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Topic: Having Abundance Mentality 11 (Abundance towards God 2)

Scriptures: John 20:19, Eph 4: Heb. 5:1, 6:20, 7:1-3, 15 - 17, 20 - 21, 8:1 (Read chapters 5, 6 & 7), Acts 4:32, 2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 7, 9,

Today, we will be concluding ongoing series on "Abundance Mentality" by looking at the subject - Abundance towards God, should Christians Tithe or not?

The whole New Testament gospel is a transitional book from law to grace. When Jesus told his disciples to receive grace, He meant they were officially commissioned to go out in power. He gave them authority and power for the continuation of the ministry. Jesus Christ pleads for us in heaven because He has presented his blood as atonement for our shortcomings.

The first church gave and thus were an encouragement to the apostles. The spirit of the New Testament church is one that gives. They solved their problems within themselves because they shared whatever they had. The same spirit is living within us. The New Testament church understood that tithing was necessary for growth to occur. "The more in trouble you are, the more you sow yourself out of it"

It's a matter of sowing and reaping. How much do you want to reap? sow! God loves a cheerful giver. If your pastor is using the money of the church properly, then it is the responsibility of the church to pay tithes.

As tenants on earth, we are supposed to also treat the possessions God has given us the privilege to have as temporary. You are no longer under the law, but under grace.

As God's children, we are supposed to give as children do, whole heartedly.

Following the New Testament standard, we have gone beyond regular tithes. Give bountifully. Give from your income, gifts, bonuses etc. When you want to give your tithe, take it before God and pray. We must all give. For every money that enters your hands, there is seed and there is bread. Your giving is a sign of trust in God's provision. After you have given, watch your words. Don't discuss the men of God. Be careful what you say. Everything that has life grows. Be faithful in your giving to God. Be a blessing to the people around you. Break loose from poverty by giving.

And this brings us to the end of the abundance mentality series.