

# BREAKING BROKE | MESSAGE 1

## Breaking the Poverty Mindset - *The Mindshift That Breaks Life Limitation*

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### Pre-Series Comment / Instructions for 2026:

**I am going to ask you to commit to some things this year with me.** If I am your Pastor and this is your church (you are called here...) then commit. If you can't commit to these simple things I humbly need you to find a church that you fit into and will do these things. I want all of you here, but 2026 is going to be a different year for all of us!

**First, before I ask for any commitments, let me go sword of The Spirit, The Word of God and teach some critical revelation:**

**Psalm 119:96-100** - have seen the **consummation of all perfection** (I have seen the whole picture), But Your commandment is **exceedingly broad** (Your commandments are infinite). Oh, **how I love Your law!** It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, **make me wiser than my enemies;** For they are ever with me. **I have more understanding than all my teachers,** For Your testimonies are my meditation. **I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.**

- How many would like to outsmart your enemies?

**God's Word is the master key to supernatural strategies!** *Your commandment is exceedingly broad...*

**Biblical Principles are God's automation!** *Do you love His words?*

**Heaven does not release new secrets to hearts that selectively obey old ones. God does not entrust deeper revelation to those who disregard the truth already in their hands.**

**God's commandments are not restraints; they are divine competitive edges!** *They are not keeping us from something, they are protecting us from something and propelling us into something.*

**Obedience is God's algorithm for elevation!**

**God gives us wisdom if we do these things (YOU HAVE MADE ME WISER...) – let me show you how this plays out in your everyday life:**

**Phase 1 - Ignorance – The absence of information.** We start knowing nothing, but once we start learning exponentially.

**Phase 2 – Knowledge – The accumulation of truth – it also becomes exponential.**

**Phase 3 – Understanding – The assimilation of truth.**

**Phase 4 – Wisdom – The application of truth (*Mastery of Execution*).**

This phrase jumps out at me: **I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.**

- The “ancients” represent experience, tradition, and long-held human wisdom. **The psalmist honors them but refuses to idolize them.** He is saying: “I am not wiser because I am younger. I am wiser because I am submitted.”
- Obedience **places** you downstream from heaven’s perspective. Many have history with God. Few have **humility before God.**

**We live in a generation rich in content but poor in compliance. Podcasts, books, sermons, conferences everywhere. Yet obedience is rare.** The psalmist reminds us: You can quote Scripture and still lack understanding. You can inherit wisdom and still miss truth.

**If you keep His precepts, heaven sharpens your discernment beyond your generation.**

Some of you may be asking yourself, “**Where is he going with all of this?**” Let me answer that plainly. **There is no selfish motive in what I am about to ask of you. None.**

As your pastor, your shepherd, and a spiritual voice in your life, I am deeply convinced that the Lord is directing me to teach and call this church into some foundational principles, not for my benefit, but for yours. Not merely for the growth of our church, but for the health of your household, your future, and your walk with God.

I say this with sincerity and humility before the Lord. What I am about to ask will require unity, participation, and obedience. And if we do not move together in these things, then everything I teach in the days ahead will sound good, but it will never fully take root or bear fruit in your life.

So, I am asking you to lean in. Not casually. Not passively. Intentionally. Because what God is inviting us into cannot be received individually. **It must be embraced collectively.**

And here is the real question before us:  
**Are you ready to go to another level in 2026, or are you content staying where you are?**

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**During January fast 1 day a week and pray for me, our staff and the global impact of The Bend!**

**Be a giver and commit every Sunday to faithfully give your tithe and offerings. Help me fill this house with resources to reach our community and the world.**

- **Malachai 3:10-12** - 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.* <sup>11</sup> “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; <sup>12</sup> “And **all nations will call you blessed**, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.

- **Deal with views – Law Giving vs. Grace giving**

**Make God’s House a priority, not a side attraction. Be here and be present. God promised us that if we put His house first, He will make our house a priority!**

- **Haggai 1:7-8:** "Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take

pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "Then I will take pleasure in the prosperity of your house" (paraphrased). *Meaning: When people focused on their own houses (paneled homes) instead of God's, they lacked, but when they rebuilt God's house, He promised His presence and blessing on their own.*

- Psalm 92:13: "Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God". *Meaning: Being rooted and established in God's presence brings spiritual vitality and flourishing.*

## INTRODUCTION:

### POVERTY IS A MIND WAR

**POVERTY IS NOT ONLY A FINANCIAL CONDITION -  
POVERTY IS A SPIRITUAL STRATEGY.**

Poverty has crushed more potential than war. Poverty has destroyed more futures than disease. Poverty has suffocated more vision than persecution. It is one of hell's most effective tools because it limits what God can do through His people on the earth.

**POVERTY DOES NOT BEGIN IN THE WALLET - POVERTY  
BEGINS IN THE MIND.**

**THE WORLD DEFINES POVERTY AS LACK OF RESOURCES - SCRIPTURE DEFINES POVERTY AS LACK OF REVELATION.**

**POVERTY IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE - POVERTY IS WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE.**

**It is a mindset. It is a lens. It is a narrative.**

**It is a stronghold that convinces people that limitation is holy, that lack is humility, and that smallness is spirituality.**

- The tragedy is this. The church of Jesus Christ has been given a global assignment, yet much of the church lives with a local mindset.
- We are called to disciple nations, but many believers are trying to survive neighborhoods.
- We are meant to support missionaries, build ministries, transform cities, and fund Kingdom advancement, yet poverty has kept many Christians locked into survival mode.

**Which is why our series anchor scripture must govern our thinking. SERIES ANCHOR PASSAGE**

**1 Thessalonians 4:10 through 12 NKJV - "But we urge you, brethren, that you INCREASE MORE AND MORE, that you also aspire to LEAD A QUIET LIFE, to MIND YOUR**

**OWN BUSINESS, and to WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS, as we commanded you, that you may WALK PROPERLY TOWARD THOSE WHO ARE OUTSIDE, and THAT YOU MAY LACK NOTHING."**

This passage sets the tone for our entire journey. It reveals five Kingdom expectations: (Put all up at once)

- 1. YOU ARE CALLED TO INCREASE MORE AND MORE.**
- 2. YOU ARE CALLED TO FOCUS YOUR LIFE.**
- 3. YOU ARE CALLED TO STEWARD YOUR BUSINESS.**
- 4. YOU ARE CALLED TO WORK WITH DILIGENCE AND EXCELLENCE.**
- 5. YOU ARE CALLED TO LACK NOTHING.**

Heaven's desire for you is not survival. Heaven's desire for you is sufficiency. So today we confront the first barrier to biblical prosperity. The mindset. The programming.

**YOUR INNER POVERTY SHAPES YOUR OUTER LIMITATION.**

**I have one question for all of us today. Are we ready to begin the work that is necessary to BREAK BROKE off our lives?**

**POINT 1: BREAKING POVERTY PROGRAMMING**

**Key Principle: Renewal of the mind is the foundation of financial transformation.**



**Romans 12:2 NKJV - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."**

- Transformation begins internally, not financially.  
**If the mind is not renewed, the life cannot be rebuilt.**

**Proverbs 23:7 NKJV - "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."**

**This passage reveals a Kingdom truth. The outer world always reflects the inner one.**

**Poverty programming begins early. It is inherited through:**

- Family narratives
- Cultural expectations
- Economic trauma
- Personal failure
- Generational thinking
- Religious misinterpretations

**Poverty programming teaches people to anticipate lack, fear increase, mistrust blessing, and feel guilty for wanting more. It convinces people that the ceiling above them is God placed, when in reality it is self-created.**

**This is why internal renewal is the first step. If the mind remains in poverty, the life will remain in poverty.**

Ask yourself:

- What are the financial stories I grew up with?
- What did my family teach me about money?
- What fears do I feel when I think of wealth?
- What limitations do I believe about myself?
- Where did these beliefs come from?

**Until these questions are answered honestly, renewal cannot begin.**

**POVERTY DOES NOT BEGIN WITH EMPTY POCKETS - POVERTY BEGINS WITH EMPTY BELIEFS.**

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**TRANSITION TO POINT 2** - Once poverty programming is exposed; we must confront the lie that strengthens it. Poverty has survived because people believed it was holy.

**POINT 2: BREAKING THE LIE THAT POVERTY IS HOLY**

**POVERTY IS NOT HUMILITY - POVERTY IS HOSTILITY TOWARD YOUR ASSIGNMENT.**

**John 10:10 NKJV - "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."**

- Poverty steals, kills, and destroys.
- Jesus gives abundance.

**There is no biblical evidence that lack makes you spiritual.**

**People often misquote Scripture saying, "Money is the root of all evil." That is incorrect.**

**1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV - "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."**

- Money is not evil. The love of money is.
- Wealth is not wicked. Greed is.
- Abundance is not arrogance. Arrogance is.

**God never rebuked wealth in Scripture.**

- He rebuked idolatry.
- He rebuked selfishness.
- He rebuked exploitation.

**But He never rebuked prosperity itself.**

Poverty mindset confuses two biblical ideas-

## **CONTENTMENT VS. COMPLACENCY**

**Contentment** - A posture of gratitude and trust.

**Complacency** - A refusal to grow, build, or believe God for more.

One is holy. The other is harmful. Poverty turns complacency into a doctrine. Poverty teaches that staying small is safer than growing large. Poverty teaches that increase is dangerous. But Scripture teaches that you were made to **INCREASE MORE AND MORE.**

God desires you to prosper in all things. How or Why do I believe this?

- God gives power to get wealth.
- The righteous leave an inheritance.
- Abundance is for Kingdom assignment.
- Generosity is the antidote to greed.

**I DARE YOU DURING THIS WHOLE SERIES TO...Write out every financial lie you have believed. Then write the Scripture that confronts it.**

**STOP LOOKING AT POVERTY AS HOLINESS AND STARTING SEEING POVERTY IS A HOSTAGE SITUATION.**

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**TRANSITION TO POINT 3** - If poverty is not holy, then why do believers stay stuck in it. Because of invisible limits.

## **POINT 3: BREAKING INVISIBLE LIMITS**

### **INTERNAL CEILINGS CREATE EXTERNAL CYCLES!**

**Proverbs 22:29 NKJV - "Do you see a man who excels in his work. He will stand before kings. He will not stand before unknown men."**

**Excellence elevates. Diligence promotes. Value attracts opportunity.**

**Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV - "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth."**

### **GOD GIVES POWER, NOT PAYCHECKS.**

- Power to think.
- Power to create.
- Power to innovate.
- Power to solve problems.
- Power to build value.

**Invisible limits include:**

- Low self-worth
- Generational fear
- Religious guilt
- Imposter syndrome
- Fear of increase
- Expectation of failure
- Trauma from past loss
- A belief that better is not possible

**These limits become subconscious ceilings.**

**A person can pray for increase, but if the inner limit refuses to believe for increase, the prayer hits a ceiling.**

**Most people live at the lowest level because their mindset keeps them there. But Scripture shows God elevates people who rise in value, wisdom, discipline, and imagination.**

- Where do you stop believing?
- Where do you fear success?
- Where do you hesitate to give?
- Where do you resist opportunity
- Where do you feel undeserving?

**Then ask the Spirit to reveal why.**

**YOU CANNOT RISE ABOVE THE LIMITS YOU REFUSE TO CONFRONT.**

## **THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS**

The Second Law states that **energy naturally flows from high concentration to low concentration**, and **systems will not spontaneously move from lower energy to higher energy without added work**.

Worded simply: **ENERGY DOES NOT MOVE FROM LOW TO HIGH BY ITSELF. IT ALWAYS REQUIRES AN EXTERNAL SOURCE OF WORK.**

This is why:

- Heat flows from hot objects to cold ones
- Pressure equalizes from high to low
- Chemical reactions move from high free-energy states to low free-energy states
- Electrical potential moves from higher voltage to lower voltage

The *directional flow* of energy follows this law. **High energy does not flow upward into low energy. High output does not flow into low capacity.**

**This is scientifically grounded. Therefore, you can't go up in life with low mentality and expectation!!!**

**YOU CANNOT WALK INTO A HIGHER LIFE WITH A LOWER MINDSET. LIFE AND HEAVEN MEETS YOU AT THE LEVEL OF YOUR EXPECTATION.**

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**TRANSITION TO POINT 4** - Now that we have broken the mindset, the lie, and the limits, we must embrace God's economic system.

**POINT 4: BREAKING INTO GOD'S KINGDOM ECONOMY**

**GOD'S SYSTEM PRODUCES INCREASE WHEN YOURS PRODUCES EXHAUSTION.**

**Philippians 4:19 NKJV - "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."**

**YOUR NEED IS SUPPLIED NOT ACCORDING TO YOUR ECONOMY BUT ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES.**

- **Matthew 25:14 through 30 NKJV** - This parable reveals that God rewards stewardship, multiplies faithfulness, and expands those who act with faith. The servant who hid the talent was rebuked not for losing money but for refusing movement.
- **Deuteronomy 28 NKJV** - God delights to bless obedience, diligence, and stewardship.



## **Kingdom economy works through:**

- Obedience
- Stewardship
- Generosity
- Wisdom
- Value creation
- Assignment
- Faith filled action

**GOD DOES NOT PROSPER INACTIVITY - GOD PROSPERS ALIGNMENT.**

**If you carry a renewed mind, steward your assignment, walk in wisdom, embrace excellence, and sow with faith, you position yourself under the economy of Heaven.**

To enter God's economic system:

- **Bring your thinking under Scripture.**
- **Bring your money under obedience.**
- **Bring your life under discipline.**
- **Bring your gifts under stewardship.**
- **Bring your purpose under faith.**

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**CONCLUSION: THE BEGINNING OF BREAKING BROKE**

# **1 Thessalonians 4:12 NKJV "...That you may lack nothing."**

This is not motivational language. It is apostolic expectation. God calls you to lack nothing. Not for ego. Not for luxury. **But for legacy and Kingdom assignment.**

- Breaking Broke begins by breaking the thinking behind broke.
- Breaking Broke begins by breaking the lies that protect broke.
- Breaking Broke begins by breaking the limits that reinforce broke.
- Breaking Broke begins by embracing a new economy, a new mind, a new expectation.

**Final Power Statement - BREAKING BROKE STARTS TODAY!**

**Father, in Jesus' name, Breaking Broke starts today.**

**I break every poverty mindset.**

**I reject every lie of scarcity.**

**My mind is renewed.**

**My spirit is rising.**

**My expectation is increasing.**

**I declare I am called to increase more and more.**

**I am empowered to prosper with purpose.**

**I walk in focus, diligence, and excellence.**

**I carry the wisdom of God and the power to get wealth.**

**Lack is broken.**

**Limits are removed.**

**My thinking is shifting.**

**My life is lifting.**

**Breaking Broke starts TODAY.**

**In Jesus' name, amen.**