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God's Get Rich Scheme

Good morning world this is Expose 247. We want to say a very good morning to all the families of God most especially to the redeemed, the one that has been blood washed, one that has been redeemed. The people that are not trying to be holy, but the people that have been made holy and they are perfecting holiness out of the fear of the Lord. So we call you to the perfection of your holiness, because we know you have been, for those who have been made holy and made righteous. And if you are not, this is an opportunity to join this family of God.

So you may want to draw closer today as we go further in our exposition. If you've been following us, you know what we are all about, we just want to get the Word out, we want to make the Word a common place, so this is the Word you can take to the market places, this is the Word you can apply any situation. It's not relegated to a history or a museum.

So we have the scriptures, it's relevant for all phases, for all season, in all... wherever you find yourselves, wherever you find man, so we have the scriptures for every situation, and that is what we are bringing in this exposure, showing you from the pages of the scriptures, what is written about Christ. All these things that are written about him even using the Old Testament and the New Testament. We've been on this long journey of Exposition, we've done Prodigal father series, the Knock Out Season on Thanksgiving, on worship and we are on prayer and the long haul on prayer.

So today, we will still continue on that model prayer, the Lord's prayer in Matthew Chapter 6 from Luke version of it. And you know we've been on the Kingdom come. Since last weekend we've been talking about the clash of the Titans, we talked about praying according to the kingdom order.

Yesterday, we were on the addendum or agenda. So you will be able to know what is addendum for you and what is agenda for you. Are you not interpolating and misplacing then? You need to know which one is agendum. You don't want to make what is the agendum, the agenda. And you don't want to make what is the agenda, the agendum.

I hope that yesterday exposition was able to clarify that. And in case you missed that, you know where to go, our page Expose 247 page to listen to all these transmissions.

You might need to listen and listen to it again about it. There are some things that might not be obvious to you in your first listening, and you may just need to go back again and again. You must have the Word again and again.

So we want to continue and yesterday we stopped at the... it was the subject of what is faith, what can we crave for in faith. I think that is where we stopped.

Yes that is where we stopped yesterday. Thank you viewers again. Thank you for actually tuning again unto this Knock Out Series on prayer.

Like she had said, let us make clear to you where we are at the moment. We are looking at the Lord's prayer as a model or a manner of prayer because Jesus said to them, after this manner you pray. Then currently, we are on the phrase, your kingdom come. And that is where we are.

We began to look at that kingdom understanding that Jesus actually requested the disciples to have in the place of prayer. And that is taking us through so many different topics and aspect of that your kingdom come. By God's grace we hope to round that up today as the Lord helps us.

Now, in our last transmission yesterday we did stop at, you know looking at Mathew 6:33 and we also look at some other verses as well. But the crux of the matter yesterday is to let you know that what makes a distinction, between a Christian, somebody with the kingdom understanding and somebody who is not, is not the fact that you have things to eat or things to put on or where to put your head as a shelter.

Now, let's us clarify that, because if you notice in Matthew 6 verse 32, 33 Jesus said the gentiles seek after these things. What that means is, you can learn or you can go for training or you can learn how to maximize your income, you can learn how to profit, in fact there are schools that are dedicated or online training, offline training that are dedicated for gentiles or people who are not even born again to learn how to increase their returns, to maximize profit.

So that is why Jesus said the gentiles seek after this things. So of course, He is not asking you as a believer not to seek after these things. Of course in the natural, you've got to learn how to make money, how to make sure that you are not dependent on the system of this world. You have to learn how to maximize your own profit. You are supposed to learn all these things.

So it couldn't be then Jesus was saying that unless you actually seek the kingdom, you will not be given these things by God. That doesn't make sense because there are so

many people out there, who know nothing about God and they are getting these things.

So if anybody tells you that unless you carry the bag of your pastor, unless you go into ministry, God will not give you these things. It is very bad bargain for being born again. It doesn't make any sense.

I will just say who cares, why cannot just forget about God and his kingdom and I can seek those things by myself? So God is not saying that you should seek the kingdom so that God can give you these things that unbelievers can get. That is not the point. What God is saying in summary is, I will cause a distinction between you and those who are gentiles, who are not born again?

What is the distinction? Is that for them those things define who they are, but for you, I will make sure they don't define you. They will be addition unto you, not your agenda. Can you see? That is what the unbelievers can never get. They can never get that. Because for you Christ become your life. That is why He says seek ye first the kingdom and his righteousness, and we concluded yesterday the kingdom of God is nothing else but Christ Jesus. The Bible says if anybody is in Christ, he is a new creature. And Colossians 1:13 says we are translated into the kingdom of God.

So it means if you are in Christ, you are in the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of God. He says for you as a believer, what happened is, all these things that define unbelievers cannot define you. And that is what I will make sure happen to you when you seek the kingdom. So that is what makes a distinction between you and the unbeliever.

And it's a thing of shame in our generation today, especially for those who are in the body of Christ, who are born again, those who are in the church, that we then turn the church of God into a means to teach people how to seek these things. It doesn't make any sense.

For example see what the Apostle Paul said concerning Ephesians 4:28, you know the man that was caught stealing, Paul said let him that stole let him steal no more but let him work with his hands that which is good, so that he can have to give to those who are in need. You know Paul didn't say let him come for Holy Ghost baptism so that we can break through his life with anointing to prosper. Is that what Paul said? Paul said let him get down to the field, and do work. Let him go and do work. Let him labour with his hands.

Unfortunately people today... we see so much common practices in the church, where somebody says, if you can follow me and you can catch the anointing upon my life,

then I will make sure that there will be so much breakthrough in your life financially. Are we doubting the fact that God blesses financially? No! We are not because the Apostle Paul pray for the Philippians, he said my God shall supply your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Of course, the God we serve supplies our needs. Of course the God we serve is the God that supernaturally blesses and we believe God for that, even in our own personal lives. **But what we are simply saying, we cannot simply reduce the efficacy of the gospel to simply a means to achieve the very things that the gentile are seeking after and achieving.** And they have their own methods and what is the point of salvation?

Don't forget the fact that when Jesus said they seek after these things, Jesus never said they never achieve it. They seek after these things, and may we add, they are getting these things. So if your born again experience is predominantly to make you get these things as well. Your born again experience is a bad bargain. Can you see?

So what then is the whole point of seeking the kingdom? Am glad you asked. The whole point of seeking the kingdom is to ultimately make sure that what defines them is an addition unto you. It doesn't define who you are. Because Christ is your life. You can say, I am what I am by the grace of God. They cannot say that. Can you see? Both of you have these things, but they cannot say what you say. Even though you both have these things. They have a house, you have a house. They have children, you have children. Can you see? They can actually say they have health. And blessed be God you have health. Whatever circumstance they go through doesn't seem to be unique to them, you might be going through similar circumstance. What is the difference? The difference is Christ is saying, it will not define you though is defining them. That is a good bargain. Can you see? You can say I am what I am by the grace of God.

Before we go on today as we begin to look further into this kingdom consciousness as we are talking about, we are going to Luke 12. But let me round off this aspect with this. When the Apostle Paul began to teach the Corinthians church about giving and receiving. If you notice that, we've done an expose on this thing in the past, and you might want to look at that Expose, we titled the expose **"Has your Pastor earn the right to raise an offering."**

In that Exposé, we came to a conclusion, the Apostle Paul said to the believer "for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus that He was rich for you sake, He became poor so that you through his poverty might be rich." And Apostle Paul said that to them as believer, he wasn't looking at their bank account, he wasn't looking at how much money they have. He was just saying you can come to a consciousness of being rich

just because Christ imputed to you everything that Christ is, and Christ will ever be. He gave the believer. He said if you can grab that, that is your richness. And from that everything else flows into your life. Can you see? Unbelievers cannot say that.

So that is what Matthew 6:33 saying. We said yesterday Matthew 6:3 must not be misinterpreted to mean that unless you serve God, you will not have food to eat. That doesn't make sense. If you serve God, He will make those things be an addition to you and not your agenda.

Quickly follow us to Luke Chapter 12. So we made that distinction.

Luke Chapter 12, we began to look at another insight that the scriptures gives us, in this your kingdom come prayer, that Jesus began to lead the disciples into. You can start from verse 16.

Luke 12 from verse 16, still looking at the kingdom dimension of things. The kingdom understanding a believer should have in the place of prayer.

Luke 12 from verse 16 what does it says there?

Luke 12

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully.

Viewers you are wondering what are we doing in Luke 12:16? The reason why we are here is, if you check your Bible, Matthew 6 from verse 25 all the way down to verse 33, 34. Actually this Luke Chapter 12 is Luke's own version of the same Matthew Chapter 6.

If you read from Luke Chapter 12 all the way from verse 16, all the way down, in fact before you continue from verse 16, you might want to read, can you have a look at verse 22.

I want to give you the reason why we have come to Luke 12.

22. And he said unto his disciples therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life

Can you see that? If you've been with us on our last two episodes, "clash of the titans" and the issue of "praying according to kingdom order" even up to yesterday, you will notice that we've been looking at taking no thought and all these things in the light of kingdom praying. You will see then that, this is Luke's own version of the same point of Matthew Chapter 6.

So it means before we come to verse 22 of Luke Chapter 12, what we are reading now from verse 16 is supposed to be the same discuss about this kingdom thing, we've been looking at in Matthew Chapter 6. That will give you the backdrop of the reason why we are in this Luke Chapter 12. It is the same thing of Matthew 6, it will give us a deeper insight or another insight into the same teaching on kingdom that Christ was doing in Matthew Chapter 6.

So I am giving you the backdrop.

Now, let's continue from verse 16 of Luke Chapter 12. So you know why we are here now.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully.

17. And he thought within himself saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

Can you see? The man's ground brought forth plentifully. And I think for you and I as well, that is what we want for our life.

If you are somebody you work in a job, or you are employ by a company or you have your own business, you are self-employed, you are an entrepreneur, this is your goal. You want to make sure you are productive, you want to make sure your ground doesn't just bring forth, it bring forth plentifully. There are so many business schools there, business seminars going on out there, people want to be productive. Even if you have children, you want them to be productive, you don't want to give birth for sorrow. You want your children to be mighty in the land.

It doesn't matter whether is money, whether is children, whether is relationship or connection, whatever it is in our lives, we all desire productivity. This man had enough sense to be productive. Whatever he put his hands on in this place, the Bible says it was productive. So this is good. This is really good.

Now, let's go on please,

17. And he thought within himself saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

Now watch that word. He thought within himself. This is thinking now. Don't forget Jesus said take no thought. This is what he is going to think about in himself.

What did he think about?

saying

It means he was talking to himself.

What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

What will I do with this? Can you see?

Now, go on

because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

Go on,

18. And he said, this will I do. I will pull down my barns, and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

That is really good as well. It means I will increase my capacity to be able to retain. And that is good.

You see again, we are talking this is just normal natural principles. Again I said, that is why like I said before, this is something that we should understand. This is what we should actually engage in. You know common sense productivity principles to say unless you increase your capacity you will limit your productivity. I repeat that. That is what we see there. This man is trying to increase his productivity by increasing his capacity to prevent wastage. And that is good. That is really good.

So let's go on please,

19. And I will say to my soul

Now, can you see? This is where the issue comes in then. We thoughts what we think is all these things that this man has, this productivity, this increase in capacity. You would have thought they were just about his goods and about the fact that his land has brought plentifully.

Now, we begin to see something quite strange taking place from verse 19. He said I will say to my soul. What does your soul has to do with this? This man is saying I will speak to the core of my being. Can you see what we are talking about? This is what Matthew 6:33... seeking the kingdom, kingdom understanding in the place of prayer.

He is saying my productivity and my plentifulness that is coming forth will begin to inform my soul. It's not going to stop at the level of being productivity. It will not stop at being plentiful. It will not stop at the fact that am bringing forth more resources.

If you noticed what Paul said in Ephesians 4:28 about that man, he said let him that stole steal no man, let him labour with his hands, that he might bring forth and he

might have enough to give. Have you noticed that Paul didn't say let him lay upon his hand, let him bring forth, so that he can know that he is a man of substance. Can you see?

This is a man who is trying to... what this man is experiencing at the moment is not unique to this man. This is how natural men are.

Again we are trying to tell you the reason why kingdom consciousness makes a separation and those who are not saved. Here is a man that says my ground bringing forth will not just stop at my ground bringing forth. It will inform my soul. It will speak to my soul. It will talk to my person. So this things around me are talking to his person now. They are informing his person.

Go on please,

19. And I will say to my soul, soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry.

Yeah, my soul you are fine. My soul you are settle. My soul now you are secure. Now that is the point.

Now, if you think about it, there are some things that are the rights that God has in your life. God has some unique rights in your life that nothing else should give to you. One of those things is security. Can you see? See what this Hebrews Chapter 13, he said I will never leave you nor forsake you, so that you may be bold to say the Lord is my helper.

But you see, the fact is even though you can say that about God, do you know there are things around your life that are equally speaking the same thing to you. And I say that well, if you look at well, why can't you say you have a helper as well? For some it is love, as good as love is, as good as emotions or family or relationship love is, for some people it inform their sense of security. For some of them, for some people if somebody loves them and love them deeply they can yes, my soul you can be secure in the fact that you are loved by Mrs A or Mr B. They are so confident that life is worth living because the love is not just love, the love is speaking to their soul. And that is what we see there. Security!

And that is why the Bible says, this is why people get a bit confuse about talking about money, because people think the scriptures is against money. No! In fact, let's say this clearly, unless you take charge financially, there are some things that God might want to do through you to bless others that might be limited. That is why Paul

said about the man that stole, let him steal no man, let him labour with his hands, that which is good so that he can be able to give to them that are in need.

It means unless that man learns how to be productive, some people that are in need will not be blessed, because he is not learning to be productive. Men are suffering out there, you've got to learn to be productive. Be like this man up to this extent. Be like this man that says, Bible say his ground brought plentifully. He makes preparation, you have to do that.

And I think in the body of Christ, when there are people who have not come to this understanding in the natural realm, it is fine when the church instruct him and say this is what you should do, like Paul said tell that man to go and work, can you see that? That is good. But the issues we have with this man is, for this man being productive is not the issue, this man is going to import and tell productivity to stand in the place of what God is supposed to be supplying to him. That is where the issues is. He is going to inform those things to provide security.

That is why the Bible says you cannot serve God and mammon. The reason why the Bible said is you cannot look to mammon to provide to your soul, mark the word, **what only God is there to provide.** This is a matter of soul, this got nothing to do with your productivity in the natural. It is about the soul. What is informing your soul? Think about it. A sense of achievement. A sense of fulfilment. A sense of security. This man will use his plentifulness that comes from the ground to inform those things. And that is where the issue is.

And that is why he says my soul, thou hast much goods laid up from so many years, take your ease, eat, drink and merry.

You can put that in a modern day concept. Be secured. Know that your life is sorted. Know that your life is secure. You cannot say that. You cannot allow anything to inform that part of your life.

Now what is the next thing he says?

20. But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?

See what the Lord addressed. See when there was response from God based on this thing that Jesus is saying. Have you noticed, He never said anything about the fact that oh! Because your ground brought forth plentifully, am going to deal with you. Because you have allowed yourself to be so productive, I will deal with you. What He spoke about was his soul. Now, that is the point. It was his soul.

And this is the fight we have to fight every single days of our life. The fight in which you come to point where we are productive in this world, where we have learn the principles of how to break forth plentifully on every sides and yet those things are unable to inform our souls. This is where kingdom revelation does.

So if you have received Christ Jesus into your life, Christ is your life. You must be able to say that with all boldness. You must be able to speak like 2Corinthians 8:9 that I know the grace of my Lord Jesus that even though He was rich, yet for my sake, He became poor so that I through his poverty, I am made rich.

You have to be able to speak that with all boldness and with all strength in your spirit man. And you look at everything else and say, you can cannot speak to my soul. You cannot talk to my soul. God talks to my soul. God has the space of God in my life. So that is what we see about this man. When the Lord would respond, He only addressed his soul. He said see! your soul, you are a foul for thinking that way. And that is what we see there.

Can you go on please?

I just want to clock back some of your statement because we have found out that, this issues has been a controversial hot bed for discussion in the body of Christ. You were right to say that Apostle Paul use the scriptures and we find in the scriptures, example where he tell people to go and work. And people begin to see, all these business principles because going to work, motivating, challenging people to work the one that are lazy, and in the pulpit and all this charge, all these business charge and things that people can learn outside the church building. So the place of it and then the dragging...

We found out am just thinking, is just a shame that when people read this parable, most of our modern day preachers they just stop at verse 16&17 and verse 18 where he says am going to build. So they pull down barns. So they tell us alone to just increase our capacity for productivity, so they have all these nuggets, they have all seminar topics and power points, highlighting that and that is where it ends. And that is what people go to learn. That is where it ends for them.

They lifted it from the scriptures, they can quote it about pulling down, about building up, about extending your capacity, and that is where it ends. So even the rich people among them, they see them as a model. Because they are already there. So they brought those people to talk to them about it, about increasing the capacity, they could see them walking in that kind. So he comes and that is the only thing, he has achieved everything. The model for business principles, a model for the people of God too

because they felt he is qualify to talk about that. That is where it ends. It never go beyond where Jesus was addressing the soul and that is where it ends for the church, and that is such a shame. Because you can learn that well, you can even learn it well in business school. You can read those ones in Harvard business reviews and all the business schools and seminars and some books that you are going to get quality materials from the water down version that you hear on the pulpit.

But you know that it is beyond this. So the church is beyond just telling us to extend our capacity and increase productivity. So we need to take the discussion further, it is when we take the discussion further, when we go beyond verse 20, that even the rich can know that, there is a message here for me. Because some of them, they are left off the hook, because we have made them the pedestal, we made them the model, we made them for people to aspire to.

So they don't see beyond, we do not take them beyond to verse 20, 21 and say soul, this affect your soul. Who speaks to you soul? Who speaks security to your soul? So they thought they are off the hook and we, we are using them as model. So our message does not blessed them because they have achieved this things without recourse to all these your biblical principle. No recourse to this.

Some even used worldly principle to become how they are today in the business world. And we are putting them on the platform to address and inviting them to speak to brethren, and speak to the Christians, how to extend capacity and they don't even know there is a message for them beyond that. There is a message beyond that and we are just looking at them in terms of... it does not end with them. It doesn't end with just building... Not that we don't want people to be productive.

And it is right that you said that even Apostle Paul that he is against covetousness, against all these things was still saying you must go out to work. You shouldn't be lazy. You cannot hid yourself. Because some people will feel, they don't want to do much for themselves. So really this does not speak to them, and they are just against everybody talking about productivity. No! You cannot just go and hide yourself and you must extend.

And you cannot be selfish and say am speaking for myself, as long as am covering for my family. No! You need to work for others. That is the point. You cannot say as long as I get myself, I don't really want to aspire. It is selfishness for you not to think about being a blessing to others. Can you see? Even if you want to live a minimalistic life, well, it means you are being selfish. What about those people who need help around you? Those are dying, those that need aid to be send to them. You are here on this earth to be a blessing to others. If you believe in Abrahamic covenant. God said to

Abraham, I will bless you and make you a blessing. The covenant of Abraham which we are connected to in Christ Jesus, is not the one that get you blessed. Is the one that also makes you a blessing to others. So you should think about blessing others and that is why you need to have money in your hands.

So we can rightly say it is selfish for you to only be minimalistic without extending help to others and not be a channel of blessing. And thank God that Apostle Paul brought the admonition that you are not going to work for yourself, just to stop stealing, you have a bigger and a greater dimension of assignment. So you might be able to help others. And that is what we are able to see the concept of work, we need to redefine our concept of work as kingdom people, that we are not just working for ourselves.

So some people have not even learn to work for themselves. They are still stealing. They don't even know that it goes beyond stealing, they go beyond begging. You are not going to be looking for help from people because the assignment of what Apostle Paul led the man to do. What is on your life is not for you to steal. Is not about you are praying to overcome the spirit of stealing. What is on your life, is not just overcoming laziness and be just engaging in work just like that, I have something to keep body soul and spirit together. Is not that to overcome that am not begging. Some people have not even gone beyond that. That are not able to work to be engaged productively. They are not able to go beyond begging. You are not! you are to help. And that is the higher calling on us. And that is how we should relate to work that we are not just for ourselves and for others.

So all the productivity, it is for us and it is beyond that. But this productivity must not be speaking to our soul and becoming and speaking that it is our defense. Because in proverbs we know money is a defense, but is it the one speaking to you that, am the one defending you, am your life, am your sustenance, am your security, am your joy, am your satisfaction, am your fulfillment. God says that is the place of Christ in our heart. That is where Christ reside, that is what Christ supply to us, nothing us must supply that.

Are they not superimposed over all these things when you see the results of their productivity? And if you see some scriptures that encourage productivity, are they no superimposed over Hebrews 13 that was saying that the lord is your helper? So no matter what your ground is bringing forth, the Lord is still your helper. No matter what is in your bank account, the Lord is still your helper. No matter how the social capital you have, people that are connected to you, how your names can open doors, the Lord is still your helper. No matter what kind of marriage you have, whether you

are married, you are single, or which family you married into, the Lord is still your helper. That is what makes a distinction between a believer and an unbeliever in terms of kingdom understanding. Can you see that? Even if you have the same results. That is what unbeliever can never have. They can never have a situation where things don't define them. They can't! They don't have what it takes. And that is what the church should focus on, on what cause a divide between them that believe and not.

In Malachi God said I will make distinction between them that believed and don't believed. That's the word.

I think again, based on what we are talking about today, we need to come, the church of Christ needs to actually hype up to this kingdom revelation. You know there was a point when Moses went to the palace of Pharaoh, and he was going to demonstrate the power of God as God has sent him before Pharaoh so that the people can go. You see when Moses threw down the rod and it became a snake, you see the servants of Pharaoh they also did the same. Jammes and Jambes they withstood Moses to his face.

And that is what the system of this world at the moment is withstanding the church to his face. That is why if you notice in the western world, they are trying to tell Christianity that you are irrelevant, because most of the things that people claim to do in the name of Christ Jesus, this is what they are trying to achieve by the means of men in this world. And they are trying to push Christianity to obscurity, to say, well Christianity you are irrelevant.

And I think it's because the way the church is presenting the gospel of Christ, that is why they are thinking Christianity is irrelevant. Because we are simply trying to tell the world, that the very same thing we are hoping that Christ will achieve for us, the world system has found a means of achieving the same things.

But Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 the distinction between you who are a believer with a kingdom understanding and them who are not, for them, the very same things they engage in this world will define them, but for you, it will be your own addition. That is the dividing line. And that is what we see in this place, in this Luke 12:21 again. The same thing again about this man is the same thing.

This man said my ground breaking forth is no just breaking forth, is informing who I am. If you go to some parts in mediaeval world, in Africa, Asia, a good example will be marriage and relationship. In that part of the world, marriage relationship defines... people think well, I am somebody that the society can reckon with because am married, am whom am married to, the kind of family I married to, my kind of marriage, at least am not an irresponsible person. The kind of ceremony and people

define... And then marriage ceremony or wedding ceremony is not just wedding ceremony. A wedding ceremony should be wedding ceremony. Like your ground breaking forth should be your ground breaking forth. But when your ground breaking forth is speaking to your soul. Like in this man, it was speaking to his soul. Can you see that? That is the problem.

And if you go again to the western nation, for them, for the fact that they are individual, for the fact that they are independent. In fact for some of them not getting married is what they even take pride in. That is the opposite. They can say, I can stand alone, I don't depend on any man or any woman. To them it feeds them. The problem seems to me, is not about the circumstance, is about the fact that the circumstances are feeding the soul. They are speaking to the soul.

And Jesus said, if you seek the kingdom, if you seek Christ. If you seek Christ, you will come to point where those things are just things. They are addition unto you and not your agenda for life. And that is what we see here about this man in Luke 12.

I want to say there is a deeper problem here because the reason why I think we are not hearing this kind of message is, some people extending the frontiers of this message to where Jesus brought it down to, and be able to speak like Paul too, is because who are the people that will say it? These are people that are not even working themselves. It was easier for Paul to say it because he labour with his own hands and he was able by example to feed himself and feed people that are with him.

We have instance of that in the scriptures. He said I labor with my hands to feed those who are with me. So he was in the right of place to talk to that man. So who are the people that are going to do it, people can't see them working? They can only eat from the proceeds of the offerings they get, and that is what they put in investment. Are they the people that will have the right, the right of statement to talk about that? That people should go and work, and for people to labor with their hands, they should steal no more, when people are living a beggarly life in such a way, fleecing people and they are not even having examples of working with their life.

And you can see this kind of message doesn't come into the mainstream. Who are they one that will say that? Who are the one that can work with, the schedule of Paul like that, and still have how he can labor with his hands, and labor in the Word.

So because you can't use that as an excuse and say because of what am I doing, I cannot be productive and show productivity even in spiritual matters, so writing all the books and the missionary journey and the kind of things. So we are looking for men like that. It will take the men like that to say things like this for people to believe

that it is possible. Because you can't be saying this when you are living the opposite and people are even looking at your life, the way you are fleecing or living a beggarly life and you have not shown by example. He says we have shown to you by example.

So it goes beyond what you are saying. There is a showing that goes with it. So you cannot just be saying this about this passage, there is a showing forth for this. We have shown. You need to go to the point of showing now that these things we are saying is true and we have to live it.

Thank you for that insight.

If you look at Luke Chapter 12, if you look at verse 19.

He says

and I will say to my soul, soul you have much good.

Soul you have much good. Can you see?

Well, the soul is the one possessing those things now. Can you see that? It has entered the soul.

you have much goods laid up for many years...

The security.

Take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.

Look at verse 20.

but God said unto him, this is where we are going to.

This food, this night, your soul shall be require of you, then whose shall those thing be which you have provided?

Now look at verse 21

So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.

It sounds to me that God has a get rich system. God has a get rich system and this is where we are going to zero in on.

And then it seems that the get rich system of God seems to work contrary to this world's get rich quick scheme.

It will seem from verse 21,

he says

he that lays up treasure for himself.

Now, please don't misinterpret verse 21 and take it out of context as a verse on his own.

This has nothing to do with someone who's got millions or billions in his account. This has nothing to do with somebody who has nothing in his account. He only has everything to do with the person whose soul is listening to what his circumstances are saying. That is the only point that God has an issue with.

If you look at verse 19,

he says

and I will say to my soul.

And look at verse 20,

God said to him, you fool, tonight your soul.

It will sound to me that the focus there is about the soul. That is what he can see there. And he says do you want to get rich towards God? He says do you want to get into Gods rich quick scheme? Do you want to get into that scheme? And God says this is how you do it. How you can do that is, Christ become so much of your definition, the kingdom becomes so much of your definition, that nothing else around can inform your soul any more, except who and what Christ calls you.

I just want to say this transmission should interest anyone that is thinking of, that is interested in getting rich, who have joined any pyramid, multi-level marketing and all those things. In a way of aspiring to increase your productivity, you need to pay attention to what we are saying.

And it is good for you to make a distinction that from this parable, he was not against plentifulness. Because some people will say, they even have scriptures that oh! plentifulness let me just run away from it. You can see that plentifulness they don't want to be involved about it, the word plentifulness they are just running, running for cover. Oh! the fact is that, the problem of this man was just because his ground brought plentifulness.

So there are people that preaching against plentifulness, against your land bringing forth. There are people that are going to discourage you because of their insecurity. There are some people you cannot even afford to be around them, because the way they interpret the scripture, they can't, all they see they just run. Because your land

brought plentifully. And you cannot afford to say that, that you cannot make a statement because the land bringing forth plentifully was making statement.

So if you go into productivity, everything about you will be making statement. The recession making statement, but the statement that those things are making, are they speaking to your soul? Because if you bring forth plentifully, your productivity will gather some press about it. So things are going to make statement.

So it's not about things making statement, is not about you do things in a corner that doesn't make any statement. Even Apostle Paul was saying that all these were not done in corner, so is not about the one making statement, is about is that statement, is it speaking to your soul. People can gather this around, the press can get this, the coverage. But what is speaking to your soul. Is that statement getting to your soul? feeding your soul and that is what is it.

So we really know about this. I think this transmission God's scheme of getting rich.

Now if you noticed, it would mean that God is not interested in the poverty of mind, or poverty of lifestyle. That is why the Bible says let the Lord be magnify who delights in the prosperity of his servants. Bible says that and if you go, even if you think that is the book of psalms. You can go to 3John 2 which is the New Covenant scriptures, he says **"beloved I wish above all things, he says this is more important to God than everything else, that you prosper."**

Now, that word prosperity, I don't know which kind of school of thought you are coming from, for some people who think... some says prosperity is completely spiritual, some says is a natural prosperity. Is spiritual incline, is not talking about anything about your natural state.

Well, you might have to rethink about that. Because 3John 2 says "beloved I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers." It will mean, I have never seen a situation where the Bible talks about the fact that... he said I pray that you prosper as your soul prosper. We know that the Bible says may your spirit, soul and body be kept blameless.

As a believer it's your spiritual state that inform your soul. And your soul inform your body. That is why the Bible talks about this, that your spirit, soul and body. It's inside out. If you listen to one of our previous transmissions, the inside-out job. The kingdom of God does not come by observation. It is not outside in. You first received the kingdom in your spirit, and then if you renew your mind, it will find expression.

So if the Bible is talking about the fact that, 3John 2 that you may prosper even as your soul prosper, it means he said if your soul prosper and praying that will affect your prosperity. You have to then by common sense think is not talking about your soul informing your spirit. That doesn't make any sense. Your soul doesn't inform your spirit. Your spirit informs your soul.

Another evidence to that is what you see in Romans Chapter 12, when he says **“do not be confirmed to this world, but ye transform by the renewing your mind.”**

Now, you cannot renew your spirit man, that is the job of Christ Jesus. The Bible says we are once dead in sins and trespasses as God quickens, that is our spirit man. The Bible says whoever is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Christ dwells in your heart by faith. Christ dwells in your spirit.

So he is not going to say that you should renew your spirit, you only renew your mind to think in line with what is in your spirit. So in that same way, we have to understand 3John2. When he says am praying that you will prosper even as your soul. If your soul prosper, is not asking your spirit to prosper because your soul prosper. That is contradictory to the scriptures. By simple thinking, the prosperity he is talking about cannot then be in your spirit anymore. Because your spirit must have prosper first before your soul.

So we then know whatever prosperity 3John 2 was praying for, is something that comes after your soul has prospered. And the only way that can be has to be external expression in your life, in your health. It has to be. So there is no dubious about interpreting scriptures because you want to make it say what it didn't say.

So we have to admit that the Bible says 3john2 say you will prosper even as your soul prosper. Have you noticed he is asking that your soul that has prospered will then affect you, not the other way round that says am praying that your circumstances change, so that your soul can prosper.

That's what this man was trying to do in Luke Chapter 12. Here was a man that was trying to reverse the order of God. He says because my ground brought forth plentifully, let it inform my soul God is saying no! you as a believer, your soul get prosper and inform your circumstance. So here we see, God says there is way to get rich in God. There is way to get rich and is not the way the world talks about it. In Christ Jesus, he is simply saying there is a way to get rich, and if you don't lay up treasure for yourself.

Now, what does it mean not to lay up treasure for yourself? Is He not talking about the ground breaking forth plentifully? Your ground must break forth plentifully. I used

the word **must**, I didn't say **may**. The reason why I use the word must is because Ephesians 4:28 says, if you ever have any plan to be a blessing to those who are in need, you don't have an option in this world, this world system doesn't understand stories. This world system has a language and the language he understand is that you have resources in this world. Can you see that?

Let's say this also that you might found it very hard to abound unto every good work in this world unless you abound. Because the Bible says, the God of all grace talks about the grace of God in your life and God is able to make all grace abound towards you, so that you having sufficiency in all things, so that you can abound to every good work. There are some things you will not be able to even for God, if you don't have sufficiency in all things.

So your ground breaking forth is not even an option, if you want to be blessing to others, is not even an option. You've to learn the principles. In fact some of you are listening to this, have to read books, you have to learn things, some business management principles, how did I say that, because Paul told that guy to go and work in Ephesians 4:28. Go and learn some basic stuff my friend, Go and do it.

But he say even as you are doing that, whatever progress you make out there, understand there is a difference between you and them that believe not, There is a mega difference. And what is the difference? For them it will inform their soul, But for you, your soul inform your circumstances. It's the other way round. And he say this is how to get rich towards God.

It doesn't mean you are not rich, you know before we continue, we are not going to read this today, I will just talk about it quickly.

If you take your time out to read verse 22 all the way down to up to verse 32. You will noticed the discussion went on to talk about not taking thought of what to eat, what to drink what to put on, This become the point of agreement with Matthew Chapter 6. That is why I said, we have to take this whole thing in context.

We can't be talking about the kingdom understanding, or kind revelation without talking about the fact that you've got to be rich towards God, How do you get rich towards God? To get rich towards God is simply to say nothing around me, nothing in this earth can actually inform my identity.

And you see! it's a sad things to say in our generation, even in the body of Christ, in the place of worship, we imported this ideology that makes us not to be rich towards God. The ideology that says, if you ask somebody why do you think that person is successful, even in this age of social media, why do you think you are successful?

They say well, we've got twenty something thousand people on our page, that is why we are successful. Can you see? Page likes are page likes, Page comments are page comments. But when those things jump off beyond their jurisdiction and begin to inform how successful we are, for some people is about their current ratings. In social status, they look at their ratings, and if the ratings drop down, they think they are dropping down. Can you see? This is what the world system try to achieve.

And we saw yesterday in your transmission, about Noah, the Bible says concerning Noah, he condemned the world, because he became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. The one you received. The one that defines you based on what you received from the Father. And there is a cry, if you see somebody who is not born again today and if you are born again and you are carnal, see! Sorry to say that, am going to try to put those either those who are unbelievers and those who are carnal Christians, in most cases, we can put you in the same box and this is reason. If you are a carnal Christians, it means that even though you are spiritual...

There shouldn't be a word like carnal Christians, is either you are a Christian so why is the word carnal Christ?

Thank you for saying that.

1Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians brethren he said I will not speak to you as spiritual but as unto carnal, can you see that? And he say if you do these things that you do, in 1Corinthians 3 the Apostle Paul said are you not lie mere men. Can you see that?

When he says mere men, Paul is saying I can see that externally you are talking thinking and behaving like unbeliever. Paul is saying even though you have Christ in you, even though you have been translated into the kingdom of our God. But when I look at your external character, your external mentality, the way you deal with life. I can hardly see any difference between you and those you are not saved.

So the difference between a Christian who is carnal and unbelievers is just Christ in the life of the carnal Christian. But in terms of external circumstance, in terms of mentality, in the way they think, a carnal Christian and unbeliever are virtually almost the same thing.

What we are talking about this morning is supposed to take you out of that carnality of thinking. So what are we talking about? Christ is simply saying in Luke Chapter 12 as you go down, He began to talk about kingdom consciousness. So we can see the connection between this and being rich towards God.

So we are saying even though you have Christ in you, even though all the riches of the glory of Christ is in your spirit man, we are talking today about getting your mind renewed so that you can be rich towards God. To be rich towards God means that you are fully define by who Christ is. You are fully define by what Christ has accomplished for you on your behalf.

There is a cry today... everybody wants affirmation. Everybody needs to be affirmed. In fact, I changed that word from saying wanting, I changed to the word need. You need an affirmation. You need to be affirmed or affirm by somebody who is greater or bigger than you are. Today people look for mentors, somebody that will tell them you are doing something great. Everybody needs it. Even Christ Jesus when He was in the flesh, He had to have it. Because in Matthew Chapter 3, the Bible says God said this is my beloved son. He needed the approval, not that he wanted it, everybody needs approval.

We need to be approved. And the reason we need to be affirmed and approved is because, we don't want that sense of emptiness around. We don't want to feel that we are empty, that life is useless. We want to know that our life counts in the ground scheme of things. But this is the danger. You cannot turn like this man did. He turned to his ground breaking forth to tell him that. You cannot do that. This is what makes you different from an unbeliever.

You have the voice of the Father saying to you, you are accepted in the beloved. You don't need to seek any approval to make you feel important. He said you are accepted in the beloved. That is what He says, you are my beloved son in whom am well pleased. Whatever God the Father spoke to Jesus in the flesh is the same thing he is speaking to you as a believer. He is saying that your life counts. He said your life counts in the face of God. You are the apple of God's eye. He says all that Christ is has been given to you by faith, when you inherited the faith that comes from Christ Jesus. You are who you are by the grace of God. He says all these consciousness should disconnect you from all these things that try to feed our sense of identity. And he says you have to be rich towards God and that is what we see there.

I will like to bring the 3John 2 closely to this parable in Luke Chapter 2 to tell you that we cannot say we want to stop at our soul being prosper, because some people are saying am born again that is where it ends for me. Till will get there by and by.

So 3John was saying no! you need to bring this, it's a charge. You need to bring everything, must prosper even as your prosper. So is a charge for people that already want to stop at the soul prosperity. No! you don't stop at that. You just have to bring every other thing, everything must prosper as your soul prosper. So it's a charge.

And again, he is telling us that there is an order in place, that you cannot say, you want to make every other thing prosper and bring your soul to that prosperity. You want to work from outside to inside. You know the kingdom order is not like that. You know some people are saying they are using.... that the good things that is happening around them, the plentifulness around their ground. And feel like now, am more closer to God, am getting closer to salvation, salvation is coming closer to me and so using that point.

And so some people are even encouraging them, they want them to get the goods, they want them to be famous musician, they want to be famous and be good with all their words. And yes we can come in now. So they are working from the outside inside. So get this one, you can come inside and make your soul prosperous while you have make every other thing, your body and everything around you prosperous. No! you must bring those things to the same prosperity as your soul prosper.

So you are going to walk from your soul out. So that is from the model. Let your external mirrors what is in your soul. So your soul is the model, the platform. So soul prosperity, is the essential thing, is the main thing, is where you are working from. That is the platform. So as your soul prosper, so you bring the external to prosper as your soul is. So the starting point is still from the soul.

And then we cannot take pride alone and say ok, have gotten my soul prosper and the external doesn't not matter. You have to bring the external. Your body must bring in to that same prosperity. And that is the charge.

And again, this parable, we have to see from this parable that this certain rich man, he was just define by his wealth. He doesn't even have a name. As you go about our going through breakthrough, this man has the breaking ground experience and everything, as we go for our breakthrough conferences, ground breaking, exposition conference, prayer and conferences, we just have to know that we don't want to do it foolishly, because this man went about his own foolish. Because the admonition was about, oh fools.

So as you are going about, going for conference, prayers, exposition, seminars and all the likes, from ground breaking, for productivity, for affirmation, you don't go about it in a foolish way like this man saying oh fool. So if you go with it and, making that one to inform you, in your pursuit of this.

We are not against the pursuit, if you have listen to this exposition and if you are just joining, you might want to start from the beginning to understand that we are not against the plentifulness, but is about it informing your soul. So the way you are

pursing of this, let it not inform your soul. So don't do it foolishly, so that you will not be called oh fool. And I think that is the crux of the parable.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, I will quickly go to Philippians Chapter 3 as we look as some other insight. Somebody might be asking a question, why are we talking about this things? Because you are wondering, I thought that if am born again and if am in Christ Jesus or if am saved, Christ has become my salvation, it means automatically am rich towards God. Are we still paying extra works of righteousness or is there something extra to be done, Christ is all in all?

Yes, am glad you say so. We believed completely in the grace of God. We don't believe that by any works of anybody hands, that you can satisfy the demands of God. We believed only Christ satisfy God's requirement. And if you are in Christ, God is fully pleased with you. We completely believed that. But we are talking not as it were today not just about the fact that you are rich in Christ or Christ is rich in you. We are simply saying are you rich in your own consciousness toward God? That is a whole different thing. It's about how do you esteemed what you have?

See what Paul said. And if a man understand the gospel of God's grace is the Apostle Paul.

Now, see what he says I'll read from Philippians 3 from verse 5.

Philippians 3

5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee

This is Paul pedigree, this is what he has as assets. His CV.

5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee

6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church, touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless

7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

All these things were gained. What that means is, these are the things that actually gave me a standing in the society. These were my gain. And I think we all have gain, isn't it? People are trying to consolidate your gains, they are things that will make anybody not talk to you anyhow. They are things that even if you have those things that is the reason why people want to flock to where you are, people want to associate

with you. Can you see that? These are gains unto you. These are things that are your assets in this life, in this world.

Paul said but those things that were gain.... now watch this, I counted. This is what we are talking today about God's get rich schemes. God has a rich scheme.

Now, Paul said what I try to do is, I didn't just say am in Christ, Christ is in me and that is the gospel of God's grace. Paul said well, I have to intentionally every day tell myself, that is not my life! That is not my life! That is not my life! It is a conscious counting system. This will not go away by itself. It will not solve itself. This is not something that solves itself. People think yes! If you are in Christ and Christ is in you, this is a grace of God, everything is settle. Yes it is settled. It's one thing that is settled, it is a whole different thing, how are you counting? Are you reckoning it? Paul said am counting it that these things are not gain to me anymore.

And then why did he do that? See what he said

Verse 8

8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

Paul said I suffered the loss of all things like somebody in a crash or somebody who actually went through a particular terrible thing. He says I suffered the loss of all things. But I do count them but dung, that I may be rich towards God, if that is the way.... he used the word that I may be win Christ.

See! Paul said because I want to really get rich towards God. I want to take on God's rich scheme. I want to be so full of my identity as define by what Christ calls me, so much that I had to look at all those things that were gains unto me.

Now, your kind of gain might not be Paul's kind of gain. Everybody has their own gain. For some people it's the academic excellence and academic progress in this world. For some people, see! you can carry your pen and paper and list the things that you think is the reason why people want to reckon with you.

Paul said I have to consciously look at those things, and tell them they are dung. You see the word dung there in the original Greek stands for human feces. He says that is how stinking. Paul said they become so stinking to me.

If somebody talks about it I say that is not me, that doesn't define me.

Now, what are we talking about today? Paul, said I didn't do that because I want to sound spiritual or I want to feel special among other people. That is not why I do that. He said the reason why I did that, is I want to win Christ. I want to gain Christ. I want Christ to be my richness. I want Christ to be my sufficiency. I want Christ to be my all in all, so that nothing else can intimidate me. Nothing else can push me to a corner.

And this is the reason why today, have you noticed that there are people out there who are not born again, who are not Christians and they think they can intimidate the church. The reason why they think they can intimidate the church, is because most people who are in the church today, don't have this understanding of Paul. That is the reason when Peter was offered the money by Simon the sorcerer, Peter said perish with your money.

These people, you couldn't intimidate them with anything. You know why? They have come to a point of saying they have gained Christ. All these things they don't inform our souls anymore, they are just things for us. Money is just money for us. Academics degrees are academic degrees. Church membership are church membership. Whether I have ten thousand members in your church, a million members in your church or one person in your church. Members are members. Can you see? But you see all these things are there and they are trying to drive home a point into our soul, but we have to take our ground and be rich towards God.

It means being rich towards God involve conscious counting. That's what we are talking about today. Conscious counting so that we can enter into God's get rich scheme.

Yes we are going to round off this conversation with this Philippians Chapter 3. We can see that the likes of Paul, we can learn a lot from this passage because we saw Paul that he went about those gains, because it was the gain that he counted as loss. Some people don't even have the gains at all. So we saw Paul that he went about getting citizenship whether is about investment, he is right to get two or three passports. He said as touching the law, he was learned, a lawyer, so he went about career progression and he had gains in it. So you can look into those things... in fact he said blameless, moral standing he had a track records, he had no blemish. His record, he has a clean record to tell you.

And then he was talking about the zeal, that he is a top leader, he is a game changer. Wherever he is, you cannot just push him. He is just not a number there, what he is doing he knows it very well. So those are gains. So he is encouraging us to have those gains too. So is not bad to have those gains. But the things is, in verse 7 and 8 were the game changer in that passage. He was saying all these things were gain, I counted

it loss. Society will not count it loss for you, society will count it as gains, you will be awarded for those, you might get award for all those things, get recognition for those. That is how the society counted it. He already knew it was gain, Paul personally counted it as loss. It's how you count it and this counting is going to be done by you.

So you are not waiting for the society to count it for loss for you. You are the one that will have to count it personally. You have to reckon it, those things that were gains. They were gains. You are not decrying that they were gains. You go about the gains and count it as loss, so that you may be rich towards God, so that you can have every day consciousness that you were so loaded with the identity that Christ gives.

So you cannot just sit back and say you don't want to go about the gains, because some don't have the gains and there is no thing they were even counting. You can follow Paul examples here, go and get the gains. What they can the gains. Be blameless, please have record to be blameless, be a thought leader, be the game leader, in your profession make sure you know what you are doing, you have the work, you establish it, he was a lawyer, he learnt from the best, he leant under Gamaliel. So go and learn from the best, and then you do the personally reckoning, the accounting and count it as loss.

And that was what the certain rich main in that parable Luke 12, he did not count it as loss for him. He did not do the personal counting. So everybody counted it as gain, the ground brought plentifully, the press, everybody saw it as gain. But you need to do the personal counting, so that you might be rich and that is the way to win Christ, get rich in God's get rich scheme.

And so I hope that message, this transmission has blessed you. So we will welcome your comments, your question, anything that needs clarification, you know our email address is there. And you can go to our Expose 247 page to listen to this and share this, so you really want a whole community to be blessed of this and people around you are listen and walking in the same way and seeing things the same way you are seeing things. So you will be blessed all together.

So share this with your contacts. And you can listen to more of our transmission on the page and during the week, we will be bringing some of these our past messages, so you avail of yourself of the opportunity. And you have our email address, should you want to say anything or send anything to us.

So till we see you for the next transmission which is 7pm anytime next weekend or whichever time during the week, we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him

God bless you

Bye!