you read the gospel you need to understand that Jesus was speaking to men who were under the law. So in fact you have to rightly divide the gospel if you will not get some things mixed up. Anyway that is not our focus today.

Now let's go to the New Covenant where this sowing and reaping concept is mentioned. And again we can established to see are we supposed to actually live by sowing and reaping concept. Now Jesus has told us in Luke 6 how we should live. Now let's go to 2Corinthians Chapter 9. Again is about seed sowing and reaping all over again. In 2Corinthians 9.

Now I'll read from verse 10.

2Corinthians 9 verse 10

Listen to this, now if you have been with us on this episode, you will notice that 2Corinthians Chapter 8, 2Corinthians Chapter 9 are both fully dedicated to the topic of giving. That is what those two Chapter are focus on giving. So if you want to understand giving from the New Testament perspective. Those two chapters of the Bible, I think you should actually dwell on and feed on.

See 2Corinthians 9

I read from verse 10.

10. Now 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;

He said now he, now see he, he is talking about He, that is the Lord.

Now he that ministered seed to the sower.

Now please if you are going to talk about sowing and reaping to people. The Bible is simply saying now there is someone who is he-the Lord, he is the one that ministered the seed to the sower. It means even if you will teach sowing and reaping, you are going to teach it honestly. It's simply saying if people are going to even sow. He said there is somebody that is already ministered the seed. So people who are sowing are sowing because they reap something.

I will say this again, it seems to me in the New Testament, is reaping then sowing. Can you see that? We say sowing and reaping. The New Testament has turned it upside. It's simply saying that somebody must ministered the seed to the sower and that is exact He. He is talking about the Lord. He said now He. Can you see that? If you read some other translation it says now the Lord that ministered the seed. So it means before you sow at all, you at least need to understand that you have been ministered to. Hello can you see that? You at least have to know you have been ministered to. Can you see that?

That is why we simply saying that every teaching that turns it the other way round is doing the Redemption of Christ no benefit. Can you see that? He said now he that ministered seed to the sower. It means before you ever gave, you have a ministration of the Lord into your life. You had a supplied already. You are not giving to have a supply. You were giving because you have the supply already. Can you see that?

He said now he that ministered seed to the sower. You've not even sow, you've not even sow. He said even before you ever come to think you want to sow in the first

place, there was a ministration in your life. So how can somebody tell you that give so that you can have a ministration? Can you see that? Can you see that is the scripture turned upside down? If anybody says hey it is the New Year 2017, do you want an uncommon ministration of God into your life give? That is not scriptural. That is not New Covenant.

The Bible says he that ministered seed to the sower. That is the Lord. You already had a ministration ever before you give. Because he is a good God. He will not ask you to do what he has not done in you. Again you had a ministration of God's favour. You have a ministration of God's supply. You have a ministration of God's provision. You have a ministration of God's benefit. You have a ministration of God's goodness. You have a ministration of the goodness of God in your life before you give. And that is what the Bible says he that ministered seed to the sower. This sower before he ever sow somebody gave him seed. And he said that person is he - the Lord that gives him the seed.

And I think that is why we said again that don't ever teach giving to the sower not until the sower knows that he's already loaded. The Bible says in Psalm 68, he said **blessed be God who daily loads us with benefits even the God of our salvation** (Ps 68:19). Where is giving there? There is no giving in that verse. Can you see that? Before you think of sowing, somebody ministered. So you were too late before you were trying to get his ministration, he already ministered to you the seed. Can you see that?

So it means any time somebody says give this year to break new ground. You can say sorry new grounds were broken already. I was ministered to already. Sorry I was already ministered to in Christ. See, this is the way we are supposed to live in the New Testament. This is the way the scriptures enjoin us to live. Say sorry don't tell me to give to break new grounds. New grounds were broken in me.

If Christ ministered to you, think about it, if Christ himself ministered to you. What does he think? You see forget laying on hands of somebody or pouring oil, if Christ himself is your ministration. He said he that ministered seed to the sower. See! The sower has not even sowed yet, but there has come a ministration upon his life.

We are simply telling you today, what are we saying on this knock out? That you are already ministered to, you are blessed. You were loaded before you ever gave, before somebody try to teach you to give to be blessed. You are already blessed with all spiritual blessings available in Christ Jesus.

Why would you allow somebody to make a sport out of you and tell you come out if I lay my hands on you, let me minister to you. Bring money, bring this so that I can minister this to you when you can find in 2Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 10 (he that ministered seed to the sower) so why would you? When you already, if you know already that you already being ministered.

Why is this He, who is the Lord? Why is he waiting for you to sow the seed so that he can ministered to you? Now this is what people teach. That do you want the hand of God upon your life this year. Do you want me to lay my hands on you? Sow a seed that will provoke God to minister. No! This 2Corinthians 9 New Covenant says he that ministered seed to the sower. Before you sow the seed, there was a ministration of the Lord. There was a ministration at Calvary. There was a ministration at the cross where Christ put to death every single curse affecting your life. You cannot give to break the curse. Christ became the curse to break the curse on your life. How can your giving break a curse in your family when Christ broke the curse because he became a curse?

Listen, the Bible simply says, somebody ministered to you before you even think of sowing the seed. That is what we are talking about. If you can get that from today's episode, you will walk free in the liberty that Christ purchase for you through his blood, Galatians Chapter 5

And that is what he's simply saying.

Now look at this.

2Corinthians 9

He said

Now 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;

Now good! So it means then before we carry on, it means you reaped first before you even sow. That is how good our Father is. That is why when he said you should be holy. He's already put his seed of holiness and righteousness in you. You already reaped, before you began to sow. Can you see that? That is the system we are calling you to. You already get the ministration before you sow the seed. Before you do your part. That is what we are talking about. You already reaped the dividend. That is the new covenant giving. Every teaching on giving that abuses this kind of scripture will spoil you of your benefit in Christ Jesus. And that is what you need to know today.

Now he says he that ministered. See! You already reaped the ministration before you sow the seed. And that is what he is talking about. Unless you know that you have to hold on to your seed whatever. Because there is no point you giving. That is why the Apostle Paul told the Corinthians brethren even though I told you we are making a collection for the saints, but am assuming you know the grace of our Lord Jesus. If you don't, hold on first, hold on, don't give out of necessity, don't give out of covetousness, don't give out of pressure. Don't! don't do it. Don't do it. Am not as concern as your money as to how you give it.

Now that is more important than what you give. The revelation behind it is to know that... is more important. That is what he said am more concern about how you know you are giving beyond what you are giving. That's why he says let every man purpose in his heart. Am not really as concern about the value or the amount it is, just purpose whatever you want to purpose. But am more concern how did you do it? How did you come about it? How did you know you should give? Did you know that there was a ministration in your life already? Do you know that you have been touched by the life of Christ in you? Do you know that there is a power that works in you is the same power that raised Christ from the dead? How can you then be under household wickedness? If the power that works in you is the same mighty working power that raised Christ from the death? The Bible says **death is the last enemy that will be destroyed**. If the power of death could not hold Christ bound in the grave, how can you be held down if the same power that works in you is what works in Christ to raise him from the death.

See unless you know you have a ministration in your life, unless you know that he already supplied, you have all the supply everything you need. Unless you know that you were ministered to before you even think of sowing any seed. You might be sliding all the way back to giving under the curse of Malachi 3:9 & 10. And that is what we are talking about.

See, again we are going back to this 2Corinthians 9:10

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower

Can you see that?

Both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;

Now he says he is just a kind of allegory. He said so he is as good, the same person that gives seed to the sower, is the same person that gives... in fact you know one

thing. There is something I need to talk about now because I know some Ministers, some people do talk about the fact that you know what don't eat your seed.

They say you know what if you eat your seed, you will suffer. So you have a seed in your hand, give it so that you get the bread to eat. And I think when people say that it means they have not actually look at this scripture in all its fullness.

As a risk of digressing, I might have to go to Isaiah Chapter 55 verse 10 and 11 that actually talks about this seed sowing and bread eating. Now this got nothing to eating your seeds and all these kind of things, they are all just human concept. The Bible never said anything like that.

Now hold on to 2Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 10. We are going to come back there.

I want to read Isaiah 55: 10&11

What does it says

“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:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

Now watch this he's going to use the same seed sowing and bread eating. Now the Bible says in Corinthians out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let every matter be established. Are you getting that? Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses. We are going to establish this from another witness in the scripture.

Isaiah 55:10&11

What does it says?

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:

Now he says give seed to the sower

Now watch this, he said he give seed to the sower. He didn't say he give seed to the sower so that the sower can sow the seed and can get bread to eat.

Now we are going to get more clarity now. Go on please

So shall my word be

This is a comparison now. He's actually making a comparison. He is not even actually as concerned as somebody doing agriculture. Because this is not about agriculture. He is only making a comparison to how the Word of God works.

Can you see that? Go On

He said

So shall my word be

Can you see?

In the same way. In the same analysis, in the same understanding.

So shall my word be

that goeth forth out of my mouth:

ok

it shall not return unto me void,

ok

but it shall accomplish that which I please,

ok

and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

So now we understand. Actually what he's simply saying is, he said the same way when I release my word, when I give my Word, it will prosper where I sent it. My Word will achieve the reason why it was released. It won't come back empty.

So the word is saying in Isaiah that what I mean that by saying that the word will provide seed to what? If you are a sower, if you are a farmer, you see your target is to have seed to sow. And if you are somebody that eats, your target is to have bread to consume. He said the whole point is to say what? You know what, whatever is the thing that you want to actually accomplish for destiny. The Word can become that thing to you. It will accomplish the purpose. It's got nothing to say about the fact that you sow the seed that so you can have bread to eat. This is about comparison.

Now listen, he's simply saying here that whatever you want to give in 2Corinthians 9:10. Whatever you want to give, whatever you want to give time, money whatever, you need to give it understanding that you were ministered to. So if your purpose, if

your focus is to sow a seed, you need to know that you're sowing that seed from the abundance of what God has given you. If you are... is making a comparison. If it is about eating as well, to eat you need bread to eat. You have to understand that God is still the one that supply you before you ever thinking of eating the bread.

So this is not about sowing seeding and eating bread kind of thing. It's got nothing to do with that. Is a matter of comparison. It doesn't matter whatever state you are. That is why the Bible says Christ is made unto us. Can you see that? Christ is made unto us the wisdom and the power of God. He's simply saying it doesn't matter your status quo, it doesn't matter whether you are high up in the society, whether you are down there. You are a farmer sowing seed, or you are a consumer eating bread, it doesn't matter whatever you are. The Word of God is made unto you, the relevance for your life and destiny.

And it also shows that in that verse at every level of need He supplies. That is what he is saying. Because if you are at the bread eating at that pyramid of needs and hierarchy you are. If you are a sower, if you are the one consuming at every level of needs on that food chain. He graciously supply. If it is at the bread level you want to eat, you're already been provided for. If you are the one sowing seed into nations, into every capacity, the Word of God meet the needs. He has been graciously supplied for every capacity that you are. For every food chain or which level you are, for every of the needs. Yours might be different from the other one. That is what he was saying that he's differs. Yes, your capacity and what your challenges were at that time, it differs and then it covers all. That is what he's simply saying. That he has graciously supply all. Everyone! That is it!

And he is simply saying that you can never be intimidated by any need in your life because you were starting to address the need from the understanding that you have received. You have all things you need for life and godliness. You have freely received. You have all things you need for life and godliness. You are not at a disadvantage. That is what he's simply saying. And then you are not in a destitute and desolate position to give to come out. So you can tell people, you can tell your situation, you can tell your circumstance, you can tell your environment that what I have received I have given to you. Like Peter said that which I have, I give unto you. You come with that notion, you come with that revelation that you have received. Therefore you are capacitized to give at any point in time. That is what he is simply saying.

So what we've established is, even if you are going to talk about seed and sowing at all. Again there is nothing in 2Corinthians Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 that simply

encourages sowing and reaping. In fact if you are going to think about it. He actually encourages reaping and sowing, if you are going even to look at it at all. That is what he is encouraging. That if you know that you have received. If you know that you have a ministration upon your life. Then sow the seed. If you know that.

Just like a New Testament twist. Reap before sowing. You reap and then you sow. Not the other way round. Because the scripture tells you if you live by sowing and reaping you are just as good as a sinner. That is what Jesus says in Luke Chapter 6. And how difficult is that to reap before sowing? And that is what the scripture says.

Now you see quickly so that we can expantiate more on this.

Let's go to Acts Chapter 20 and see the apostolic understanding of Apostle Paul as it concerns this Acts Chapter 20 verse 29. Because the Apostle Paul also actually brought this thing into context in the book of Acts. And you see this really apply to those that minister at the Altar.

And you see... don't forget one thing that the Apostle Paul has been one of the most greatly misunderstood person in the scripture. You know what Peter said about Apostle Paul. He said unstable men they take Paul's... they twisted out of context. Now you know why Paul's writing are so dangerous. In fact I think very soon, if I am a publisher of the Bible like all this Zondervan publisher that publishes the Bible. I probably can write on all the Pauline epistles, I can say enter at your own risk. Really! Because you can put a sign... because you know what? You can wrest or take out of context Paul's writing. Now Peter didn't say in 2Peter when he talked about Apostle Paul he says his writings are very hard, he said unstable men take his writings out of context to their own detriment. That is the problem, to their own detriment.

Now see what Paul says in Acts 20. See his writing

Acts 20:29 what does it says

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

For I know this,

Ok

that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Paul said that I know there will be wolves coming now.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Ok now we are actually in doubt about what these men will do. These wolves in sheep clothing. And these perverse men and all that. We are in doubt what they will do. But now he is going to actually give us clarity of what these men will do.

Look at verse 31

Therefore watch and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Again watch that word grace again in verse 32. He said I commend you unto God and to the Word of his grace.

Now watch this! He's commended the Ephesians brethren to the grace of God. And don't forget we've established what the grace of God is in 2Corinthians 8:9 that even though Christ was rich yet for our sake he became poor. So if you are going to live by the same grace, you have to know that the poverty of Christ made you rich. And if you know you are rich also, you know you are going to give because you are rich.

Now again look at verse 32. Go on please verse 33

33. "I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

That is interesting. Ok

Now he says well I have not actually coveted anybody's gold or silver or apparel.

Go on please,

34. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

Ok now this man said, you know what, I have ministered to the necessities of them that were with me.

Now my question is why is Paul the person giving not just to his own needs and to people around him? Now he will tell us his mentality now. He will tell us why he did it.

Now look at it. You can go on please.

35. I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Again let's break this down. He's simply saying Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. And that is why he is giving to his own needs and the needs of those around him.

Now let's look at one thing. Most people who quotes this scripture on the pulpit, you see when people says yeah, today is the day of blessing. Let's start to receive offering, the Bible says is more blessed to give than to receive. When people quotes such scripture, have you notice when Paul quoted this, Paul was the one doing the giving.

Now people... Now this... Some ministers quote this verse to people, so that they can receive from people. Now Paul was the one that did the giving when he made reference. If you are going at least made reference to this scripture, you should at least be the one doing the giving.

If you are not the one giving, please don't use this kind of scripture because Paul was the one doing the giving, even not just to himself but even to those around him when he made this statement in the book of Acts 20 verse 35.

Now let' say this the reason why he said it is more blessed to give than to receive is, you see people can of misunderstand this. Like I said, people take Paul's Words out of context, to their own detriment. They use that verse when they want to receive.

See what people say, people said well what this verse said when you give, you are more blessed. Listen now, when you give you are more blessed than when you receive. That is not what he said. But that is what we think he said.

Again like I said, Peter said that Paul's writing are hard and people can take it out of context to their own detriment. He never said it is blessed, you get blessed when you give, He said it is more blessed. Now listen it means it is a demonstration of the fact that you are blessed when you give. Now how did I know that? Because you are going to read this thing in context. The Bible says out of the mouth of two or three you have to establish every matter. You cannot take one verse of the Bible and make a doctrine out of it. Because 2Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 10 that we read simply told us that he that ministered what? Seed to the sower, so there was a ministration before the sowing of the seed.

Again Paul is saying here, that you see when you give you are demonstrating the fact that you are more blessed. You are blessed. It means your giving actually reflect your revelation that you know that you were loaded already. You see you cannot take one verse out of context. So this verse rather than saying give to be blessed. It's simply saying it is more blessed, is a more demonstration of blessing you show that you are blessed when you give than...

Now let's look at this. Have you noticed one thing? He didn't say that when you received you are not blessed. And I think we need to break this down so you can understand. The fact is, is actually talking about how would people notice? How can people find out? For example, if somebody receives, they could as well be blessed. But he's simply saying it is more obvious, you can ... you wouldn't be in doubt about it that when somebody gives that they know they are giving because they are blessed.

But even having said that, people that uses this verse as a means to encourage people to actually give. Are they simply saying that people are not blessed than them? I don't understand your point. Because the fact is, the Apostle Paul used this verse when he was even the one doing the giving. Can you see that? And that is what we need to understand there from what he simply said.

And then we have to look at the verse to go back if we have time I want you to sit back and look at these verses. Especially this Acts Chapter 20, you know it establish the credentials and he is right. He established... he had seen and he contrasted himself with some others folks by saying I've shown you, I have shown that by proof to you how my hands have labored for ... some people have said that hands are all the labouring- all the spiritual laboring. We know is talking about the physical necessity here. So his hands have provided for his own food. Even for himself and people around him. He has supplied this need. And he is doing that from the position of knowing that he is blessed.

You know from that position. He knows he's blessed. Am going to provide for your needs. And he is making that reference that he knows he's more blessed. You are in a blessed position where you give than when you are receiving.

But you know when people now quotes this verse, all these mischief makers when they quote this verse. They are quoting it to receive from you. They don't even have the credentials you know. For you to quote this verse, you really must be the one giving. Yes you have the credentials and what is the credentials? You see that you don't covet. Is not done out of covetousness or somebody's silver, or somebody's money. They are not even coveting the members' money, their gold or apparel. And then you have shown to them that you have provided for your own necessity not only

for yourself. You have worked with your hand and people with you. And that you have the background knowledge that you are in a blessed position. And because you are in that blessed position, you are blessed with all spiritual blessings. Everything you need for life have been graciously supplied. Then you give because you are already blessed. That is it!

And so if you don't fulfill all those criteria. You have no business in that verse at all. You are not like Paul. You are raising offering out of covetousness. You have not worked and provide for your own necessity and people around you. And you don't even understand that you are giving from the blessed position not that you are giving to be blessed. There is no point. You shouldn't come around this verse at all.

And you see there is something that comes to heart, and that is verse 31 of Acts Chapter 20. He said **watch and remember**. And I think this is where the whole thing boils down to. That we cannot completely blame those Ministers who do such thing. In fact there are some Ministers that by the time they take the cars or take somebody's land. Even if you go back the next day, they will say no way! They will simply say if you have given and you want to take it back, you want to be curse or something, they try to intimidate men.

Now listen Acts 20 verse 31 says **therefore watch and remember**. That is why I think I will encourage our viewers all over the world to go and look for one of our title that we titled "Talk Tough Cut off the supply chain." You need to listen to that particular teaching. It will liberate your soul. It will deliver you from all the traditions that actually go around this kind of things.

The reason why you need to is because he's simply saying here in verse **31 therefore watch and remember**. It means in most cases when people get merchandized is because people are not watching by the Word. And when you watch by the Word. You watch by the Word and prayer. People are not watching. People are not loaded with the word. People are shallow. The Word of Christ is not dwelling in us richly. And that is why we are just easy victims of merchandizing.

So if we do not remember that you have everything graciously supplied. If you don't remember that you are already blessed, obviously somebody will tell you to give so that you can be blessed. Even people can tell you look at this house, look at us, look at what is happening, things are happening in this place. You can sow into that anointing. You see people say all those things. Which anointing is greater than the anointing that was upon Christ? The book of John Chapter 3 said about Christ he had the spirit without measure.

Hello!!! Every man that you see today (is with a measure) has a measure of the anointing of God. Because everybody carries the part of Christ. That is why we are all members of the body of Christ. Nobody has the fullness of the measure of Christ. We are all part of the body of Christ. But the Bible says concerning Christ Jesus in John 3, The Bible says he had the spirit without measure. So tell me, which kind of house do you want to sow into to get more anointing? Sow into this house, you can sow into this anointing to connect to the anointing.

See you've already connected to the anointing without measure. And that is Christ Jesus. The Bible says he is the head. And from all him all joints and marrow everything fitly joined together, is graciously supplied. Colossians 2, Colossian 3 go and read it. You are already connected to the head which is Christ. The one that had the anointing without measure. So what are you talking about sowing into the house to connect to the anointing in the house? And they are telling you, you are not blessed.

You see have you notice that before people told you to sow into the house, they have to make you understand you are in a deplorable state already. That is the point! They have to deprive you of your benefit of Christ before they can sell to you what they are talking about. They want to take you out of the Christ. They have to dislodge you out of Christ before they sell to you that solution that they are talking about. And that is why you must take your stand. The Bible says in book of 1Peter 5 he **said resist ye him, standing firm in the faith (1Peter 5:9)**. You have to take your stand and that is...

See everything we are talking about on this particular episode today is to let you know that you need to take your stand. You need to be watchful, and remember that you are blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ. That there is a ministration upon your life 2Corinthians 9:10 before you think of sowing a seed.

Go and read it. The verses are there in the Bible he said he that minister seed to the sower. You are already ministered to already. So tell anyone before I sow my seed I was already ministered to. I have a ministration of Christ upon your life.

And if you are thinking we are supporting not giving you can even see that Paul was giving. No! We are not going against giving. We, by the grace of God, God is helping us to give. So how can you be a child of God and you will not be like your Father. No! You've got to give. We see but you give in that revelation. You give in that knowledge.

And now we are bringing this to a conclusion because we cannot go over and over on this again. To know that the responsibility is on us. You have to do the watching. And

that is why Knock Out series was, you see to it. That nobody (no man) spoils you of your inheritance in Christ. You have to stay at alert and watch your goods and guide this benefit of Christ that they want to steal away from you. You have to watch it. So the responsibility is on you. We cannot even blame the other side, is just on you and see that you want to cut yourself off the target market of the ravenous wolves. You know those people...even Paul was saying in his days, that they were coming.

It is not amazing that he actually connected the ravenous wolves. He actually connected it to the issue of coveting gold and connected to giving and receiving. Can you see? He connected everything.

So what is happening now in the body of Christ is not new. Even in the time of Paul there were ravenous wolves. And then he was telling you, for you to know what those ravenous wolves were after, you know he said gold, your apparel, your house, all those things, your sliver, equivalent of money. Those are the things they are after. And they want to take you out of it. So your own is watch and remember.

So you must sit down and watch and remember putting all the things he has said in remembrance that he has graciously supplied, to know that you have freely received so you give.

That your status at the moment is only completely dependent on your union with Christ. We repeat, only! Not with something. Only! Only!! Is your life. In fact the Bible says when Christ who is our life. Can you say that? You know what life means? It means there is nothing else. Christ who is our life shall appear then shall we appear with him in glory. He is our life.

And that 2 Corinthians was telling us that you are already been ministered to, so why are you looking for any anointing oil from Jerusalem? Why are you looking for the laying hands and handkerchief from some people when you've been ministered to already? Christ he that ministered... He said he that ministered seeds to the sower. That is what he said.

So we are going to leave you to chew on this and we are trusting the Lord that you will be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding so that you will remove yourself from the target market of these ravenous wolves. To remove from those people that want to spoil you and make a sport. You know a sport out of you.

And so we are trusting the Lord that you are going to join us next weekend Saturday 7pm UK time and Sunday 9am as we continue on this Knock Out Series.

So we want to say we release you into that fullness of God.

So stay blessed.

Amen.

God bless you.

Bye!!!