



# *#in*Vision

VisionCast of iMPact Christian Church,  
A Kingdom Agenda Fellowship  
**Session 3**



Previously....

- **Session 1 - FOUNDATION**
- **Our History/Leader**
- **Our Vision**
- **Our Structure**

**Go make a difference!**

**Set People! Set Place! Set Time!**



*In Excellence, Effectively  
Seek To Save the Lost  
And Perfect the Saved.  
From The Cradle to the Grave!*

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:13-16

**Review!**

# Our Vision



*The Difference in us making a difference  
in the world around us!*

*Set people! Set place! Set time!*

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made for us the sin of our flesh, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. *(1 Corinthians 12:18)*

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. *(1 Corinthians 12:28)*

**Review!**



## Previously...

- **Session 2 - FAITH**
- **Our History & Presbytery**
- **Our Prayer Objectives**
- **Our Statement of Faith**

**Go make a difference!**

**Set People! Set Place! Set Time!**



## Our Agenda

- **Session 3 - FINANCE**

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- **Our Finances:**
  - **The Blessing of the Tithe**
- **Our Finances:**
  - **The Laws of the Harvest**
- **Commitment**



## Our Goal

To challenge our mindset  
on the **tithe** as one portion  
of **Kingdom Economics** and  
fulfill our God-given, divine  
blessing & purpose as the  
Body of Christ!





Our Trust

God will Send...

The **RIGHT** people...

At the **RIGHT** time...

With the **RIGHT** heart...

And the **RIGHT** resources...

For the **RIGHT** vision!

# Our Belief

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**YOU** are the **SENT!**

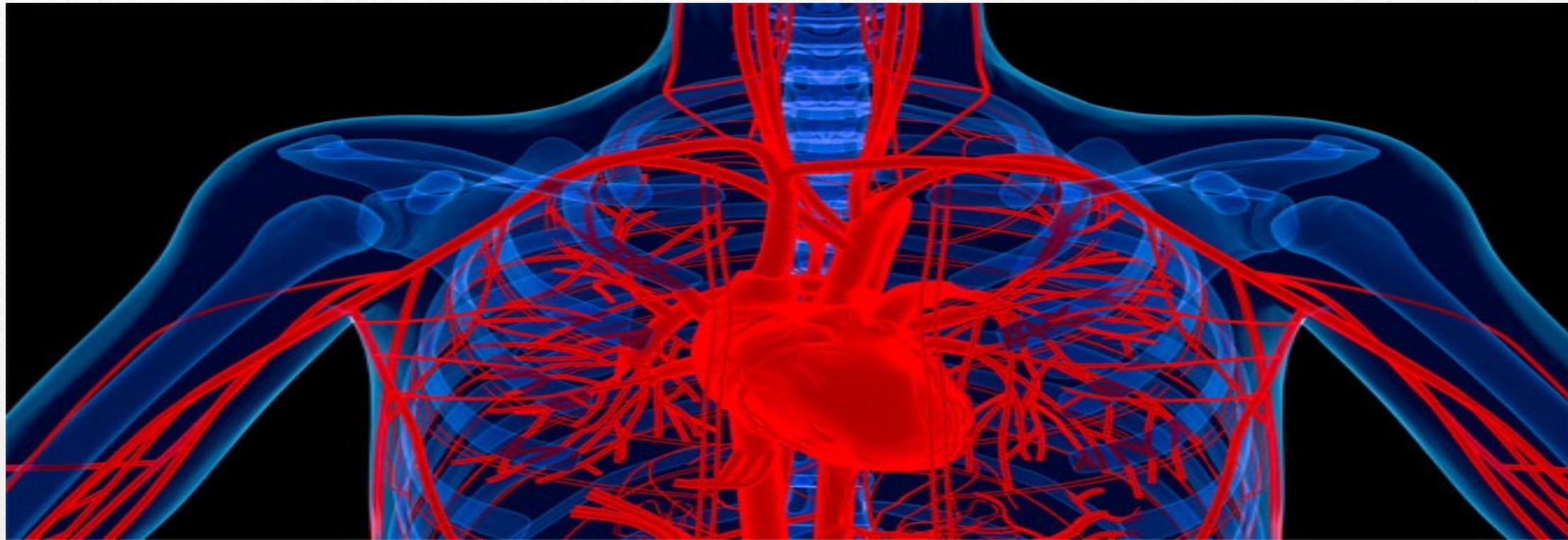


# Our Agenda

1. Definition
2. Before the Law: The Law of First Mention
3. Old Testament & Law: The Levitical System
4. New Testament & Grace
5. Our Responsibility

**\*Commitment**

# The Tithe



**The heart of the matter  
Is a matter of the heart.**



# The Tithe



## The TENTH...

- Ma'aser - tithe, tenth part, tenth part,
  - tithe, **payment of a tenth part**



# A Historical Progression of the Tithe Before the Law



# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective

**The meaning of the law of First Mention:** The Law of First Mention may be said to be the principle that requires one **to go to that portion of the Scriptures where a doctrine is..**

- (1) mentioned for the first time and to**
- (2) study the first occurrence of the same in order**
- (3) to get the fundamental inherent meaning of that doctrine.**

(4<sup>th</sup> of 8-Laws of Biblical Interpretation)



# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text - **Genesis 14:17-20**

And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.





# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text - **Genesis 14:17-20**

**And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. **And he gave him tithes of all.****



## The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – **Hebrews 7:1-10**

For this **Melchisedec, king of Salem**, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; *(v1)*

To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also **King of Salem**, which is, **King of peace**; *(v2)*



# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – **Hebrews 7:1-10**

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. (v3)

Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even **the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.** (v4)



## The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10

And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a **commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law**, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: (v5) But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.



## The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10

But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. (v6) And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. (v7) And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. (v8)



## The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10

**And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. (v9)**

**For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. (v10)**



# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10

## Principles:

- 1. The blessing PRECEDES the Tithe.**
- 2. You are blessed because of COVENANT CONNECTION.**
- 3. A blessed life HONORS God.**
- 4. Tithing is not MATERIAL but SPIRITUAL!  
The Anointing!**



# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10

## Principles:

- 6. Tithe is COMMANDED LAW.**
- 7. The ANOINTING is superior to THE LAW.**
- 8. Giving is ETERNAL but SYSTEM ORIENTED.**





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# A Historical Progression of the Tithe Old Testament & Law



## WARNING – Law vs. Grace

- The **Levitical priesthood was never permanent** (Hebrews 7:11).
- **The death of Christ put an end to the Old Covenant and the Levitical priesthood**, as evidenced by the rending of the temple veil (Matthew 27:51).
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- **Through His death and resurrection, we have access to God's presence, where we can freely enjoy Him forever** (Hebrews 6:19–20).



# A Historical Progression of the Tithe

- Old Testament - The tithe was a requirement of the Law (Israelites) **10%** of crops, livestock to the tabernacle/temple
- Old Testament Law required multiple tithes  
one for the **Levites**,  
one for the use of **the temple and the feasts**,  
one for **the poor of the land**  
(Actually about\***23.3 percent.**)

(Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14:24; 2 Chronicles 31:5).



## The Levitical System - Leviticus 27:26-34

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Only the **firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is the LORD'S.** (26) And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.



## The Levitical System - Leviticus 27:26-34

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(27) Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD. (28) None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.



## The Levitical System - Leviticus 27:26-34

**(29) And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.(30) And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. (31) And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. (32)**



## The Levitical System - Leviticus 27:26-34

He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed. (33)

These are the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai. (34)



## A Historical Progression of the Tithe

- **Old Testament** - Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, **Wherein shall we return? (7) Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. (8) Ye are cursed with a curse:** for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. *(Malachi 3:9)* ring ye all **the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be **meat in mine house**, and **prove** me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts,...





## A Historical Progression of the Tithe

- Old Testament - **if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.** (10) And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. (11) And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. (*Malachi 3:12*)



# The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10

## Principles:

- 1. The LAW and LEVITICAL SYSTEM was TEMPORARY.**
- 2. CHRIST FULFILLED the Law.**
- 3. We must deal in PRINCIPLE vs. LAW.**
- 4. Tithe HONOR GOD.**



# **The Law of First Mention: A Historical Perspective - Text – Hebrews 7:1-10**

## **Principles:**

- 6. Tithe was given for COVENANT RELEASE.**
- 7. Tithe is for FOUNDATIONAL PROTECTION & GUARDED PROVISION.**



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# **A Historical Progression of the Tithe New Testament & Grace**



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## A Historical Progression of the Tithe

- New Testament - ....tithe is not mentioned, but it has been applied as **foundational or a minimum of appropriate giving by believers.**
- New Testament believers should ask God for wisdom, and a right heart to support the vision and work of the Kingdom! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15) *(Malachi 3 compared)*



## A Historical Progression of the Tithe

But this I say, **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.(6) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.(7)** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, **always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (8)**



## A Historical Progression of the Tithe

- New Testament *Malachi 3 compared*)

(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. (9) **Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;**) (10) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. (11)





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- **New Testament *Malachi 3 compared***

**For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; (12) Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;(13) And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.(14) Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.(15)**



# A Historical Progression of the Tithe

## Principles:

- 1. GRACE is the set of “BOOKENDS TO THE LAW”.**
- 2. CHRIST released GRACE upon the Believer.**
- 3. By GRACE, we affect the RELEASE OF BLESSING in our lives.**
- 4. Giving must be APPROACHED WITH PROPER ATTITUDE OF HEART.**
- 5. GIVING by GRACE gives SUFFICIENCY for all MINISTRY NEEDS.**



# A Historical Progression of the Tithe

## Principles:

- 6. GRACE GIVING HONORS GOD!**
- 7. GRACE GIVING give both NEEDS and WANTS!**
- 8. GRACE GIVING moves beyond take to ACTION!**
- 9. GRACE GIVING demonstrates the POWER OF GOD!**



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# A Historical Progression of the Tithe Old Testament & Law



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# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## TRUTH IS PARALLEL

### – The multiplication principle!

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

*II Corinthians 9:10 NRS*

- **God multiplies the farmer's seed**
- **He gives us the ability to get wealth      Deuteronomy 8:18**



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## **GIVING BRINGS MULTIPLICATION** **– Give and receive!**

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

*II Corinthians 9:8 NRS*

- **What you need and more back! Luke 6:38, 2 Cor 9:6**
- **Seed guarantees harvest Matthew 13:8**





# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## **GOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BLESSING – by His Word!**

And God is able to provide you.....  
*II Corinthians 9:8 NRS*

God is in control of your blessing.

Malachi 3:10-12

Seed guarantees harvest.

Matthew 13:8

His word will accomplish it's purpose.

Isaiah 55:10

**Get into a *CYCLE*. (Sow seed, harvest, sow more seed)**

You fund the *gospel*.

Your *needs* are abundantly met.

You have plenty left over to give joyfully to *others*.



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## **YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE – If your heart is fixed on giving!**

He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us..

*II Corinthians 9:8 GNB*

- **God will bless those who have a right heart. Proverbs 3:5-6**
- **Check your heart. Proverbs 4:23**
- **Can you be trusted? Proverbs 17:3**



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## THERE IS A SOLUTION – The challenge of choice

He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times,  
so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us..

*II Corinthians 9:8 GNB*

- You must choose. Deuteronomy 30:19, Joshua 24:15
- Ask for forgiveness – God will help! 1 John 1:9
- Repent – turn in a new direction! Acts 8:22, Mark 1:15
- It's not too late. Sow today – reap tomorrow! Luke 6:38



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## THE SEED-FAITH IS NOT A NEW PRINCIPLE – The Seed-Faith Principle began, from the beginning!

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding **seed**, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose **seed** is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose **seed** was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

*Genesis 1:11-12 KJV*

- Everything! Everything begins in the form of a single seed.
- Christ, the Savior was a promised seed      Genesis 3:15
- See the harvest in your seed



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## **GOD'S HARVEST PRINCIPLE IS GREATER – than the world's systems of belief!**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV*

- God has never failed. His systems will not fail.     Isaiah 55:11
- What's on your mind?     1 Corinthians 2:11-12
- Take on the mind of Christ.     1 Corinthians 2:5-16
- Tradition vs. Spirit! Come out!     Mark 7:13



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## **WE MUST UNDERSTAND FARMING – If we are to prosper!**

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

*Galatians 6:7-9 KJV*

- **Plant, sow, give!**                      **Luke 6:38**
- **It?**
- **Natural vs. Spiritual**                **Galatian 6:8**



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

**GOD'S PRINCIPLES DO NOT CHANGE –  
They remain the same, generation to  
generation!**

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.  
*Matthew 24:35 KJV*

- **The Word does not change.** **Matthew 24:35**
- **See the value Gods principles.** **Psalm 119**



# The Law's of the Harvest *by John Avanzini*

## **TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE – Shackles can come off your.....!**

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.  
John 8:32 KJV

- **Freedom is by the Word.**
  - **The Word will make you free.**
  - **No Fear!**
  - **Will you receive it?**
- John 8:32**  
**John 8:36**  
**2 Timothy 1:7**  
**Matthew 13:23**





# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## 1. YOUR SEED MUST BE PLANTED!

...Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground, it abideth alone.

*John 12:24 KJV*

## 2. YOU MUST RENDER YOUR SEED USELESS!

...Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground, it abideth alone.

*John 12:24 KJV*

## 3. YOU MUST PLANT WHAT YOU EXPECT TO HARVEST!

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

*Genesis 1:12KJV*



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## 4. YOUR HARVEST SIZE IS ESTABLISHED WHEN YOUR SEED IS SOWN!

Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.  
But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

*II Corinthians 9:6 NLT*

## 5. YOUR SEED MUST BE PLANTED IN GOOD GROUND!

...Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

*Matthew 13: 5b-8 KJV*



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## **6. YOU MUST WAIT A PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PLANTING AND HARVESTING!**

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

*Mark 4:26-27 KJV*

## **7. YOU MUST WAIT MAINTAIN YOUR CROP FOR A PROPER HARVEST!**

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them

*Matthew 13:7 KJV*

## **8. YOU ALWAYS SOW TO YOUR HARVEST SIZE, NOT FROM YOUR HARVEST SIZE!**

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

*Genesis 26:12*



# The Law's of the Harvest by John Avanzini

## 9. YOUR EXPENSE IS ALWAYS HIGHEST AT HARVEST TIME!

...a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.  
*Matthew 20:1 KJV*

## 10. A PART OF YOUR HARVEST IS FOR SOWING AGAIN!

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  
*II Corinthians 9:10 NRS*

## 11. A PART OF YOUR HARVEST IS FOR YOU TO KEEP!

...who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?  
*I Corinthians 9:7 KJV*

## 12. YOUR HARVEST IS A MIRACLE!

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.  
*I Corinthians 3:6 KJV*



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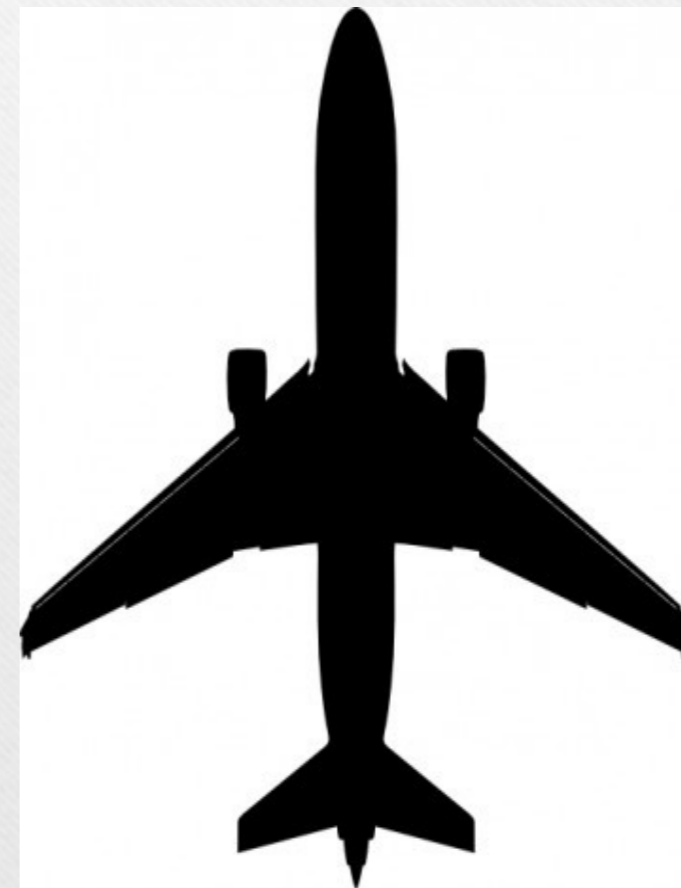
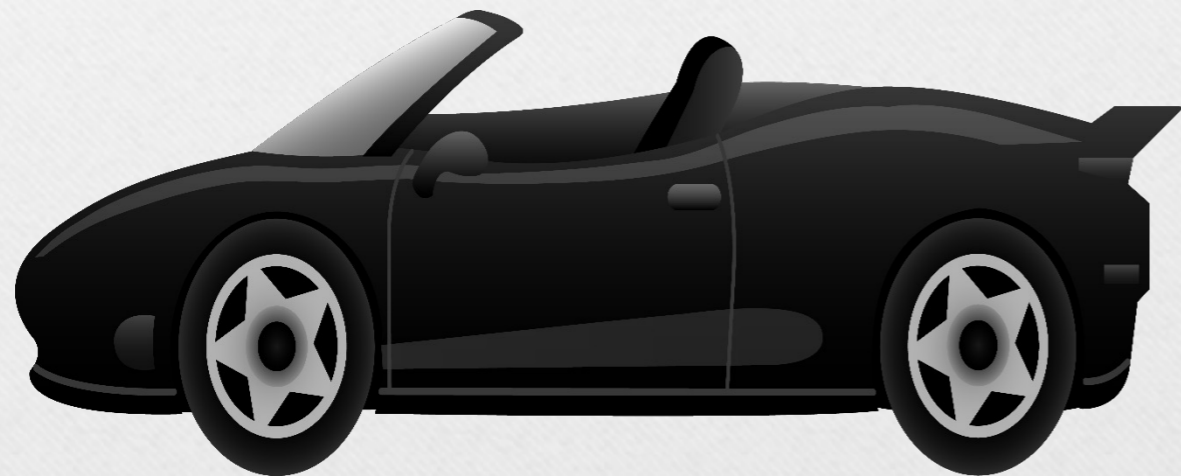
## COMMITMENT

- **a promise to do or give something**
- **: a promise to be loyal to someone or something**
- **: the attitude of someone who works very hard to do or support something**



# COMMITMENT

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## Critical Questions!

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1. Do we want **EXCELLENCE** in Ministry?
2. Are we saying **YES**....because it's THE RIGHT THING TO SAY or because we TRULY MEAN IT?
3. Are we will to adjust our **WALK** to our **WORDS**?



# COMMITMENT



Are you a tither?

# COMMITMENT



Are you a sower?

# COMMITMENT



Do you faithfully attend Bible Study?

# COMMITMENT



Have you attend sown a seed or blessed your pastor and/or family this year?

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# COMMITMENT



Do you attend ANY mid-week prayer sessions?

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# COMMITMENT



Have you helped maintain this facility?

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# Questions & Answers

VisionCast of iMpack Christian Church,  
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