

## Module 05 – 44 Responsibility - New vs. Old – Provision 1

### Session 44

We are in transition from old ways to new the old ways stop working to encourage us to embrace the new ways

- **Our old earthly ways need to be replaced with new heavenly ways**
- **Prayer, intercession, authority, spiritual warfare, ministry, revelation, provision etc.**
- **Everything must be established from a heavenly perspective before it can manifest on earth**

Engaging God in face to face intimacy exposes many doctrines and theologies that we presumed to be true as distortions and misrepresentations of the truth  
We are going to look at God's provision from a new or renewed perspective

**Provision** is more than just money or finances

Provision includes finances but also Blessings, Prosperity, Resources and Wealth and is relational not formulaic

- **God's provision is released by a mindset of sonship but not from an orphan, slavery or poverty mentality**

Why do we need provision?

To pay the bills and just get by?

To have enough money to be secure and comfortable?

To have enough money to enjoy life?

To be able to fulfil our destiny?

- **Are we working to live or living to work? Both are wrong thinking**

Understanding provision from a new perspective will challenge our old doctrines and theologies about finances

God's provision is to enable us to fulfil our destiny as sons of God

- **When we know our identity and mandate as a son we will know why we need provision and what it is for**

Work can be a prison or place of destiny

All that we do including our work can be done with God and for His glory

Work may be like Paul's tent making was, done sometimes out of necessity or choice to enable him to fulfil his heavenly calling

Work may be a primary sphere where we are mandated to have authority

Work may be where we fulfil our destiny e.g. to demonstrate God's love in the workplace or the workplace itself could be a Christian ministry

Some people are called to make money to finance the kingdom for others that could be their primary calling

Our work is one of many ways that God provides for us and we can receive that provision from Him with thanksgiving

Our work can be a way we can provide for ourselves by DIY effort

One is a blessing the other can be a curse depending on our mind-set

- DIY provision all comes from the path of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- Evil – Greek *Poneros* is a system of futile mentality that means labour, toil hardships, annoyances, frustrations
- These arise from self-effort doing things in our own strength independent from relationship with God

Some basic foundations of God's provision

Psa 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.

1 Cor 6:19 and that you are not your own 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Luke 14:33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

Matt 6:24 You cannot serve God and wealth

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Provision won't work with a foot in both camps trying to use both systems is being double minded and unstable

Matt 6:31 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- Provision is a consequence of putting God and His purposes first in our lives
- The cost to enter into God's provision is everything but the reward is also everything we need

If our focus is on providing for ourselves we will seek after those things first

Fear of not having enough creates worry and anxiety around provision

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,

Matt 13:38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom;

Jesus was given or sown into the world as a seed as the Son of Man first so that we could be sown as sons of the kingdom

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

- Jesus like a seed had to die physically or there would be no fruit and He would have remained alone

- We as seeds need to die to self to multiply and become fruitful
- Jesus surrendered His life dying our death He went into the ground or grave and rose again leading host of captives in resurrection life and made all the world alive spiritually

1 Cor 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

No animal sacrifice was worthy to die our death it took someone of equal value to die for and as us

The Son of God represented us on the cross and died our death.

Jesus as the seed died to produce real fruitfulness and multiplication but it cost Him everything

- Jesus was the provision for our salvation the first fruits of the harvest and has given us the best example of giving as a way of sowing and reaping.
- When we surrender to God, die to self, deny ourselves we become like a seed that is in the ground ready to be fruitful in God's kingdom

If we are to be fruitful we need to first become living sacrifices and seed

When we are planted we can fulfil God's will by being blessed to prosper be fruitful and multiply.

Jesus is the seed, we are the seed but we also have to sow or plant seed ourselves for provision

There can be no multiplication of the seed until it is sown

When the seed is sown it can no longer be eaten or be used by us

If we are generous with our lives we can become fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue and rule and reign as a son of God

Matt 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose - Jim Elliot  
What do we exchange for our soul what are we living for?

Money has value to exchange for something else – goods, services etc.

For some money is a representation of their lives in that it took time to earn it.

Do we value ourselves by what we earn?

Are you worth the minimum wage £7.50/hour or perhaps you are worth £15/hour or maybe £30/hour or more

How do you value your soul?

- **God does not value us by our productivity; our worth to Him is immeasurable, we are His children heirs and coheirs in the family business.**
- **We are not to think of ourselves as labourers or stewards but as sons and heirs we have a value far beyond anything we can produce.**

- **We are so valuable to God that He saw equal value in Jesus and us**
- **So God exchanged Jesus' life for ours we have been redeemed by coins of equal value.**
- **This is why being a disciple of Jesus cannot be half-hearted if we are to be fruitful sons as God intends**

The DIY system requires the continual works of self-effort and toil  
We can be free from slavery to the DIY system of evil toil, hardships, and annoyances.

The kingdom requires us to be at rest as we learn to trust God to multiply the seed into fruit for us.

If our priorities, thinking and heart attitude are right God will add all that we need but not necessarily all that we want

We enter into the blessing of God's provision by engaging God's economy

- **There are two main aspects in provision the cause and effect the giving and the receiving, the sowing and the reaping**
- God has built provision into the fabric and economy of His kingdom to enable His children to be heirs and co-heirs in relationship with Him
- As God's children we have all been given a sonship mandate; the authority to rule with provision attached to our destiny

Gen 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over ... it

The whole context of this mandate is increase and abundance of resources

We need the multiplication of resources to enable us to subdue and rule and restore creation into freedom

God built multiplication and increase within creation itself so it could respond to our sonship

The bible uses pictures to illustrate the nature of God's economy in both the old and the new covenants

These analogies relate to horticulture and farming, concepts like seedtime and harvest

The concept of sowing and reaping is one of the key laws or principles of creation that God meant for our good

Gen 1:11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.  
12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

- **Planting, sowing, giving, offering are the economy of God's kingdom**
- **We need to seek first or give first priority to the kingdom if we are to be fruitful and multiply.**

Gardening is a hobby for most people but that level of interest won't work in God's economy

God blessed Adam and empowered him to be fruitful by giving Him the system or principle of sowing and reaping.

Outside of the garden creation stopped responding to Adam with abundance and the DIY curse kicked in with toil and hard labour

Using independent or non-relational DIY methods Adam could never multiply or produce enough to be able to fulfil his mandate to fill the earth

Anything sourced from the DIY tree cannot be meaningful from an eternal perspective

God started the increase himself when He multiplied Adam to bring forth Eve  
Adam and Eve then had to sow their seed to begin to multiply

They had many children in multiple births before they choose the DIY path of independence.

Gen 2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

Adam and Eve were given the responsibility to tend and cultivate the garden environment so it would release its abundance to them and multiply to fill the earth

To tend was to look after the soil to feed and nurture the plants and take the fruit to eat but also to sow seed to multiply.

Many trees produce multiple seeds and are self-fertile they just need good soil to reproduce.

Other plants have fruit which has multiple seeds that fruit can be eaten or the seeds planted again

2 Cor 9:10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

When all the seed is eaten there is no possibility of multiplication.

If you eat the best of the seed and plant the worst of the seed the plants get weaker and weaker over time and produce less multiplication.

Within God's economy there is also a principle of delayed gratification

This reveals the need to continually trust God whilst the sowing process continues until the full harvest can be reaped

This truth is revealed in not eating the first fruits of the harvest but giving this as an offering to God who will then multiply it and give an increase

We need to depend on God and trust Him for our provision not just trust our own farming abilities

Adam and Eve were to produce a family who would also tend and cultivate the garden

They would have filled the world that they were to rule over and it would have been abundantly blessed.

The garden was to expand to fill the whole earth so that the earth would reflect Eden the heavenly garden of God

There was some subduing to be done in overcoming the barrenness of the enemy's works with fruitfulness and expansion

- God wants to bring about the restoration of all things
- Restoration to the original intent and purpose of God's heart
- Restoration of the heavenly garden of Eden on earth
- Embassies of heaven on earth where fruitfulness and multiplication are restored - 100 fold blessings
  
- Following the fall the garden is now not physical but internal and is represented by our heart or soul.
- Our heart represents our inner life, our thoughts, desires, motives and intents
- We are now responsible to tend and cultivate our heart so that we can be fruitful in fulfilling our destiny

Matt 10:8 ...Freely you received, freely give.

We become fruitful by sowing relationally into others through discipleship what we have received

If we keep what we have to ourselves we will never multiply

Matt 13 Jesus tells the parable of the sower where He emphasises the importance of the inner life of the heart

The heart can have hard, stony or weedy soil but it takes good soil to multiply and produce a harvest of righteousness

- **In sowing for provision it is vital that our heart's motives are good if we are to reap abundantly**
- God was focused on the heart, the inner life when He chose people like David to fulfil His kingdom purposes
- The externals are not what God looks at He looks at the motives of our hearts that includes our motives for provision

1 Sam 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Sam 13:14 The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler

Act 13:22 He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.'

David was an adulterer and a murderer but God was looking at the desire of his heart

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

God answered David's desire and his past did not disqualify him

Psa 51:16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

David was still described as a man after God's heart

- **The state of our heart is the key to fruitfulness and multiplication**
- Giving, offering or sowing are how we can be fruitful and multiply personally and in provision to fulfil our mandate as sons of God to rule and answer a groaning creation that is barren.
- We want to live in the promised land of God's blessing and provision
- We don't want to live in the land of not enough
- We don't want to live in the land of just enough
- We want to live in the land of more than enough of abundance

2 Cor 9:6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

The only way to ever have enough for all our needs and an abundance for all the good deeds of our destiny is to give or sow cheerfully and not under compulsion but out of a generous trusting heart in relationship with God.

### **If we have bad soil in our heart/soul that will affect our motives and attitudes in including provision**

- We may have hard hearts in areas of provision and money
- Hard hearts are formed by disappointments, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, jealousy or envy then our sick heart cannot be fruitful
- We may have stones in our heart the memories of bad experiences with money and finances which can make us resentful or fearful
- We may have received wrong teaching about Tithes, Offerings, Terumah, and Trading etc.
- We may have been manipulated by others to give out of guilt or fear
- We may have been in churches that gave the hard sell offering messages to twist our arms to give
- We may have been to conferences that created a pressured environment regarding giving

- We may have been told that we are robbing God if we don't give our tithes and offerings to the church
- We may have been manipulated by calls for special offerings
- We may have been told that we don't have enough faith in giving
- We may have been operating under the old covenant law regarding finances and giving
- We may have fear, worries and cares about finances and money operating in us that clog up our hearts and choke out any trust, faith and hope regarding provision
- We may have disappointment where we sowed as we thought God said but we have not yet seen the promised increase and multiplication
- We may be jealous or envious of others who appear to have more than us
- We may have had our money stolen or misused we may have stolen from others and feel guilty
- We may have been ripped off, defrauded, scammed in the past or done that to others
- We may have got into debt because we thought we were putting God first financially

Next time I am going to look at giving and examine the old teaching under the lens of the new revelation

Until then giving made simple

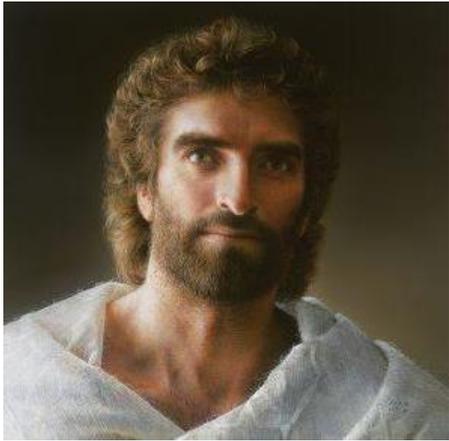
Ask God regularly with a pure generous heart how much He wants you to give, to who He wants you to give and be obedient with a cheerful heart and give what He shows you

You may be suspicious and sceptical of me teaching this message thinking the motive is that we need your money that is not the case we all need God's abundant provision to fulfil our destiny

We all need the motives of our hearts to be pure in regards to provision

Pro 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. If we are to embrace the new in regards to God's provision we need to deal with the condition of the soil of our hearts in regards to money and provision

- Let's give ourselves a heart check up by asking God to reveal any areas that are hindrances and stumbling blocks
- Forgive and release and deal with disappointment and resentment
- Renounce wrong thinking and bad attitudes, lack of trust etc.



Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; 24 and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Close your eyes and begin to think of Jesus  
Give Jesus permission to examine your heart and give you a health check  
Give your heart to Jesus

Ask Jesus to reveal any hard areas in your heart where you have been trampled on  
Ask Jesus to reveal any stones bad memories in your heart  
Ask Jesus to reveal any unforgiveness, anger, bitterness, resentment, jealousy or envy

Ask Jesus to reveal any worries, cares or fears in your heart  
Ask Jesus to reveal any bad attitudes in your heart  
Renounce anything negative  
Forgive and release everyone  
Ask Jesus to refine and purify your heart