

Bountiful 1

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God is a TOO MUCH GOD.

He is a cup overflowing, more than enough, abundant, life to the full, cup running over God.

The question is, “Does God will for me to enjoy his abundance in EVERY AREA of my life or is it relegated to only my ‘Spiritual Life’?”

Let’s let the Bible answer that question:

Psalm 112:1-3 – ¹ Praise the Lord. **BLESSED** is the man that fears the Lord, which delights greatly in his commandments. ² His children shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed. ³ **WEALTH AND RICHES** shall be in his house and his righteousness endures forever.

The Bible puts **wealth** and **riches** in the same sentence as **righteousness**, when describing what it means to be **BLESSED**.

Proverbs 22:4 – The **reward of humility and the fear of the Lord** are **RICHES**, honor and life.

Abraham’s Blessing

Romans 4:12b -who also **walk in the footsteps of the faith** that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. **NIV**

We are called to walk in the footsteps of Abraham’s faith.

Galatians 3:9 - So those who have faith [the faith of Abraham] are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. **NIV**

We not only have the “Faith of Abraham,” but we have the “Blessing of Abraham!”

Galatians 3:14 - He [Jesus] redeemed us in order that **the blessing** given to Abraham might **come to** the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might **receive** the promise of the Spirit. *NIV*

Galatians 3:29 - If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. *NIV*

Isaiah 51:1-2 – ¹ "Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance — all who seek the LORD! Consider the quarry from which you were mined, **the rock from which you were cut!** ² Yes, think about your ancestors Abraham and Sarah, from whom you came. Abraham was alone when I called him. But when I blessed him, he became a great nation." *NLT*

The Steps of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3 – ¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² **I will make you** into a great nation and **I will bless you**; I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing**. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." *NIV*

The progression of the blessing:

- I will make you.
- I will bless you.
- You will be a blessing—BOUNTIFUL.

Genesis 13:2 - Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. *NIV*

Genesis 13:5-6 - Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. *NIV*

Genesis 24:1 - Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had **blessed him in every way**. *NIV*

The Blessing to the Tither

Leviticus 27:30 - A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, **belongs to the LORD** and **must be set apart** to him as holy. *NLT*

Most people see tithing as an obligation or a burden, when in reality it is use to keep God first in your life and provide a pathway for God to bless you!

Genesis 14:17-23 – ¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought out bread and wine. He was **priest of God Most High**, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." **Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.** ²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath ²³ that **I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal**, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.'

Abram gave tithes 700 years before God gave the law to Moses.

Hebrews 7:1-8 – ¹ This Melchizedek was **king of Salem** and **priest of God Most High**. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham **gave him a tenth of everything**. First, his name means "**king of righteousness**"; then also, "**king of Salem**" means "**king of peace**." ³ Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, **like the Son of God he remains a priest forever**. ⁴ Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! ⁵ **Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people**-that is, their brothers-even though their brothers are descended from Abraham. ⁶ This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet **he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises**. ⁷ And without doubt **the lesser person is blessed by the greater**. ⁸ In the one case [the Levites under the law], the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case [Melchisedec for Abraham and Jesus for the believer], by him who is declared to be living.

Melchisedec was a type of Christ. Jesus is our "King of Righteousness" and "King of Peace."

Abraham gave tithes to one that represented Christ.

The Lesser is blessed by the greater! Melchisedec was greater than Abraham, as Christ is greater than the church!

Romans 4:12 - We are to **walk in the steps of faith our father Abraham walked in**.

We are called to walk in Abraham's BLESSINGS and Abraham's OBEDIENCE!

Malachi scriptures promising the blessing to the tither and giver.

Malachi 3:6-12 – ⁶ "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. ⁷ Yet from the days of your fathers **You have gone away from My ordinances** And have not kept them. **Return to Me**, and **I will return to you**," says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In **what way shall we return?**' ⁸ **'Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.** ⁹ **You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me**, Even this whole nation.¹⁰ **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse**, That there may be **food in My house**, And try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "**If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.** ¹¹ **And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes**, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts;¹² "And all nations will **call you blessed**, For you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts."

Every Christian should first **desire** and then **pursue** tithing into the kingdom of God.

YOU ARE CUT FROM THE SAME ROCK!