# LOF 1 - ITS ALL ABOUT THE HEART

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#### INTRODUCTION

- GOOD EVENING LEADERS!
- IM EXCITED ABOUT TONIGHT.
- TONIGHT WILL BE THE FIRST NIGHT THAT WE WILL LEARN ABOUT WHAT HIS WORD SAYS ABOUT FINANCES.

## • HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT GOD WANTS US TO LIVE BLESSED.

- HE NEVER WANT US TO LIVE IN LACK, HE WANTS US TO LIVE OUR LIFE BLESSED.
- HE DIDN'T DIE FOR US ON THE CROSS SO WE LIVE IN LACK (LACK OF JOY, HEALTH, FINANCES).
- HE DIE SO WE MAY HAVE LIFE AND LIFE ABUNDANTLY IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES.
- HE WANTS US TO LIVE BLESSED!
- BUT SO MANY OF US ARE LACKING IN FINANCE BECAUSE <u>WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE WORD IS SAYING</u>
  <u>ABOUT FINANCE</u>
  - WE ARE LACKING IN OUR **HEALTH** BECAUSE WE DONT UNDERSTAND THE AUTHORITY THAT GOD WANTS US TO HAVE IN THE AREA OF HEALTH.
  - WE ARE LACKING IN OUR **FINANCES/BUSINESS** BECAUSE WE DONT UNDERSTAND THE AUTHORITY THAT GOD WANTS US TO HAVE IN THE AREA OF FINANCE/BUSINESS.
  - WE ARE LACKING IN OUR **JOY (LIVING DEPRESSED)** BECAUSE WE DONT UNDERSTAND THE AUTHORITY THAT GOD WANTS US TO HAVE IN THIS AREA.

#### • HOW MANY OF YOU THANK GOD FOR DISCIPLESHIP?

- EVERY WEEK WE SIT HERE, WE BRING EVERY AREAS OF OUR LIVES UNDER THE LIGHT OF THE WORD.
- THE LIGHT OF HIS WORD WILL SHINE SO BRIGHT, SO No. LIES FROM THE DEVIL WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO STAND.

#### • STORY OF PS ED -

- I REMEMBER THE STORY OF ONE OF OUR PASTOR HERE IN THE CHURCH.
- HE USED TO LIVE IN AUSTRALIA WITH No. VISA.
- AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE JEALOUS OF HIM CONTINUOUSLY TAUNTING HIM TO STOP DOING THE WORK OF GOD THROUGH HIS LIFE.
- BUT ONE DAY HE APPLIED HIS VISA AND HIS VISA WAS GRANTED!
- RIGHT AT THAT MOMENT, HE GOT THE POWER TO FACE HIS HATERS WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
- TAKE YOUR TAUNT AND WALK AWAY (TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS).
- BECAUSE HE No. LONGER HAS AUTHORITY OVER HIS LIFE.

# • THE ENEMY WILL KEEP CONTINUOUSLY TAUNT US AND WE WILL CONTINUOUSLY LIVE DEFEATED WHEN WE DON'T KNOW OUR PLACE.

- "OH MAYBE GOD WANTS YOU TO FEEL THIS WAY, TO FEEL DEPRESSED."
- "MAYBE ITS GOD'S WAY TO PUNISH ME."
- "MAYBE IT'S GOD'S WILL FOR ME TO BE BONDAGE BY THIS SICKNESS."
- HOW MANY KNOW THAT TODAY IS THE DAY WHERE WE SAY TO THE DEVIL, DEVIL TAKE YOUR EMPTY TAUNT AND WALK AWAY....YEAH...KEEP WALKING.

### • THE MOMENT WE UNDERSTAND THE PROMISE OF GOD IN THAT SPEICIFIC AREA, FREEDOM WALKED IN IN THAT AREA.

- THAT'S WHY THE WORD SAY MY PEOPLE PERISH FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
- HOW MANY OF YOU WANTS TO HAVE EVERYTHING THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE?
- ITS SAME THING WITH OUR FINANCES.
  - THE LEVEL OF YOUR REVELATION, WILL DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF YOUR PROVISION.
  - **REVELATION OF THE WORD WILL ONLY BIRTH <u>CONVICTION</u>.**
  - **REVELATION OF THE WORD WILL ONLY BIRTH VICTORY.**
  - LET TONIGHT MARKS THE END OF LACK.
  - LET TONIGHT MARKS THE END OF POVERTY IN YOUR LIFE.
  - LET TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR BLESSED LIFE!

#### THIS WEEK!

WE WILL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY TO OUR BLESSED LIFE WITH TOPIC NUMBER 1.

#### GENEROSITY IS A HEART ISSUE.

- I WANT TO TITLE "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HEART".
- PEOPLE OFTEN THINK THAT GIVING & GENEROSITY IS A MONEY ISSUE.
- BUT TONIGHT I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT GIVING AND GENEROSITY IS A HEART ISSUE, NOT MONEY ISSUE.
- MATTHEW 6:21
  "FOR WHERE YOU TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO"
- YOU PUT YOUR MONEY IN STOCKS,
  - I GUARANTE IT....IN NO TIME, YOU WILL START GOING TO THE INTERNET AND CHECK HOW THAT STOCKS IS GOING.
  - YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT IT BEFORE.
  - YOU CARE ABOUT IT NOW, BECAUSE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE.
- YOUR HEART IS CONNECTED TO YOUR WALLET.
  - STORY \$15,000 OUT OF OUR SAVINGS,
  - CHECK WITH JESSICA.
  - WHEN I HEARD IT, I WEPT LIKE A BABY.
  - WHY BECAUSE IT HURTS.
- WHY? BECAUSE THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR MONEY AND YOUR HEART.

#### • THAT'S WHY GOD IS EXCITED ABOUT GIVING & GENEROSITY.

- BECAUSE....GOD IS NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR MONEY, HE IS AFTER YOUR HEART
  - IF HE CAN MOVE YOUR WALLET, HE CAN MOVE EVERYTHING ELSE.
  - IF HE CAN GET ACCESS TO YOUR WALLET, HE GOT ACCESS TO EVERYTHING ELSE.
  - $\circ$  ~ IF YOUR HEART HAS A GATE, IT WILL BE CALLED "MONEY".
  - HE CAN BEGIN TO BLESS YOU....HEAL YOU.....HE CAN WORK...HE WILL BEGIN TO MOVE!!!!!
  - HOW MANY OF YOU WANTS GOD TO MOVE IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE?

# HOW CAN WE DEVELOP A GENEROUS HEART.

- HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT GENEROSITY HAS TO BE LEARNT AND BUILT?
- **"A SAVED HEART IS GIVEN, A GENEROUS HEART IS BUILT"**

DEUTERONOMY 15:7 IF THERE IS AMONG YOU A POOR MAN OF YOUR BRETHREN, WITHIN ANY OF THE GATES IN YOUR LAND WHICH THE LORD **YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU...** YOU SHALL NOT HARDEN <u>YOUR HEART</u> NOR SHUT YOUR HAND FROM YOUR POOR BROTHER, BUT YOU SHALL OPEN YOUR HAND WIDE TO HIM AND <u>WILLINGLY</u> LEND HIM SUFFICIENT FOR HIS NEED,

#### 1. **DEAL WITH A <u>SELFISH</u> HEART.**

- DEUTERONOMY 15:9 'BEWARE LEST THERE BE A WICKED THOUGHT IN YOUR <u>HEART</u>, SAYING 'THE SEVENTH YEAR, THE YEAR OF RELEASE, IS AT HAND,' AND YOUR EYE BE EVIL AGAINST YOUR POOR BROTHER AND YOU GIVE HIM NOTHING, AND HE CRY OUT TO THE LORD AGAINST YOU, AND IT <u>BECOME SIN</u> AMONG YOU"
- NOTE THAT **SELFISHNESS IS WICKEDNESS** IN GOD'S EYE AND IT BECOMES SIN.
- JUBILEE
  - GOD IMPLEMENTED A SYSTEM WHERE ALL DEBT WERE CANCELLED EVERY 7TH YEAR.
  - "IN 6 MORE MONTHS ALL DEBT WILL BE CANCELLED!"
  - SO I WON'T LEND TO MY POOR BROTHERS.
  - GOD SAYS 'DON'T DO THAT, DON'T THINK THAT WAY'....
  - DON'T LET THERE BE A WICKED THOUGHT IN YOUR HEART.
  - YOU SEE? HE IS DEALING WITH YOUR HEART
  - I WANT YOU TO BE GENEREOUS LIKE IM GENEROUS.
  - ITS LIKE GOD IS SAYING "SON....YOU DEAL WITH YOUR HEART, I WILL DEAL WITH YOUR WALLET"
    - □ "SON YOU DEAL WITH THE "TRUSTING", I WILL DEAL WITH THE "BLESSING"
    - □ "SON YOU DEAL WITH THE "OBEYING", I WILL DEAL WITH THE "PROVIDING"

#### • "WHY DID GOD CREATE GIVING?"

- WHY DID GOD INVENT GIVING?
- THE OVERWEALMING RESPONSE WAS 'TO SUPPORT HIS WORK'
- DO YOU REALLY THINK....
- THAT GOD NEEDS YOUR MONEY TO SUPPORT HIS WORK.
- I MEAN "IS WINTER COMING IN HEAVEN.....THE WINTER IS SO COLD THAT GOD HAS TO RUN THEIR HEATING SYSTEM 24/7 AND HE NEEDS OUR SUPPORT TO PAY THE RISING ENERGY BILLS???"
- OR "THE PROPERTY MARKET IN HEAVEN IS CRASHING"
- CMON DO YOU THINK?
- HE CREATED GIVING FOR HIS SAKE?
- HE CREATED GIVING FOR OUR SAKE!!!!
- GIVING, MORE THAN ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT THE BELIEVER DOES, WORK SELFISHNESS AND GREED OUT OF OUR LIVES.
- GIVING, MORE THAN ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT THE BELIEVER DOES, BREAK THE HOLD OF MONEY FROM YOUR LIFE.
- WE BECOME MASTER OF MONEY.
- WE TELL MONEY WHERE TO GO.
- WE TELL OUR MONEY WHAT TO DO.

#### 2. DEAL WITH A <u>GRIEVING</u> HEART.

DEUT 15:10 "YOU SHALL SURELY GIVE TO HIM, AND YOUR <u>HEART</u> SHOULD NOT BE <u>GRIEVED</u> WHEN YOU GIVE TO HIM, BECAUSE FOR THIS THING THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL <u>BLESS</u> YOU IN ALL YOUR WORKS AND IN <u>ALL</u> TO WHICH YOU PUT YOUR HAND.

#### • SELFISHNESS ATTACKS US <u>BEFORE</u> WE GIVE, GRIEF ATTACKS US <u>AFTER</u> WE GIVE

- HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN A LARGE AMOUNT, AND YOUR CAR BROKE DOWN?
  - YOU SEE? YOU SHOULD'VE NOT GIVEN THOSE AMOUNT.
  - AND GRIEF CAME IN
- OMG IM STANDING HERE AND I'VE JUST HAD A THOUGHT JUST GO THROUGH MY MIND.
  - I REALLY REALLY WANT A BUBBLE TEA, GEEZZ BUT I FORGOT TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF ATM THIS MORNING....GEEZ
  - WHY DID HANNAH GET UP THAT FAST?
  - BECAUSE I GAVE IT TO HER BEFORE THE SESSION.
  - IT'S MY \$50.
  - SHE IS NOT GRIEVING.
  - WHY? BECAUSE IT IS NOT HIS MONEY, IT WAS MINE.
  - YOU SEE THE REASON WE GRIEF IS....BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS OURS.
  - THE EARTH IS THE LORD AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF.

#### 3. **DEVELOP A GENEROUS HEART.**

- DEUTERONOMY 15:14 "YOU SHALL SUPPLY HIM LIBERALLY FROM YOUR FLOCK, FROM YOUR THRESHING FLOOR, AND FROM YOUR WINEPRESS. FROM WHAT THE LORD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH, YOU SHALL GIVE TO HIM"
- GOD WANTS US TO BE GENEROUS
- WE WERE BORN SELFISH, WE WERE BORN AGAIN GENEROUS.
- YOU KNOW THE BIBLE SAYS 'GIVE TO EVERYONE WHO ASK TO YOU...EVEN HOPING NOT TO RECEIVE ANYTHING IN RETURN"
- $\circ$   $\;$  He is dealing with our heart.
- IT'S THE VERY FIRST THING THAT WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN SAVY VALY SHARE!!!
- VALY: "CIE CIE ITS MY IPAD" "MEI ITS MY BARBIE"
- DO YOU REALISE WHAT GOD'S TRYING TO SAY TO ALL OF US?
- "WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP?"
- "WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BE LIKE YOUR FATHER?"
- HE LOVES THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE

#### 4. DEVELOP A GRATEFUL HEART

- DEUTERONOMY 15:15 "YOU SHALL REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE A SLAVE IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, AND THE LORD YOUR GOD REDEEMED YOU; THEREFORE I COMMAND YOU THIS THING TODAY"
- GOD SAYS 'I COMMAND YOU TO BE GENEROUS'
- WHICH AUTHORITY DOES GOD USES?
- EVERYTHING YOU HAVE CAME FROM ME.

#### • YOU NEED TO REMIND YOURSELVES EVERY NOW AND THEN THAT YOU WERE A SLAVE BEFORE.

- ITS NOT HARD FOR ME TO GIVE, I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING.
  - I USED TO SELL MILK AND JUICE.
  - I USED TO WALK AND DELIVER COLES AND WOOLWORTHS FLIERS.
  - I USED TO BUY MY TIES FROM THE LOWES.
  - I CAME FROM A CITY CALLED JEMBER WHERE EVEN KFC DOESN'T OPEN BUSINESS THERE.
  - I CAME FROM NOTHING.
  - AND NOW THAT I HAVE EVERYTHING, WHY DID I GET SO STINGY!
- CHURCH, YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING EITHER.
  - YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE GOD.
  - NEVER FORGET WHERE WE CAME FROM
  - WE WERE SINNERS BEFORE.
  - WE WERE HEADING TO THE DARKNESS OF HELL BEFORE.
  - BUT HE SAVED YOU AND ME.
- NEVER FORGET THAT

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- 1. DEAL WITH STINGY HEART HE CREATED GIVING FOR YOUR SAKE
- 2. DEAL WITH GRIEVING HEART EVERYTHING WE OWNED IS FROM GOD.
- 3. DEVELOP A GENEROUS HEART WE WERE BORN SELFISH, WE NEED TO GROW UP AND BE GENEROUS LIKE OUR FATHER.
- 4. DEVELOP A GRATEFUL HEART REMEMBER THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE CAME FROM HIM.