

# REAL Abundance

R.E.A.L. - Week 3 (12-11-24)

John 10:10

## I. Where Abundance Really Comes From

### A. God wants us to abound

1. Abundantly = Perissos - Beyond; extraordinary; superabundant; superior; excessive; violently

a) Does God only want us to prosper spiritually?

(1) 3 John 1:2

2. Romans 8:32

3. Matt. 7:7-12

### B. First things first

1. Matt. 6:31-34

2. 3 John 1:2

3. Mark 12:41-44

a) “What do we have to offer to Jesus today? We have no less on hard days than we do on good days because all He ever desires is our hearts.” - Rachel Good

b) This widow woman didn’t just give abundantly, she gave all. We may not have a lot in quantity but we always have the option to give.

## II. Living in that Abundance

### A. It’s up to you

1. Gen. 1:26-31

a) God provided everything that Adam and Eve needed in order to abound and flourish.

2. Duet. 8:18

a) God has given us the power to get wealth

3. 2 Corin. 9:5-11

### B. The right mindset

1. Lame man at the pool of Bethesda - John 5:1-15

a) Are we the victimized or the blessed? Are our circumstances dictating our abundance or is God and our faith in Him?

b)

2. What’s the story that your telling yourself?

a) “My life will never be “right” until \_\_\_\_\_ changes.”

b) “Nobody likes me because I have no deep, meaningful friendships. Maybe everyone would be better off if I was not here.”

c) Jesus can reframe that narrative for you! Jesus is the king of providing a completely different perspective to misguided expectations.

### C. Abundance blockers

1. Wrong attitude/mindset

- a) Your gratitude and worship will pave the way to greater levels of God's abundance.
      - (1) God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3)
  - 2. Out of the will of God
    - a) "The path of abundance starts with faithfulness." DL
      - (1) 2 Kings 4:1-7
      - (2) Luke 17:11-19
  - 3. Not tithing
    - a) Malachi 3:10
    - b) Philippians 4:17
  - 4. Not asking
    - a) James 4:1-3 - We fight and war with each other when we lose sight of God being our source; when we fail to have an abundance mindset based on God's love for us. We don't ask God because we don't believe that He loves us. When we do ask it with the wrong motives because we aren't grateful for what God is already providing.
  - 5. Not staying connected to the vine
    - a) God's provision is in His presence
  - 6. Not living in Freedom through Christ
- III. Trusting the Good Shepherd
- A. Let God guide your decisions so that you stay in His will, and have confidence to stand against opposition.
    - 1. If we don't absolutely know for sure that we are where God wants us to be, then and opposition can make us question ourselves.
      - a) "What does the Word say?"
    - 2. Psalm 23 - God's leadership in your life is crucial in getting you to the green pastures and still waters.