

Poverty Spirit!

2Co 8:9 For ye know **the grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

- **Though he was rich:** means - *wealth (as fulness)*, that is, (literally) *money, possessions*, or (figuratively) *abundance, richness*, (specifically) valuable *bestowment*: - riches.
- **Rich:** to *be (or become) wealthy*: - be increased with goods, (be made, wax) rich.
- **Poor:** To become a beggar, indigent,
- **Stingy:** Extreme & often niggardly frugality (cheap, cheesy, mean spirited in giving, no generosity)

Joh 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and **have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)**.

THE POVERTY SPIRIT

- Its main goal is to keep you in lack of everything needed to do God's will.
- It blocks every move towards the purpose of God.
- It robs you of God's power, and authority, and kingdom thinking....
- It robs you of God's peace, joy, happiness, etc.
- It sets you up to accept or be comfortable with lack
- It effects relationships
- It steals your passion and zeal for God.
- It brings you into shame, guilt, and reproach
- It causes oppression, depression, strife, bickering, contentions etc.
- Its root is in the spirit of python which squeezes the life out of you.
- It poisons your conversation and confession of faith. (poor mouth)
- It will cause you to accept and live with an unclean spirit. (dirty house, laziness, procrastination, apathy, passivity, etc.)

Passivity	Oppression
Apathy	Fear
Procrastination	Depression
Death	Doubt
Darkness	
Indifference	

A POVERTY SPIRIT is not just about money. People can be rich in things and still live in poverty.

POVERTY IS A SPIRITUAL NATURE OF LACK, TO DO WITHOUT, TO NOT HAVE, TO BE POOR, DESTITUTE,

Num 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

Num 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

- Not having sufficient resources to live life prescribed according to what Jesus provided to us.
- DESTITUTE: without the things necessary to sustain or have even the menial basics of life.

Poverty Curses: (caused by us not being obedient to God and God's ways) – Matt 6:33

Deu 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

The curse of Cain. --withholding his best offering - cursed in his ability to produce a harvest – wandering the land of Nod with nothing, a fugitive and vagabond – Gen 4:11,12

Pro 3:9 Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

The curse of Malachi. Malachi 3:10-11 bring the tithes and offerings into the storehouse. God promises to open the windows of heaven and to rebuke the devourer on our behalf. Many are plagued with curses because they do not honor God in their tithes and offerings. The tithe belongs to God - Lev 27:30

