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FOREWORD

This book sets out one of the most important foundational principles that a believer must discover in their journey to healing which includes healing of their emotions from hurts and wounds.

The understanding of the Gifts of God, the revelational knowledge on how these can impact your own life as well as minister to others and the wisdom to apply these at the right place (space) and time, will be a huge step in your healing.

Our focus with this book is to utilize these principles from a Hebraic mindset, namely to empower the believer to come to a full understanding of:

- Their role as “son of God”
- Their calling to transform from the image of the man of dust to a Heavenly Man
- Their purpose to use these gifts to “love your neighbor as you love yourself”
- Their Father’s blessing to impact eternity.

The Body of Messiah has been blessed since the early 1990’s with literature covering this aspect by Don and Kate Fortune: “Discover your God-given Gifts”.

This couple has also written a practical help to empower parents to identify their children’s gifts so that parents can fulfill their God-given calling to set the child out on the correct path towards their destiny.

Other resources which we can recommend to an earnest Torah student who wants to further their study in this regard are:

- Spiritual Gifts Descriptions www.churchgrowth.org/giftslist.php
- “Knowing Me Knowing God” by Malcolm Goldsmith
- Arthur Burk Website: http://www.plumblineministries.com/south_africa1

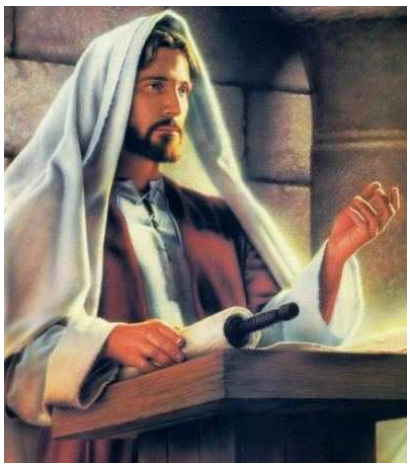
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PART 10: STUDY THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS OF EACH GIFT. FOCUS ON YOUR OWN TWO / THREE TOP GIFTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW YOU HAVE BEEN MADE

1. GIFT OF PROPHET

Much of the current teaching on prophet has been toward the "word" of God and more accurately reflects the manifestation of prophet. The **gift** of prophet is therefore not the prophet as we know it commonly today.

a) Yeshua acts as a Prophet:



1) He speaks only what the Father says:

> **John 12:49** *"49 This is because I have never spoken on My own authority or of My own accord or as self-appointed, but the Father Who sent Me has Himself given Me orders [concerning] what to say and what to tell."*

2) He declares the Truth

> **John 14:6** *"6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me."*

b) Joseph operating with the Gift of Prophet

We have been conditioned to see the prophetic as the utterance of a word of direction given without insight / prior knowledge of the opportunity or problem.



An interesting story which requires some further study is the interchange between **Pharaoh and Joseph** after he had the **interpreted the dream**.

We see that Joseph's journey through life is not always easy. We find him for a part of his life in **jail.**

Even after he has helped one of his fellow inmates he still has to stay in captivity for two years longer.

We see clearly here that the reward or positive blessing from a good work does not always materialize very soon after the deed.

At some stage however, Joseph is set free in an instant. Joseph shares with Pharaoh the insight and discernment of the dream at which stage we see:

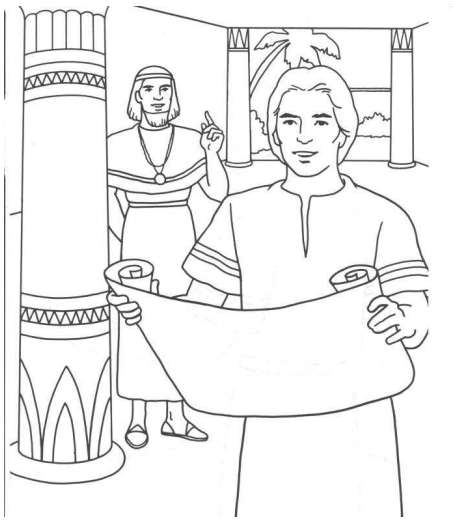
- Joseph set free
- Joseph promoted to a high position
- Joseph being recognised by Pharaoh as having **insight and wisdom**.

> **Genesis 41:38-40** "*38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find this man's equal, a man in whom is the spirit of God?*
> *39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Forasmuch as [your] God has shown you all this,* ***there is nobody as intelligent and discreet and understanding and wise as you are.***
> *40 You shall have charge over my house, and all my people shall be governed according to your word [with reverence, submission, and obedience]. Only in matters of the throne will I be greater than you are.*

Of critical importance to understand his ability to discern and interpret the dream is not the marker of this blessing, but rather the fact that Joseph had been **created and infused with this gift of the prophetic at conception**.

We struggle to understand how the gift of prophecy can be used to take and implement God's principles in a unique problem.

The life of Joseph shows us how he is appointed into a position of authority because he would use this gift wisely.



What do these attributes mean that Pharaoh describes in the above verses?

The word "**insight**" – Hebrew - "***navon***" - Strongs 995 – "***bijn***" and means:

- Intuition
- Foresight
- Comprehension
- Discernment

This word therefore implies that we have the ability:

- to sort things into categories,
- to prioritize,
- to apply intellectual knowledge to a recognizable pattern of facts.

We can say that this comes from an application of hard work and study.

The word "**wisdom**" – Hebrew – Strongs - 2450 – "***chacham***" and means:

- Skilled
- Cunning / shrewd
- Learned
- Prudent

This word therefore implies the application of our creative ability to create a desired result. It is all about:

- practical /
- how to do it
- applied wisdom

that results in a goal being achieved. We can say that this comes from our exposure to life experiences.

Joseph had to spend his life in his father's tents. He had been exposed to a study of the Torah principles and Word.



He has, through his experiences

- in the pit,
- in Potiphar's house,
- in the jail,

learned how to react to the experiences of life.

He is able to take both of these gifts and use them to:

- Develop a plan
- Communicate the vision
- Sell the need
- Call others (not of his tribe) to work in alignment to the vision

So that his own family can be saved

THE PURPOSE OF A PROPHET:

Background



The prophets were divine philosophers / teachers of the Hebraic principle of virtue / purity / integrity.

Prophets do not live in the public eye but largely keep to themselves unless they have a message / principle to proclaim in someone's life:

They would be students of the:

- Torah
- History of God's people
- Legal system



Prophets would normally gather with the people at the time of:

- New moons
- Shabbat

as a time to instruct people in God's Principles.

2 Kings 4:23 "*23 And he said, Why go to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath. And she said, It will be all right.*

In the story of the ***Shunammite*** woman who comes to Elisha on Mount Carmel we see that she understood that **the prophet would know when and how** to apply one of **God's Principles** to solve her problem.

Note: She did not come for a prophetic word but for an **application of God's Principles.**

2 Kings 4:22-37 "*22 And she called to her husband and said, Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may go quickly to the man of God and come back again.*
23 And he said, Why go to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath. And she said, It will be all right.
24 Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, Ride fast; do not slacken your pace for me unless I tell you.
25 So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her afar off, he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that ***Shunammite.***
26 Run to meet her and say, Is it well with you? Well with your husband? Well with the child? And she answered, It is well.
27 When she came to the mountain to the man of God, she clung to his feet. Gehazi came to thrust her away, but the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul is bitter and vexed within her, and the Lord has hid it from me and has not told me.
28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?
29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand and go lay my staff on the face of the child. If you meet any man, do not salute him. If he salutes you, do not answer him.
30 The mother of the child said, ***As the Lord lives and as my soul lives, I will not leave you.*** *And he arose and followed her.*
31 Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the child's face, but the boy neither spoke nor heard. So he went back to meet ***Elisha*** *and said to him, The child has not awakened.*
32 When Elisha arrived in the house, the child was dead and laid upon his bed.

33 So he went in, shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord.
34 ***He went up and lay on the child, put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself on him and embraced him, the child's flesh became warm.***
35 Then he returned and walked in the house to and fro and went up again and stretched himself upon him. And the child sneezed seven times, and then opened his eyes.
36 Then [Elisha] called Gehazi and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she came, he said, Take up your son.
37 She came and fell at his feet, bowing herself to the ground. Then she took up her son and went out.



The relevant Hebrew word for a prophet of this nature is "***nabi***" – an inspired man.

This prophet is a **spokesman** – someone who speaks for another. Abraham was a prophet after this gifting.

Genesis 20:7 "*So now restore to the man his wife, for he is a* ***prophet****, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her [to him], know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.*

He is given the gift of being able to identify **new application** for implementation of principles into the future.

He operates with the **Principles of God's design,** to restore and release a person's full birthright, gaining favour from the governmental / legal structures. He does **not** create; he re-applies the principles in a new / different context.

The restoration of God's design comes about when the prophet:

- Accurately discerns between good and evil (in this differentiation; the prophet will be black or white – there will be no areas for compromise)

Matt. 23:27 *"27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you are like tombs that have been whitewashed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men's bones and everything impure."*

- Speaks out / becomes a leading figure in a "fight" for righteousness, justice or freedom.

- **Identifies the bad fruit** which come from the wrong / bad root system and defines the path to repentance.



- Embraces difficulties / trials / tribulations as a path to personal growth and humbleness.

- Visibly demonstrates his obedience to God's Principles and Commandments by a lifestyle of patterning Yeshua at all costs.

Jer. 1:5, 10 *"5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.*
10 See, I have this day appointed you to the oversight of the nations and of the kingdoms to ***root out and pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant****."*

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY A PROPHET?

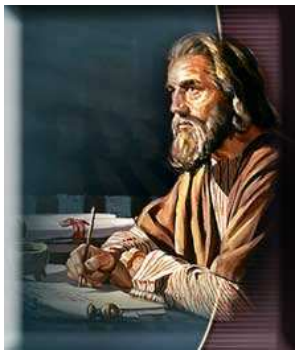
Someone who:

- **takes initiative** (does not like routine), i.e. needs new challenges.

Proverbs 29:18 "*18 Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]—blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.*

- is **verbally expressive** / talks easily / is outspoken and does not mince words.

Proverbs 12:17 "*17 He* ***who breathes out truth shows forth righteousness*** *(uprightness and right standing with God), but a false witness utters deceit.*
18 There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but ***the tongue of the wise brings healing****.*



Proverbs 17:27 *"27 He* ***who has knowledge spares his words****, and* ***a man of understanding has a cool spirit****.*
28 Even a fool when he holds his peace is considered wise; when he closes his lips he is esteemed a man of understanding.

- has an **inability to tolerate bondage** / control.

- **processes thoughts / concepts quickly,** shift gears and therefore gets bored easily wherever repetition work is done.

- is **fiercely competitive**.

- **judges himself harshly** for every mistake that he makes.

- only has **one or two real friends**. They don't easily compromise and therefore his friends are of similar "heart". As they tend to be introspective, they are often happy to be alone but are not **lonely.**

THE SELF-IMAGE OF THE PROPHET:

The prophet's God-given introspective nature, i.e. always considering and measuring themselves to what they perceive God's Standard to be; coupled with the God-given calling to define right and wrong, will give rise to negative feelings of self-worth which can even lead to depression.

The prophet's emotions are intense – from an absolute high to the deepest dungeon. As a result, they will either speak incredible life / direction or unload every tactless, irresponsible thoughts which randomly just enter their heads.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:



- He must bring a **first-fruit offering of time**, otherwise his time is devoured.

- He must become a **strong intercessor** to negate the inherent desire to be judgmental, to motivate others to pray, he must always pray before he speaks.

Proverbs 15:31-33 "*31 The ear that listens to the reproof [that leads to or gives] life will remain among the wise.*
32 He who refuses and ignores instruction and correction despises himself, but he who heeds reproof gets understanding.
33 The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord brings instruction in Wisdom, and humility comes before honor.



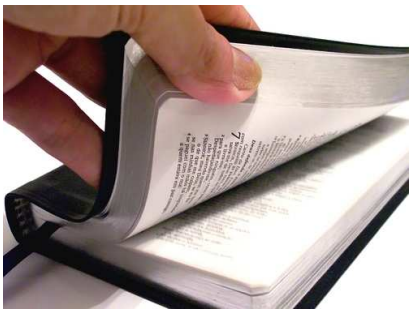
- He must have a **strong root system** of faith and an understanding of the Torah to stand against the words of opposition. Because his thought-process is quick, he will get opposition from those who want to think / plan things carefully.

Many others will want to stay with the "tried and tested" and are often fearful of new untried concepts.

Proverbs 13:13 "*13 Whoever despises the word and counsel [of God] brings destruction upon himself, but he who [reverently] fears and respects the commandment [of God] is rewarded.*
14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

- He must make sure that relationships with people are retained and therefore **must take time to restore friendships**, especially when their friends have worked hard towards a common goal but have not received any recognition / blessing for the progress.

If the prophet fails in all / any of these critical success factors and instead **starts to operate on his own interpretation of the gifts**, he will cause some of the following impacts on the Body of Messiah:



- He **will steal God's Truth** from other believers. Each one of us has the God-given ability to study His Word, to pray and to worship. In time therefore it is likely that we will get the revelation / solution for our situation.

Where time / economic / relationship pressure are too heavy and we rely on a prophet's direction we could be given false word.

- He can misuse the situation where he is aware of private, privileged information and raise his tongue in **slander and gossip.**

- He can make light of the circumstances, treating the situation as empty or light-hearted.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The prophet has the gift to use the principle laid out in the Torah / Word in new applications. Every principle has what the Rabbi's call – a cause and effect relationship. From this we understand that every action by man can have:

- a negative or
- a positive effect.

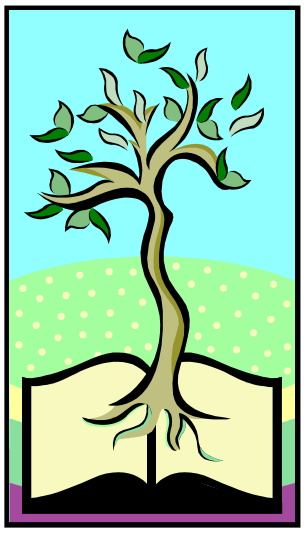


In the case of a father – this will impact the next generation.
In the case of a believer – this will impact the cell / body of Messiah.

An elementary example is:

CAUSE	EFFECT
If we do not make people work for a reward, i.e. if they develop a spirit of entitlement…	They will become lazy, corrupt.
If we encourage a spirit of enterprise, diligence and thankfulness…	We create a group of people with a high moral fiber.

A. The prophet's tree of life has its roots in:



1) The talent that God has blessed him with.
2) The value system engraved by his parents.
3) The level / time spent in study of the Word.

B. The root system of the prophet support the trunk of the tree by the:

- direction given
- confidence instilled
- Level of empowerment through the nature / type of "blessing" pronounced regularly over the prophet's life.

C. The truth produces branches of prophetic direction, i.e. cause and effect relationship impact principles into every problem they are called to deal with.

Illustration:

A Principle set out in the Torah is:

- If you sow = you reap.
- If you sow wisely = you reap greater freedom.
- If you sow intensely = you reap bountifully.

We can see that the basic principle can have multiple levels of application; in addition the same principle can be used in all three levels of structure:

- Man / Matter: Physical seed = a harvest.
- Man / Spirit: Intensity of prayer = success in Spiritual warfare.
- Man / Man: Integrity of Role model = Generational blessing.

Domain of Personal Warfare:



The prophet's nature is to cause hurt / wounds to relationships with his fellowman. This is however also his area of greatest blessing / authority.

The prophet must identify, speak out against, and root out all:

- Efforts of man to remain silent / tolerate acts of injustice against his fellow man.
- Acts of racism or sexism which go to separate man into groups resulting in inequality / inequity.
- Acts of physical / ritual abuse.

The prophet must proclaim / take a stand for:

- Reconciliation between people groups.
- Healing of the spiritually wounded.
- Liberty / equality of all before God.



Sign of the Holy Spirit:

The "Breath of God" would seem to best symbolize the gift of the prophet.

Gen. 2:7 *"7 Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and* ***breathed*** *into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being."*

ATTACKS AGAINST THE GIFT OF PROPHET:

1) Influence of Parenting:

- The father's role is to bless the child into his purpose and to empower him through training / exposure to meet challenges. If the father does not build this attribute, the prophet will be fearful and **will want to run away from the unknown.**



- The prophet who struggles with self-condemnation / rejection will focus on his own hurts and rob the Body of Messiah of God-given direction.
- The father must take steps to **build the prophet's self-image**, by giving words of approval, by allowing him to express his feelings, by having him understand that mistakes are not the end of the world. If the father fails in this area the prophet will wrestle with bouts of anger over what he perceives as injustice.
- The father must channel the prophet's thought pattern so that he will always be striving to **test** the answers / statements of others, so that he will know that it is good and acceptable to have a different opinion. If the father fails, the prophet could be argumentative and disrespectful of others even when their opinions are incorrect.
- The father must experiment with and **encourage every area of creativity** until he releases this aspect of talents in the prophet. If he fails to do so the prophet's ability to express himself is limited and will cause frustration and tension when it comes to adequately expressing God's Word.



2) Influence of Woundedness:

Prophets by their nature and calling are **compassionate people**. Words which describe the calling are:

- sensitive,
- honest,
- loyal,
- Responsible.

They are **deeply sensitive to hurts from rejection in the womb**, as well as the **emotional trauma** that exists even after deliverance has taken place.

Because they are sensitive, any acts by a parent which reflects a lack of love (i.e. being ignored) will cause wounding.

It is estimated that **60-70% of all prophets are "wounded**".

The prophet should be bold, an initiator – not easily intimidated. However, if parents have raised you to be unwilling to risk, then you will operate under extreme stress especially if you are intolerant of the views of others, or push others to reach your own standard of maturity.

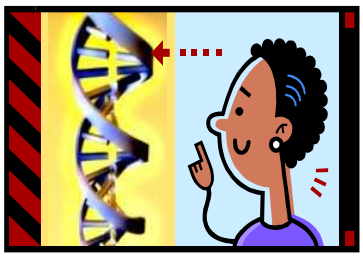


The prophet must **guard against bitterness** as this becomes the permanent battlefield of the prophet.

3) Generational / Spiritual force

We have chosen to proclaim the blessing in this paragraph. We have not gone into the details or described the negative consequences on the life of believers which is caused by the negative impact of generational curses.

Please note that if this gift has been rejected / abused by the previous generations, then the gift will operate in the **exact opposite way** in which it should and the effect / impact thereof will be **multiplied** in the following generations (i.e. by my parents).

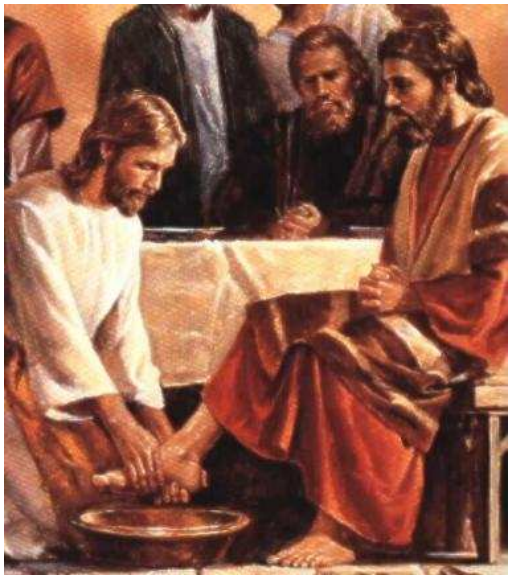


The prophet has the gift of being able to show people what their DNA is, to understand God's call on their life and to show them the price they will have to pay to get there.

Root iniquity: This will come down to the abuse / misuse of the rights of the individuals or followers that have committed themselves to the leader.

2. GIFT OF SERVANT

(This is not the common description of someone who puts out the chairs and washes the cups every time.)



Yeshua as Servant:

1) Demonstrated service:

John 13:5 *"5 Then He poured water into the washbasin and **began to wash** the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the [servant's] towel with which He was girded."*

Mark 10:43 *"43 But this is not to be so among you; instead, whoever desires to be great among you must be your **servant**,"*

Background

God knows that this world, with its focus on performance, materialism etc. needs to have an abundance of people who are blessed with the gift of servant.

What is astounding is the record of people who are called "servant" and yet

- achieved great things,
- always honoured their leaders.

1) Deborah – Rebekah's Nurse

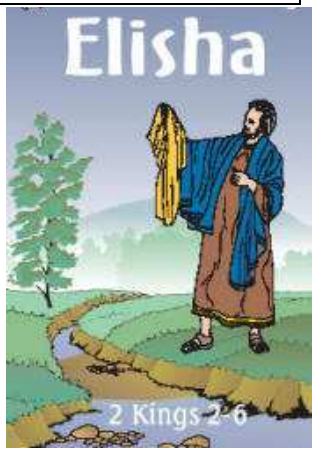
Genesis 35:8 "*8 But Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried below Bethel under an oak; and the name of it was called Allon-bacuth [oak of weeping].*

2) Joseph



Genesis 39:2-23 "*2 But the Lord was with Joseph, and he [though a slave] was a successful and prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.*
3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all that he did to flourish and succeed in his hand.
*4 So Joseph pleased [Potiphar] and found favor in his sight, **and he served him**. And [his master] made him supervisor over his house and he put all that he had in his charge.*
*5 From the time that he made him **supervisor in his house** and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the Lord's blessing was on all that he had in the house and in the field.*

21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy and loving-kindness and ***gave him favor*** *in the sight of the warden of the prison*
.22 And the warden of the prison committed to ***Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison****; and whatsoever was done there, he was in charge of it.*
23 The prison warden paid no attention to anything that was in [Joseph's] charge, for the Lord was with him and made whatever he did to prosper.



3) Elisha

2 Kings 3:11 "*11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there no prophet of the Lord here by whom we may inquire of the Lord? One of the king of Israel's servants answered, Elisha son of Shaphat, who served Elijah, is here.*

4) The soldier of Cornelius

Acts 10:7 "*7 When the angel who spoke to him had left, Cornelius called two of his servants and a God-fearing soldier from among his own personal attendants.*

5) The Centurion's servant



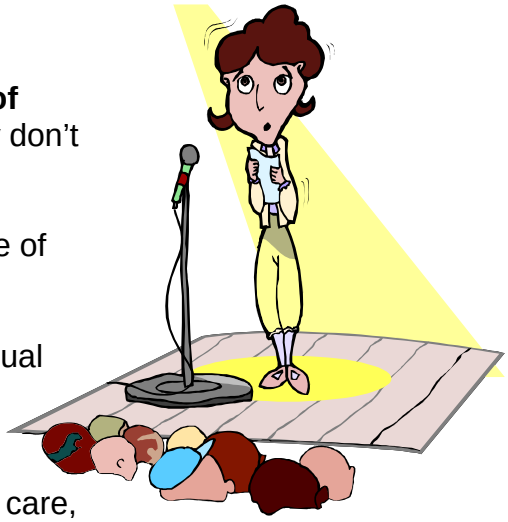
Luke 7:8 "*8 For I also am a man [daily] subject to authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my bond servant, Do this, and he does it.*

The servant's blessing.

Proverbs 27:7 *"7 He who is satiated [with sensual pleasures] loathes and treads underfoot a honeycomb, but* ***to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.***



PURPOSE:



The servant has been given power over the **principle of authority**, because they do not want the spotlight, they don't abuse it.

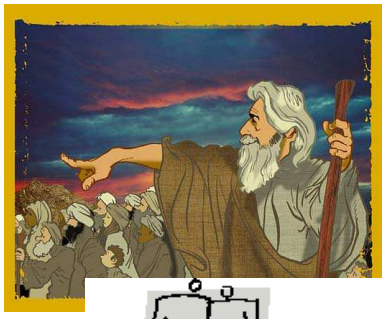
The restoration of the servant's power over the principle of authority is manifested:

- in those acts of practical help that results in manual jobs being sorted out immediately.

- in acts of hospitality where friends and newcomers are spoiled / treated with the utmost care, but seldom is this care reflected **in words of love**.

- in the amount of effort / loyalty they will put into a project / ministry in order to ensure that it is successful. They sometimes need help to be more effective with their time.

Ex. 18:13-18 *"13 Next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening.*
*14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this that you do for the people? **Why do you sit alone**, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?*
15 Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
16 When they have a dispute they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God and His laws.
17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you are doing is not good.
*18 You will **surely wear out both yourself** and this people with you, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it all by yourself."*



- when the servant lets his heart follow God's direction and God's Timing to help lead others through the path of deliverance and restoration that is required – Moses (a servant) leads the people for forty years until "Egypt" was removed from their thinking.



The servant is the one that **prays for leaders, protects leaders** and can be the vehicle of counselling to **cleanse leadership from impurities**.

The servant has a heart for God's Creation, man and ecology and actively seeks their restoration to their original purpose, i.e. to set proper boundaries.

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE SERVANT?



Someone:

- Who serves without guile – there are no false motives / no agendas.

Proverbs 11:27 "*27 He who diligently seeks good seeks [God's] favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come upon him.*

Proverbs 14:35 "*35 The king's favor is toward a wise and discreet servant, but his wrath is against him who does shamefully.*

- **Obeys the leader at all times**

Ephesians 6:5 "*5* ***Servants (slaves), be obedient to those who are your physical masters, having respect for them and eager concern to please them,*** *in singleness of motive and with all your heart, as [service] to Christ [Himself]—*



1 Peter 2:18 "*18 [You who are] household servants,* ***be submissive to your masters with all [proper] respect****, not only to those who are kind and considerate and reasonable, but also to those who are surly (overbearing, unjust, and crooked).*

Titus 2:9 "*9 [****Tell] bond servants to be submissive to their masters****, to be pleasing and give satisfaction in every way. [Warn them] not to talk back or contradict,*

- **Is conscientious** – does things to the best of their ability

Titus 2:10 "*10 Nor to steal by taking things of small value, but to prove themselves truly loyal and entirely reliable and faithful throughout, so that in everything they may be an ornament and do credit to the teaching [which is] from and about God our Savior.*

- **Who does not keep book** – there are no I.O.U.'s; he does not seek a reward.

Proverbs 13:7 "*7 One man considers himself rich, yet has nothing [to keep permanently]; another man considers himself poor, yet has great [and indestructible] riches*.



- **Who collects "things**" – they are hoarders.
- **Who has integrity, simplicity and honour** at all times.

Proverbs 12:9 "*9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed but works for his own support than he who assumes honor for himself and lacks bread.*

Proverbs 22:9 "*9 He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.*

- **Render services in a cheerful spirit**.

1 Peter 2:19 "*19 For one is regarded favorably (is approved, acceptable, and thankworthy) if, as in the sight of God, he endures the pain of unjust suffering.*
20 [After all] what kind of glory [is there in it] if, when you do wrong and are punished for it, you take it patiently? But if you bear patiently with suffering [which results] when you do right and that is undeserved, it is acceptable and pleasing to God.



Colossians 3:23 "*23 Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men*,

Ephesians 6:7 "*7 Rendering service readily with goodwill, as to the Lord and not to men,*

- **While not a strong scholar, walks in holiness**. They will not always have a "Word" answer, but their hearts are tuned into God and therefore they reflect God's Integrity.

Proverbs 18:24 "*24 The man of many friends [a friend of all the world] will prove himself a bad friend, but* ***there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.***

- **Render services by doing the will of God**.

1 Peter 2:21 *"21 For even to this were you called [it is inseparable from your vocation]. For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you [His personal] example, so that you should follow in His footsteps.*

Ephesians 6:6 "*6 Not in the way of eye-service [as if they were watching you] and only to please men, but as servants (slaves) of Christ, doing the will of God heartily and with your whole soul;*

- **Who has a high energy level**.

1 Peter 4:11 *"…whoever **renders service**, [let him do it] as with the **strength which God furnishes abundantly**, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it)."*

- **Who is happy to be a follower and not a leader**.

Galatians 5:13 "*13 For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [for selfishness], but through love you should serve one another*.

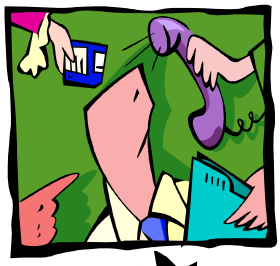
1 Thessalonians 1:9 "*9 For they themselves volunteer testimony concerning us, telling what an entrance we had among you, and how you turned to God from [your] idols to serve a God Who is alive and true and genuine,*



THE SELF-IMAGE OF THE SERVANT:

The servant tends to be a shy personality – something that is inherently part of their DNA. A shy person will "like" other people, but will only open up to them when a foundation of trust has been build up.
A servant is far more likely to "do something" for you as apposed to "say" something good to you.

If these actions are not seen, not recognized, if trust is broken by exposing him in front of others, he will have a low self-image.



CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTS:



- The servant must learn to say **NO**, not to agree to all demands placed on him. The nature of the servant wants to help, however he must hear from God as to where he must be or else he takes on a workload which cannot be met. He then disappoints others and creates his own internal pressure.

- The servant must take care not to spoil their own children or to neglect their family while helping others.

- The servant must ensure that he does not become overly competitive. While the servant does not want personal spotlight, they can become very competitive in respect of the ministries / people that they support and can lose perspective.



- The servant must take up his authority to war against the spirit of death.

- The servant must learn to accept that others can serve them – they must learn to receive with the same grace that they give.

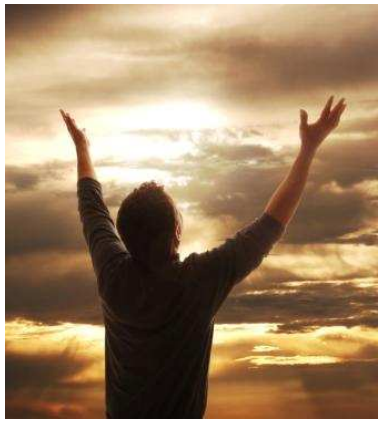
- The servant must learn to put and keep their priorities in order: God, family, job, and ministry. He should learn not to neglect the first calling.

- The servant must make sure that he does not render a service with the wrong heart and only in a manner so as to make it appear as if he has kept his word.

Colossians 3:22 "*22 Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord and as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him.*

- The servant must make sure that they **praise God at all times.**

Revelation 19:5 *"5 Then from the throne there came a voice, saying,* ***Praise our God, all you servants of His****, you who reverence Him, both small and great!*



- The servant must recognise that man's reward is not the goal – the **real reward comes from God.**

Galatians 6:7 "*7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.]* ***For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.***
8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but ***he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.***

Colossians 3:24 "*24* ***Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward****. [The One Whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah).*
25 For he who deals wrongfully will [reap the fruit of his folly and] be punished for his wrongdoing. And [with God] there is no partiality [no matter what a person's position may be, whether he is the slave or the master].

Prov. 31:16 *"16 She considers a [new] field before she buys or accepts it [expanding prudently and* ***not courting neglect of her present duties by assuming other duties];*** *with her savings [of time and strength] she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard. [S. of Sol. 8:12.]"*

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The servant's call to walk in authority implies that there is a real understanding of the call to be in submission to leadership while always ensuring that the authority does not move into the realm of domination.



Authority in line with God's Principles implies that we:

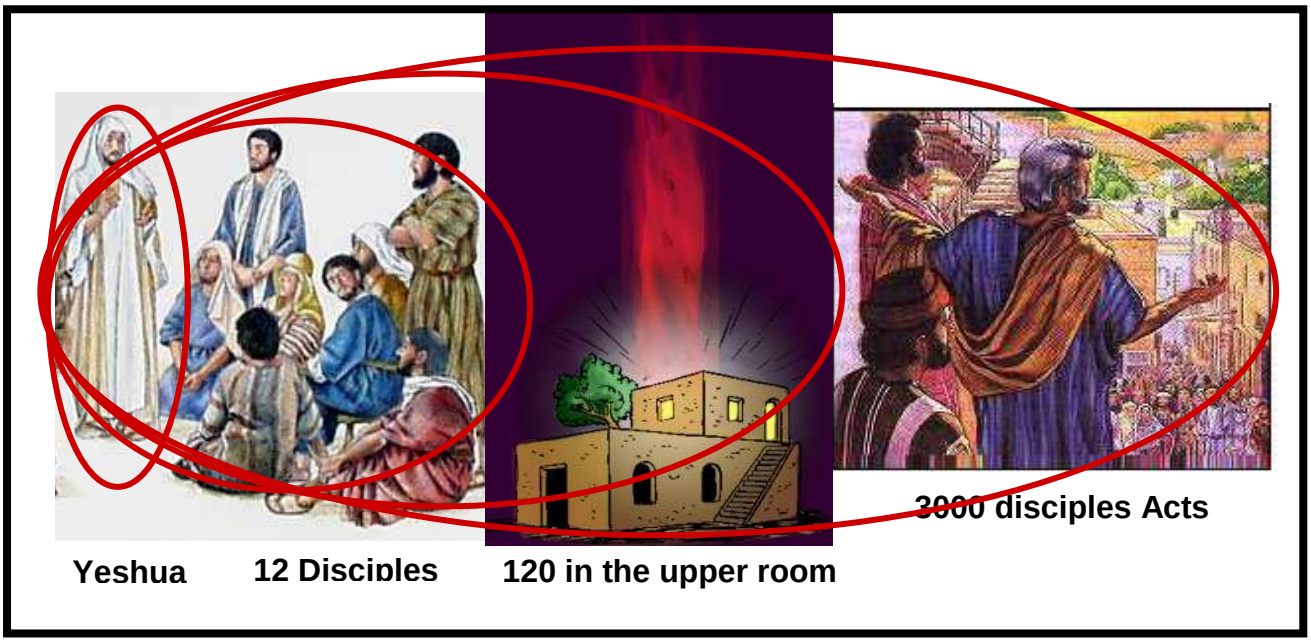
- must subdue
    - nature, the land,
    - demons,
- BEFORE we can rule.

An illustration of subduing nature is when Yeshua “speaks” to the fish to find a coin for the taxman.

Matthew 17:24 “*24 When they arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the half shekel [the temple tax] went up to Peter and said, Does not your Teacher pay the half shekel?*
26 And when Peter said, From other people not of their own family, Jesus said to him, Then the sons are exempt.
27 However, in order not to give offense and cause them to stumble [that is, to cause them to judge unfavorably and unjustly] go down to the sea and throw in a hook. ***Take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find there a shekel****. Take it and give it to them to pay the temple tax for Me and for yourself.*



The goal with authority is therefore to continually **expand** the area under the **domain of Godly rulership**. Yeshua illustrates this principle as follows:



In this way, Godly authority expands to transform the community.

The Path of Transformation:

1) Recognize the potential in people / things.

2) Apply God’s principles of **cause and effect**,
i.e. a piece of land if left alone will fill up with weeds.
A piece of land used productively will yield a harvest.

3) Establish **specific boundaries** / structures to define the problem.

4) Provide the necessary **resources** needed to implement the plan.

Domain of Personal Warfare:

The nature of the servant is to meet people's needs instead of taking authority to empower change, i.e. **the servant must set the example of meeting the needs of the Body of Messiah** in such a way that others, who do not have this gift, will be set free to multiply in their gift.

The servant must **speak out** and **take a stand against**:



- Those who tolerate / accept their situation of bondage / abuse and stay in pain when they have the resources to move on to a place of victory in life.

- Those who need help due to their inability / passiveness to the extent that they represent an **abused victim spirit** unable to do anything on their own.

The servant must:

- Establish boundaries of acceptable behavior.

- Speak out against those who cause pain and abuse whether physical or verbal.

Sign of the Holy Spirit:

The "oil" of the Menorah would seem to best symbolize the Holy Spirit's touch to the gift of servant.

Ex. 30:25 *"25 And you shall make of these a **holy anointing oil**, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer; it shall be a sacred anointing oil."*



THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE GIFT OF SERVANT:

1. Influence of Parenting:

- A father must provide the layer of protection / security around a servant, encouraging him to step out into new situations without fear in order to overcome the sense of shyness and insecurity. If the father fails in this life task, **the servant will live in fear of every unknown situation**.

- A father must set a standard of praise and acknowledgment for every good work done – the praise must be in relation to the work done so that the servant learns the value of his actions. A father that fails in this area will leave his child **overly dependant / craving for acknowledgement** and could easily become a "people-pleaser", or else highly critical of every effort made by others.

- A father must identify the creative gifting, i.e. where the servant will be useful in a **practical sense with works of his hands**, and expose the servant to training and experience in those fields. A father who fails will leave a frustrated, unsatisfied servant to wander on this earth.

- Parents who do not teach the children self-worth, confidence, courage will expose the servant to much pain when people are not fair and honourable towards them, i.e. they will often live under a **victim mentality.**

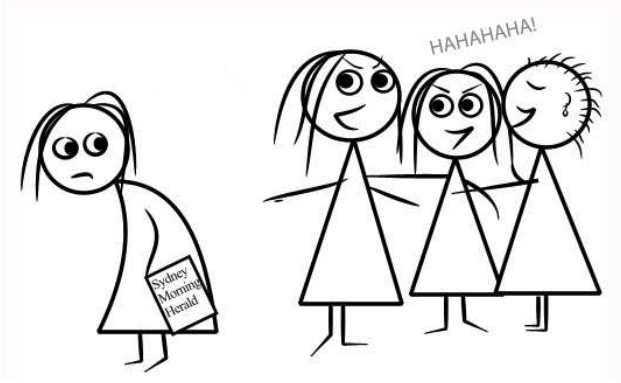


This can manifest itself in a number of ways:

a) The servant's need to be affirmed / recognized is so big that in almost every situation it becomes a disaster – *"I am never appreciated!"*

b) The servant has a desperate need to succeed and can become **aggressive / pushy** in trying to help others.

c) The servant feels **insecure and awkward** when they are given something – they don't know how to receive in grace.



2. Influence of Woundedness:

Servants are by nature helpful, reliable and sensitive people. Servants will be hurt when they do something for others that is not accepted or acknowledged.



Negative treatment by parents can easily be seen when the child is embarrassed or forced to stand in front of the crowd to "sing or perform".

This type of exposure causes a deep sense of insecurity, as a result **40-50% of servants experience wounding**.

The servant will often be misused, abused and dishonoured. Someone who has been impacted with hurts to the extent that they have a "victim" mentality will be **overpowered, manipulated and dominated.**

The servant will often display the spirit of illegitimacy – of not feeling worthy.

3. Generational / Spiritual Force:

We have chosen to proclaim the blessing in this paragraph. We have not gone into the details or described the negative consequences on the life of believers which is caused by the negative impact of generational curses.



Please note that if this gift has been rejected / abused by the previous generations, then the gift will operate in the **exact opposite way** in which it should and the effect / impact thereof will be **multiplied** in the following generations (i.e. by my parents).

The servant has the integrity to be able to disclose satan's lies and thereby bring cleansing and healing to God's leadership and to release others in ministry.

Root iniquity: They desire to have peace with everybody at all costs.

PRAYER STRATEGY FOR THE SERVANT GIFT

Practical points on how to **pray a hedge of protection as a prayer shield** around our spiritual leaders.

Ephesians 6:10-18 *"Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armour of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.*
Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert, with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."

I. PLACING A HEDGE AROUND YOUR PASTOR

Key Scripture – *"Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might."* (Eph. 6:10)

A. Meditate on the greatness of God on behalf of your pastor - Rom. 8:28, 31,37; 1 Pet. 3:12.

B. Expose the wiles of the devil - Eph. 6:11-12.

C. Claim scriptural promises for their overall protection - Is. 54:14-17; Ps. 34:7; Lk. 10:19; 2 Cor. 10:3-4.

D. Petition the Father to grant them a discerning spirit - 2 Cor. 11:14; 1Jn. 4:1.

II. THE PASTOR'S PRIVATE LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... girded ... with truth..."* Eph. 6:14.

A. Request that their glory be solely in the cross - Gal. 6:14.

B. Pray:
1. For their continued renewal - Is. 40:27-31.
2. For their holiness - 1 Pet. 1:16.

C. Seek:
1. For them a clear vision of the merits of Christ - Phil. 3:7-10.
2. For godly contentment - 1 Tim. 6:6.
3. For the love of God to be shed abroad in their hearts - Rom. 5:5.

III. THE PASTOR'S PERSONAL LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... having put on the breastplate of righteousness."* (Eph. 6:14)

A. Intercede for their spouses, children and families - Ps. 91:9-12; Ps. 37:25.

B. Cancel in Jesus' name all assignments against them - Mt. 16:19.

C. Remove by faith all obstacles to their total health and prosperity - Mk. 11:23; Phil. 4:19.

V. THE PASTOR'S PRAISE LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace."* (Eph. 6:15)

A. Ask the Father to give them a strong worship - Mt. 4:10.

B. Bind:
1. The spirit of fear - Jn. 14:1.
2. The spirit of gloom - Is. 61:3.
3. The spirit of negativity - 2 Tim. 1:6-7.

C. Listen for any other direction to pray - Eccles. 5:1-2.

V. THE PASTOR'S PRAYER LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."* (Eph. 6:16, NKJ)

A. Quench in the Holy Spirit, darts of doubt - Mk. 6:5-6.

B. Rebuke all distractions from their devotional time - Mk. 5:36.

C. Loosen the forces of heaven to aid in prayer:
1. Mk. 1:35 (private prayer).
2. Acts 1:14 (corporate prayer).

VI. THE PASTOR'S PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... and take the helmet of salvation..."* (Eph. 6:17a)

A. Shield them from the fear of men - Is. 11:1-3; Prov. 19:23.

B. Bestow on them:
1. Favour in the denomination - Prov. 18:16.
2. Support among their peers - Prov. 11:4.

C. Entreat:
1. Jesus to give them an uncompromising truth - Prov. 4:20-27.
2. Wisdom in leadership - Jas. 1:5.

VII. THE PASTOR'S PREACHING LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... (with) the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."* (Eph. 6:17b)

A. Bless them with rich study time - Acts 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:15.

B. Grant:
1. To them a bold proclamation of Jesus - Col. 1:28.
2. To them opportunities - Col. 4:3-4.

C. Anoint them:
1. To preach and teach - Luk. 4:18; 1 Jn. 2:27.
2. For apostolic results - Acts 2:37.
3. For signs and wonders - Mk. 16:20.
4. To reveal truth - Mt. 16:17.

VIII. THE PASTOR'S PERSEVERING LIFE

Key Scripture – *"Stand firm therefore ... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance..."* (Eph. 6:18a, NKJ)

A. Honour them with lasting fruit - Mal. 3:11; Jn. 15:16.

B. Confess over them:
1. Steadfastness - 1 Cor. 15:58.
2. Bold vision - Is. 41:10.
3. Rest - Heb. 4; Mt. 11:28.

C. Give thanks for their call and gifts - Col. 1:3-5.

D. Secure them in courage - Josh. 1.

IX. CONCLUSION

Key Scripture – *"Fight the good fight of faith..."* (1 Tim. 6:12a)

A. Expect all that you have prayed.

B. Stand behind them girding them in prayer.

C. Yield to the Spirit for other areas of prayer and intercession.

D. Amen. Let it be so!

Remember, together, in Jesus, we make a Great Team!
Dr. James W. Goll

7 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR PASTORS, LEADERS, HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS

Be careful not to change from intersession into witchcraft prayer or meaningless prayer – we bring our ways to the table – our wounded ness
Group prayer for pastors – can be dangerous – leave to intercessors – we have to pray God's will – Use scriptures privately or corporately
Intercession is praying God's will into reality. Pro- active prayers bring the fullness of God to come to pass.

COL: 1: 9-11 *"9: For this reason we have not ceased to pray and make request known to you, asking that you be filled with the full knowledge of His Will .in all spiritual Wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things*
10: That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition]
11. [We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all the power according to the Might of His Glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and Forbearance) with joy"

7 Days: Pastors, leaders, husbands, fathers, sons, bosses universally applicable:

Sometimes tension in church – intercessors hear in part before the right time to share, or before the pastors hear from God

Day 1:

Pray the knowledge of God's will

Col.1:9: Pray the knowledge of God's will through spiritual wisdom & understanding – every intercessor needs to pray God's will – not just to have the knowledge; but to be filled with spiritual understanding & wisdom.

Generally pastors do not want to be taught by their sheep – sometimes tension in church – intercessors hear in part or long before the time is right to share – or before the pastor hears from God - pray that God will reveal His will to pastor through all spiritual wisdom & understanding (not through other leaders or democracy) – God will reveal His will to the pastor.

John 16: 13-14
"13. When He the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak His own message, but He will tell whatever He hears from the Father – declare things to come.
14. He will honor and Glorify Me, because He will take off what is Mine and will reveal it to you."

Fill – the pastor –sometimes we hear the Lord, get excited rush out –but we do not wait for details from the Holy Spirit

Monday 2nd day:

Walking worthy of his calling
You can know His will, but you need to live His will
We need to pray for internal transformation, that the pastor will walk worthy of his calling
Pastor to be lead by His spirit
Internally driven – not lead by social, cultural expectation – but by God's Heavenly culture

Tuesday 3rd day:

Bearing fruit in every good work-
There is much teaching about faithfulness – but we need to be fruitful
Hear the voice of God – sometimes we have to sow longer before we see results. When that happens do not become despondent.

John 15:16
"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you[I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you."

Pray that the pastor be fruitful – if there's a need for cleansing, chastening, change methodology – let God determine that fruit in every good work
The trap of the enemy can be success – then we tend to camp out there- be careful!!
We need to push on! Cannot bear fruit one dimensionally – must be in every area

Eph 2: 10
"We are uniquely designed for good works, which God prepares in advance for us" – one of a kind person-nobody like you.

Wednesday 4th day::
Growing in the knowledge of God
Huge difference between knowing the knowledge of God and growing in the knowledge of God - need to know Him!
Pray that pastor will have a profound encounter with God. – transformed – we are seeking the recognizing God in our midst.

Romans 12: 1,2
"Offer your bodies as living sacrifices and be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Healing our mind. Transform your mind to test and approve His perfect will.
The more we know God (not about God) we will embrace His will – not drawing back – God will reveal Himself to us.

Ask God to reveal Himself to the pastor, father, leader, boss.
Pray it into reality, ask God to prepare man's heart

What would Jesus do! – We often think in terms of right and wrong!! – It is more about the principle

As you know God, you will be able to make decisions.

Know God so well that you can say, this is what the father would do – even if the Holy Spirit is silent.

Thursday 5th day:

Strengthen in all power with His Glory & might

Eph 3: 10
"The manifold wisdom of God in all its variety and innumerable aspects be made known to the church"

Through problems –God has manifold wisdoms – variegated – different colors – many shades of God's wisdom- should be made known to rulers.

God wants to manifest Himself – He wants to do it through the church.
Humans are born with survival instinct - we have a natural desire not to get hurt – humanity – He called us to walk in the realm of the supernatural – when we are in a jam – mankind has no solution

Now God can run in a special way – 1st fruit of His manifestation.
People who flinch – don't have staying power in the time of distress – Daniel – lion's den – stench –excrement – lions all around him
Man has to run risk!.

God does not keep pain away from us – allowed it –
Strengthened with all power to God's glorious Might –wants to position man into impossible situation

Always some new facet of God – so that God can reveal facets of His wisdom

Friday 6th day:

Great Endurance and patience
Endurance of preparation – lurch theology – seems we are in the same place for months or years – lurching forward –new level - we need to keep on walking across that plato
Facing the acute pressure of birthing a new work, and not to give up just before baby is born

Is 37:3
"3. Hezekiah said, this is a day of trouble and distress and disgrace; for the children have come to birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth."

No power to deliver the birth – Received vision – paid a price up to a certain point
Price became to high – birthing pains intense just before baby is born – backlash – push through – Pray that pastor will have all the endurance in fullness of time to be birthed

Ps 1:3
"He shall be like a tree firmly planted by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season."

(What's the tree?) Different people with different fruit bearing seasons.
It takes endurance that year after year without seeing the fruit – Bless the pastor, leader.

Saturday 7th day:

Great Joy
Joy must be natural fruit - pray as a blessing for our leaders – joy must fill his being
A grim bride is an insult to the Lord, there is a season for grimness – difficult times – not the norm – But when the new thing is birthed – we have to walk in joy!!
In His presence is the fullness of Joy – joy being the mark of our leaders – to share the inheritance Leadership is a lonely job.
Radical holiness limits the number of people around you.
He would have others who would share with him – community of radical faith

Remember: You won't see changes in a day.
Pray for 7 weeks, 49 days and you will see changes –on and on – quit complaining – focused united sustained prayer will change your leaders.
Let us covenant together to pray powerful intercession for our leaders.

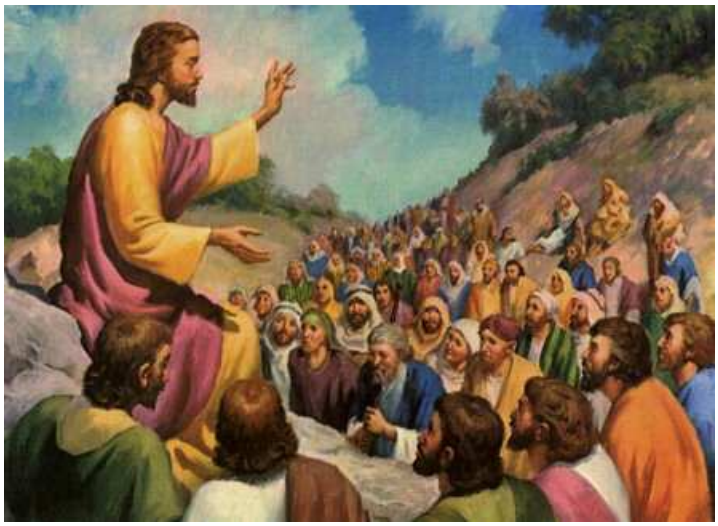
Amen!

3. GIFT OF TEACHER

Yeshua as Teacher:

1) He Always Taught the Truth:

Matt. 4:4 *"4 But He replied,* ***It has been written,*** *Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*



Matt. 5:21-22 *"21 You have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not kill, and whoever kills shall be liable to and unable to escape the punishment imposed by the court.*
22 But ***I say to you*** *that everyone who continues to be angry with his brother or harbors malice (enmity of heart) against him shall be liable to and unable to escape the punishment imposed by the court; and whoever speaks contemptuously and insultingly to his brother shall be liable to and unable to escape the punishment imposed by the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, You cursed fool! [You empty-headed idiot!] shall be liable to and unable to escape the hell (Gehenna) of fire."*

Luke 2:46 *"46 After three days they found Him [came upon Him] in the [court of the] temple, sitting among the teachers,* ***listening to them and asking them questions****."*

Yeshua sets an example of **how** one should teach. The word comes from the Greek word "***dedusko***" and means:

- to instruct,
- to deliver a discourse,
- To impart knowledge.

- They marvelled at what Yeshua **said** not what act / performance He gave.

- They received training in an informal way, more of a classroom situation where people can ask questions **than a speech delivered** to a room full of people.

Matthew 13:11 "*11 And He replied to them, To you it has been given to know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.*

Luke 2:46 "*46 After three days they found Him [came upon Him] in the [court of the] temple, **sitting among the teachers**, listening to them and asking them questions.*

Matthew 8:10 "*10 When Jesus heard him, He marveled and said to those who followed Him [who adhered steadfastly to Him, conforming to His example in living and, if need be, in dying also], I tell you truly, I have not found so much faith as this with anyone, even in Israel.*

- The teacher usually sat down while teaching i.e. **it's not a** case of someone standing high up on a platform.

Matthew 5:1 "*1 SEEING THE crowds, He went up on the mountain; and **when He was seated**, His disciples came to Him.*

Matthew 15:29 "*29 And Jesus went on from there and passed along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Then He went up into the hills and **kept sitting there.***

Luke 4:20 *"20 Then He rolled up the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were gazing [attentively] at Him.*

While teaching is a gift:

- **the way** in which you teach, and
- **what** you should be teaching



is in fact a **Commandment** – there is a protocol to be followed. This is not a burden but in fact a template for you to use.

Exodus 18:20 "*20 **Teaching** them the decrees and laws, **showing** them the way they must **walk and the work they must do.***

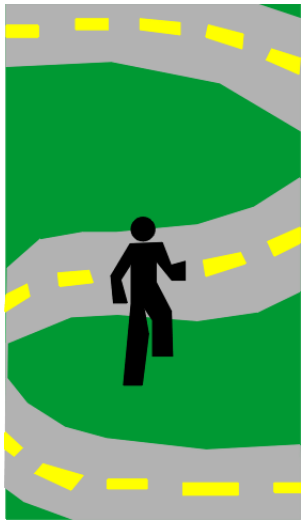
The word "**teach"** – Strongs 2094 – ***zâhar*** means

- to gleam
- to enlighten
- to admonish

The word "**show them"** – Strongs 3045 – ***yâda*** means

- to know by properly understanding what you see and making the decision to apply the principle.

The word "**way**" – Strongs 1870 – "***derek***" - means



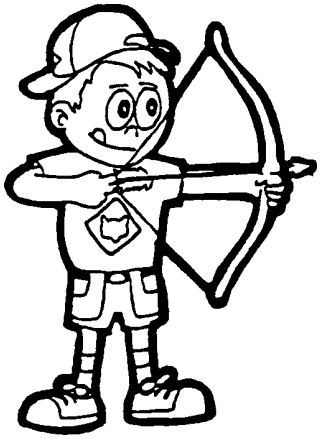
- the road that must be trodden.

The word "**teach"** – Strongs 3925 – ***hâmad*** means:

- to goad (by implication push / shove / drag)

Deuteronomy 4:1 "*1 NOW LISTEN and give heed, O Israel, to the statutes and ordinances which I teach you, and do them, that you may **live and go in and possess the land** which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you.*

Deuteronomy 5:31 "*31 But you [Moses], stand here by Me, and I will tell you all the commandments and the statutes and the precepts which **you shall teach them, that they may do them** in the land which I give them to possess*.



The word **teach** – Strongs - 3384 – "***yârah***" means

- to flow as water
- to lay or shoot an arrow

Deuteronomy 33:10 "*10 [The priests] shall teach Jacob Your ordinances and Israel Your law. They shall put incense before You and whole burnt offerings upon Your altar.*

Summary

The teacher
must
gleam, admonish, know, goad, shoot
the
understanding of the Commandments / statutes and judgement
into
the hearts and minds of others so that they
do
what they have learnt and **walk** on the road set out for them.

How will we see if this goal has been reached?

- **The followers will observe the Commandments**

Matthew 28:20 "*20 Teaching them to **observe everything that I have commanded you**, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).*

Acts 15:35 "*35 But **Paul and Barnabas** remained in Antioch and with many others also continued teaching and proclaiming the good news, the Word of the Lord [concerning attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in God's kingdom].*



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- **The followers will go to war for God's cause**

Jude 3:2 "*1 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] **to contend for the faith** which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].*



Psalm 18:34 "*34 He **teaches my hands to war**, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.*

Psalm 144:1 "*1 BLESSED BE the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, **Who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight—***

- **The followers will walk in Godly Wisdom**

Job 32:7 "*7 I said, Age should speak, and a multitude of years should teach wisdom [so let it be heard].*

Psalm 34:11 "*11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you to revere and worshipfully fear the Lord.*

- **The followers will preach to the gentiles**

1 Timothy 2:7 "*7 And of this matter I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (special messenger)—I am speaking the truth in Christ, I do not falsify [when I say this]—a teacher of the Gentiles in [the realm of] faith and truth.*

2 Timothy 1:11 "*11 For [the proclaiming of] this [Gospel] I was appointed a herald (preacher) and an apostle (special messenger) and a teacher of the Gentiles.*



- **The followers will possess their land**

Exodus 18:20 "*20 Teaching them the decrees and laws, showing them the way they must walk and the work they must do.*

PURPOSE:

The teacher has been given the power over the **principle of responsibility**. This is an inner strength to search for the truth, but realizing it is a step-by-step growth process (God continually expands understanding / teaching.



The teacher is likened to the Priests, those who **stay** in the tabernacle and provide spiritual nourishment to enthrone Yeshua.

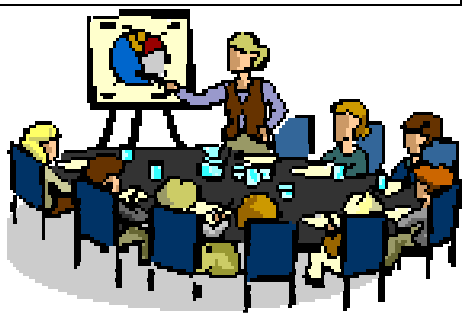
The restoration of the principle of responsibility is manifested in the teacher:

- By the nature of the **presentation,** the **richness of the detail** and the **organization of the facts.**

- By the use of **Biblical illustrations** as a initial phase but also the use of **practical or life-event illustrations** so that the image is recorded clearly.

- By the **emphasis on truth as the basis** or foundation for all life choices.

Acts 18:26 *"26 He began to speak freely (fearlessly and boldly) in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him with them and expounded to him the **way of God more definitely and accurately**."*



- by the choice to **disciple a group of people** rather than take part in a mass evangelization project.

- by the presentation of God's Word in such a way to say / imply that this "truth" will have the **power to change a person's life**, i.e. God's Word and practical application must challenge every believer to react.

Proverbs 2:1-8 "*1 MY SON, if you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you,*
2 Making your ear attentive to skillful and godly Wisdom and inclining and directing your heart and mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it];
3 Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
4 If you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures,
5 Then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God.

6 For the Lord gives skillful and godly Wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
7 He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him); He is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,
8 That He may guard the paths of justice; yes, He preserves the way of His saints.

Proverbs 4:1-5 "*1 HEAR, MY sons, the instruction of a father, and pay attention in order to gain and to know intelligent discernment, comprehension, and interpretation [of spiritual matters].*
2 For I give you good doctrine [what is to be received]; do not forsake my teaching.
3 When I [Solomon] was a son with my father [David], tender and the only son in the sight of my mother [Bathsheba],
4 He taught me and said to me, Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and live.
5 Get skillful and godly Wisdom, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation); do not forget and do not turn back from the words of my mouth.

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE TEACHER?

Someone:

- who validates truth, making sure that the concept is sound.

Proverbs 17:3 "*3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tries the hearts.*

Proverbs 17:8 "*8 A bribe is like a bright, precious stone that dazzles the eyes and affects the mind of him who gives it; [as if by magic] he prospers, whichever way he turns.*

- who is a safe person emotionally (does not reject people easily).

- with deep loyalty to others.

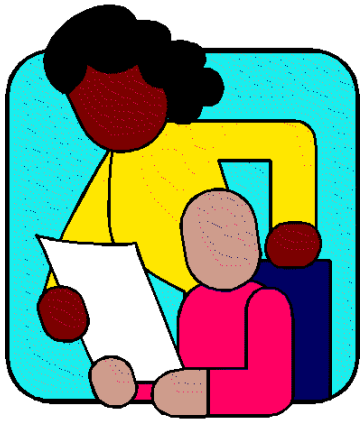
- who is likened to a tree, i.e. will stand through tough circumstances because they are **self-controlled** and **self-disciplined** and through it all, has the ability to anoint and reproduce others who reflect the "Light" of God.



Proverbs 18:4 "*4 The words of a [discreet and wise] man's mouth are like deep waters [plenteous and difficult to fathom], and the fountain of skillful and godly Wisdom is like a gushing stream [sparkling, fresh, pure, and life-giving].*

Proverbs 18:15 "*15 The mind of the prudent is ever getting knowledge, and the ear of the wise is ever seeking (inquiring for and craving) knowledge*.

Proverbs 24:3-6 "*3 Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation],*
4 And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man is strong and is better than a strong man, and a man of knowledge increases and strengthens his power;
6 For by wise counsel you can wage your war, and in an abundance of counselors there is victory and safety.



- who has strong convictions based on their study and understanding of the "facts" of the Bible.

Proverbs 19:8 *"8 He who gains Wisdom loves his own life; he who keeps understanding shall prosper and find good.*

- who will seldom have **superficial** friendships, they hate meaningless chit-chat and will be intense in their debate on the Word of God

THE SELF-IMAGE OF THE TEACHER:

Teachers tend to be very calm and collected in their thoughts as well as their emotional status, so much so, that in many ways they appear as if they are not able to express positive or negative emotions very easily.

Generally a teacher will have a **good self-image**. Because they are ruled by thoughts instead of emotions, they are able to deal with rejection and other negative events that occur.

The teacher is **realistic** about most things in life because he bases his opinion on **facts** – however he can become dogmatic and will only change his mind based on a new set of "facts".



The teacher will always ask "***why?***" and will often not participate in a process unless he has got the level of clarification that he requires.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:



The teacher must have a strong prayer life, an intimacy with God in order to respond to the leading of the Spirit.

The teacher must guard against the potential problem that they fall into the trap of teaching facts and information, i.e. head knowledge without God's Heart, they need to be able to reveal the practical application of God's Word in real life situations so that the Word is relevant.

The teacher who does not have intimacy with God is likened to a crippled priest, i.e. someone who can't be a part of the tabernacle. The teacher who becomes legalistic / dogmatic robs the Body of Messiah of the intimacy of the Holy Spirit.

The teacher must be prepared to confront others **in love** who are not embracing the truth or are using scripture out of context.

However at the same time they must be prepared to be open-minded to study and accept other people's viewpoints.



The teacher must learn to be **disciplined with time**, **relationships and money**, if they have the tendency to be undisciplined in these important aspects of a Godly lifestyle, they will not reflect God's Love for others.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The teacher has a responsibility to hear, study, interpret the Word of God by seeking His Face and His Revelation.

Proverbs 16:20 "*20 He who deals wisely and heeds [God's] word and counsel shall find good, and whoever leans on, trusts in, and is confident in the Lord—happy, blessed, and fortunate is he.*



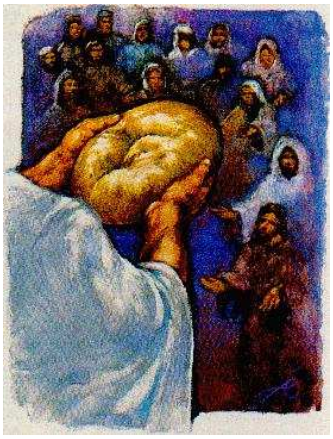
Proverbs 16:23 "*23 The mind of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning and persuasiveness to his lips.*

Proverbs 16:24 "*24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the mind and healing to the body.*

Equally important, the teacher must **interface with his fellow man**. It is not good enough merely to preach the message but the teacher must take an active part in the process to implement the principle to see that the captives are set free.

Proverbs 15:23 "*23 A man has joy in making an apt answer, and a word spoken at the right moment—how good it is!*
24 The path of the wise leads upward to life, that he may avoid [the gloom] in the depths of Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead).

Proverbs 22:6 "*6 Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.*



The teacher can preach about feeding the hungry while ignoring the social injustice / corruption in the community. This will be a sin.

The teacher must **live** the Word, anything less is deception, legalism and a religious spirit.

Domain of Personal Warfare:

The teacher must above all set an example of the good citizen reaching out to others and must guard against the tendency to withdraw from society.

The teacher must set practical examples to take a stand against:

- Any form of emotional irresponsibility where people do things only for themselves or for the wrong reasons – self-centeredness.

- any form of a "welfare spirit":

- Where people expect you to do things for them,
- Where you pass your responsibility onto others,
- Where you try to control others,

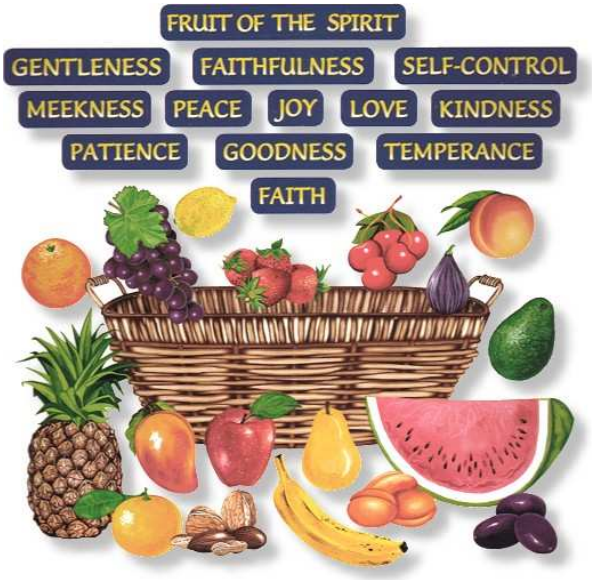
I.e. all ministries must work through a local church is such a form of control.

- Any form of behaviour which is a violation of the law and other people's rights but which does not cause direct damage, e.g. coming late for a meeting.

- Acts of habitual criminal nature which steals the community's rights of respect and freedom.

The teacher must strive to:

- Help others achieve their purpose in life.
- Help others who don't necessarily want to change, e.g. prison ministry.



Sign of the Holy Spirit:

The "Fruit of the Spirit" would seem to reflect the teacher in the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 5:16-26 *"22 But the **fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within** accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,*
23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].
24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires.
25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]"

THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE GIFT OF TEACHER:

1. Influence of Parenting:



A father is called to role-model a lifestyle of loving relationship where family members and friends are treated equally, with respect and accepted in love.

A father who fails in this role, will create the foundation where the child will be filled with **pride, intolerant to others** who are not as smart, and **unteachable** in respect of different viewpoints.

Prov. 11:2 *"2 When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness."*

A teacher who has this wrong role-model will also be too focused in life; the only thing that matters will be their own interests. The father should make sure that the teacher **strives to live a balanced life**.

A parent who has not shown love, acceptance and compassion will cause the teacher (normally safe person) to be unwilling to proceed until they are hundred

percent sure of themselves and cause them to use “facts” in manipulation and not in deliverance, i.e. they will operate with a religious spirit.

The teacher can easily develop a sense of **personal pride in the knowledge** they have.

1 Cor. 8:1 *“1 NOW ABOUT food offered to idols: of course we know that all of us possess knowledge [concerning these matters. **Yet mere] knowledge causes people to be puffed up** (to bear themselves loftily and be proud), but love (affection and goodwill and benevolence) edifies and builds up and encourages one to grow [to his full stature].”*



A teacher, who is unsure of his own sense of self-worth, will become dogmatic and **controlling**, using the Word as a basis for **rules**.

2. Influence of Woundedness:



Teachers are best described with words which define the following attributes:

- intelligent,
- honest,
- diligent,
- Dependable.

Because teachers are focused on facts rather than emotions, they seldom (less than 10%) are affected by wounds of rejection or trauma. However if those hurts are prolonged over a time (e.g. by an abusive parent), it will impact on the teacher’s **ability to trust** easily.

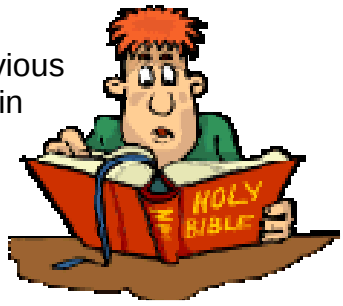
A teacher that has been wounded and rejected will seek to impose himself on the Body by the **intensity of the research**. He will also be hampered from speaking freely and probably hold back until he is absolutely sure of the facts – this insecurity will mean that people do not get the manna that they need.



He will also **lack focus** and will continually be side-tracked by any new subject of interest.

3. Generational / Spiritual:

We have chosen to proclaim the blessing in this paragraph. We have not gone into the details or described the negative consequences on the life of believers which is caused by the negative impact of generational curses.

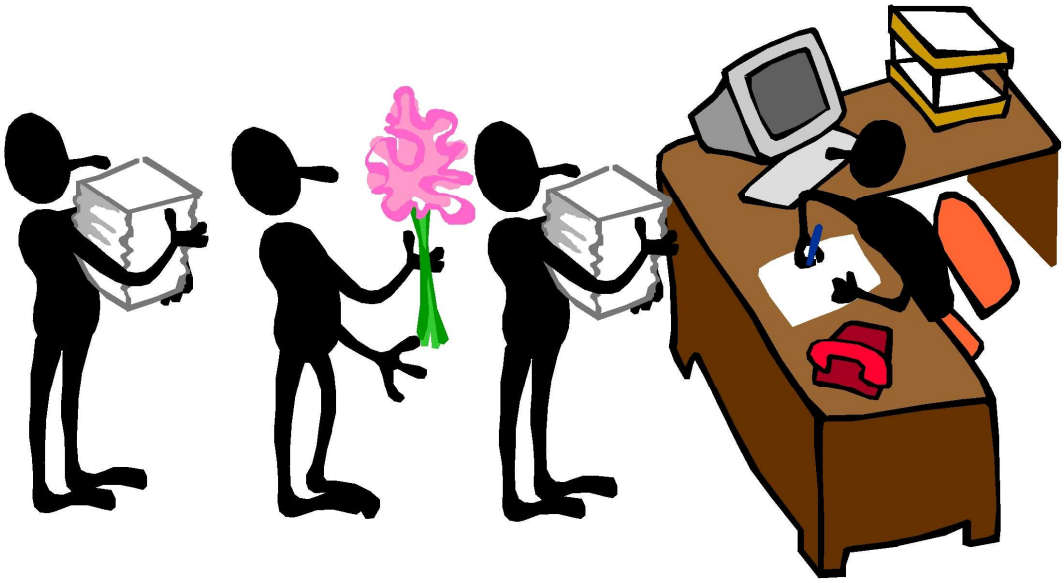


Please note that if this gift has been rejected / abused by the previous generations, then the gift will operate in the **exact opposite way** in which it should and the effect / impact thereof will be **multiplied** in the following generations (i.e. by my parents).

The teacher has the authority to see **God's Footprint** in the Word, to experience God's Presence and then incrementally reveal God's Character.

Root iniquity: The teacher who only desires to have **selected responsibility**, i.e. "*I only move and do things in my area of expertise.*"

Teacher's reward!!



4. THE GIFT OF THE EXHORTER

Yeshua as **Exhorter:**



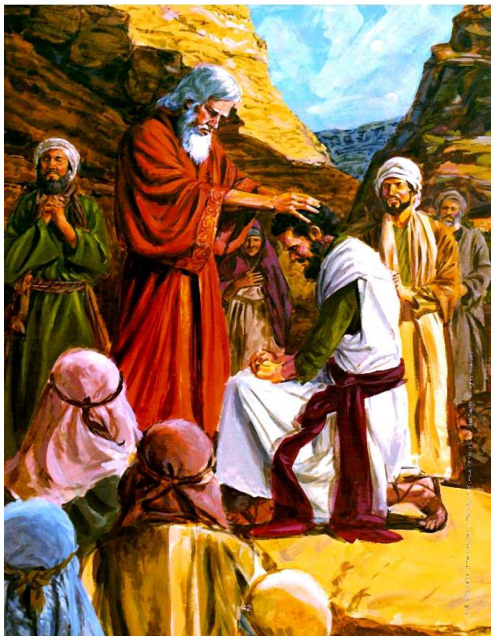
Luke 6:27-35 *"27 But I say to you **who are listening now to Me**: [in order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you and pursue you with hatred,*
*28 **Invoke blessings** upon and **pray for the happiness of those who curse you,** implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you].*
*29 To the one who strikes you on the jaw or cheek, **offer the other jaw** or cheek also; and from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold your undergarment as well.*
*30 **Give away** to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand or require them back again.*
*31 And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, **do exactly so to them.***
32 If you [merely] love those who love you, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? For even the [very] sinners love their lovers (those who love them).
33 And if you are kind and good and do favors to and benefit those who are kind and good and do favors to and benefit you, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? For even the preeminently sinful do the same.
34 And if you lend money at interest to those from whom you hope to receive, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? Even notorious sinners lend money at interest to sinners, so as to recover as much again.
*35 But **love your enemies** and **be kind** and **do good** [doing favors so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting and hoping for nothing in return but considering nothing as lost and despairing of no one; and then your recompense (your reward) will be great (rich, strong, intense, and abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind and charitable and good to the ungrateful and the selfish and wicked."*

Matt. 19:21 *"21 Jesus answered him, If you would be perfect [that is, have that spiritual maturity which accompanies self-sacrificing character], **go and sell what you have and give to the poor**, and you will have riches in heaven; and come, be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me]."*

John 18:37 *"37 Pilate said to Him, Then You are a King? Jesus answered, You say it! [You speak correctly!] For I am a King. [Certainly I am a King!] This is why I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the Truth. **Everyone who is of the Truth** [who is a friend of the Truth, who belongs to the Truth] **hears and listens to My voice**."*

TORAH EXAMPLE OF EXHORTATION

The children of Israel have been given the chance to go into Canaan but the ten spies tell of major problems that will be encountered.



Moses is given the instruction to **encourage** (strengthen, fortify, make courageous) one of the remaining two spies (Joshua) because he will later lead the descendents into the land.

Deuteronomy 1:38 "*38 But **Joshua** son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.*

Deuteronomy 3:28 "*28 But charge **Joshua**, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over before this people and he shall cause them to possess the land which you shall see.*

Hezekiah, the king of Israel, **encourages** the people to **observe** the Commandments and judgements of God after he had re-instated the temple system.

2 Chronicles 35:2 "*2 He appointed the priests to their positions and encouraged them in the service of the house of the Lord.*

Every day people helped and encouraged one another.

Isaiah 41:6 "*6 They help everyone his neighbor and say to his brother [in his tiresome idol making], Be of good courage!*
7 So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith, and he who smooths [the metal] with the hammer [encourages] him who smites the anvil, saying of the soldering, That is good! And he fastens it with nails so that it cannot be moved.

Judges 20:22 "*22 But the people, the men of Israel**, took courage and strengthened themselves** and again set their battle line in the same place where they formed it the first day.*

Young men who will be leaders in later years were given the attributes and examples of exhortation.

Titus 1:9 "*9 He must hold fast to the sure and trustworthy Word of God as he was taught it, so that he may be able both to **give stimulating instruction and encouragement i**n sound (wholesome) doctrine and to refute and convict those who contradict and oppose it [showing the wayward their error].*

Titus 2:6-9 "*6 In a similar way, urge the younger men to be self-restrained and to behave prudently [taking life seriously].*
7 And show your own self in all respects to be a pattern and a model of good deeds and works, teaching what is unadulterated, showing gravity [having the strictest regard for truth and purity of motive], with dignity and seriousness.

Hebrews 13:22 "*22 I call on you, brethren, to listen patiently and bear with this message of exhortation and admonition and encouragement, for I have written to you briefly.*



THE TORAH: DEFINITION OF A TRUE EXHORTER

We acknowledge that the Exhorter is an important gift to the Body of Messiah. It is therefore important that we understand what exhortation means and what the limitation or problems can be.

Exhortation is made of three different, yet interflowing, facets:

(a) to comfort



Acts 9:31 "*31 So the church throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was edified [growing in wisdom, virtue, and piety] and walking in the respect and reverential fear of the Lord and in the **consolation and exhortation** of the Holy Spirit, continued to increase and was multiplied.*

(b) to exhort

Romans 12:8 "*8 He who **exhorts** (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness.*



1 Timothy 4:13 "*13 Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, **to exhortation** (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching and instilling doctrine.*

(c) to console someone

2 Corinthians 1:5-7 "*5 For just as Christ's [own] sufferings fall to our lot [as they overflow upon His disciples, and we share and experience them] abundantly, so through Christ **comfort** (consolation and encouragement) is also [shared and experienced] abundantly by us.*

6 But if we are troubled (afflicted and distressed), it is for your comfort (consolation and encouragement) and [for your] salvation; and if we are comforted (consoled and encouraged), it is for your comfort (consolation and encouragement), which works [in you] when you patiently endure the same evils (misfortunes and calamities) that we also suffer and undergo.
7 And our hope for you [our joyful and confident expectation of good for you] is ever unwavering (assured and unshaken); for we know that just as you share and are partners in [our] sufferings and calamities, ***you also share and are partners in [our] comfort (consolation and encouragement).***

THREE MARKS OF AN EXHORTER

Interesting the criteria for an Exhorter **are all warnings** on what it **should not be**.

We find this definition as follows:

1 Thessalonians 2:3 "*3 For our appeal [in preaching] does not [originate] from* ***delusion or error or impure purpose or motive, nor in fraud*** *or* ***deceit****.*

(1) An Exhorter should be without deceit

We see that this warning cover things such as

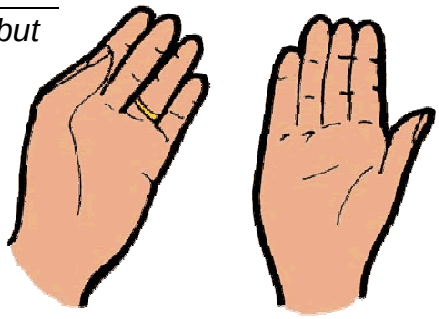
- fraudulence
- straying from orthodoxy
- delusion (2 Tim 2:3)
- deceiving (Eph 4:14)
- error (Rom 1:27 / Jude 11 / James 5:2)



(2) An Exhorter should be without uncleanness (opposite of purity)

We are admonished not to minister to any **corrupt passions**

Romans 8:12 "*12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh.*
13 ***For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die.*** *But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.*



(3) An Exhorter should be without guile

We are very specifically pointed to the habit of **lying**, being false, of laying bait.

Romans 1:29 "*29 Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were]* ***full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways.*** *[They were]* ***secret backbiters and gossipers,***



Revelation 14:5 "*5 No lie was found to be upon their lips, for they are blameless (spotless, untainted, without blemish) before the throne of God.*

We also see that this includes:

- **craft**

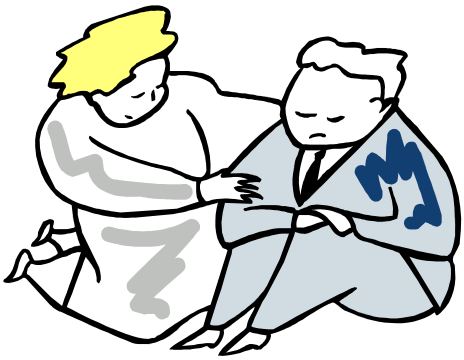


Matthew 14:1 "*1 AT THAT time Herod the governor* ***heard the reports*** *about Jesus,*

- **subtlety**

Matthew 26:4 "*4 And* ***consulted together*** *in order to arrest Jesus by stratagem secretly and put Him to death.*

PURPOSE:



The Exhorter is called on, to exercise control over the **principle of pain and suffering**, to use their ability to interact with many people to open their hearts to God's plan for them, to see beyond the circumstance that others are currently living in, to develop the potential of the individual and the land.

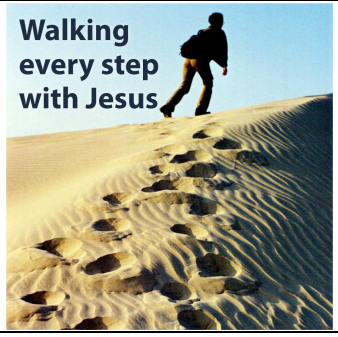
In practical terms the purpose of the exhorter will be revealed in the following ways:



- By describing or prescribing a **how-to-do-it list**, they will advocate acting on some concept rather than by building a foundation of truth by facts.

- By the encouragement of others to live life "victoriously", they will always be challenging the level of potential of others.

Proverbs 25:11 "*11* ***A word fitly spoken and in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver.***
12 Like an earring or nose ring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprover to an ear that listens and obeys.



- Finding out what "works" for them through **experience** and then checking to see if they can validate this experience in Biblical terms.

- By living life of what they believe, instead of just talking the talk, i.e. to demonstrate their faith in practical ways.

Proverbs 27:10 "*10 Your own friend and your father's friend, forsake them not; neither go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near [in spirit] than a brother who is far off [in heart].*

- By the way in which they accept people (who are not perfect) and do not judge them, but love, accept and forgive them.

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE EXHORTER?

Someone who:

- is very horizontal / relational – they are always ready for a party, skilled at maintaining relationship at all cost.

- can easily talk to people they have never met – they have the ability to **make** people like them.

- is a master communicator, capable of having loud arguments.

- is not intimidated by new ideas, quick to see opportunity and/or abandon other plans.

- Takes opinion poles to find out what the majority think, before aggressively pursuing the consensus idea, they will apply a truth without doing any research in to the subject matter.

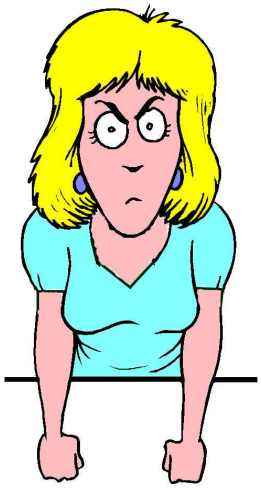


- Who love to do personal counselling, but will equally quickly discontinue this if they do not see effort to change.

- Who want to clear up problems with others quickly, even to the extent that they will take the blame to put the relationship in right standing.

THE SELF-IMAGE OF THE EXHORTER:

Generally the Exhorter will have a good self-image, because of their positive attitude and friendly disposition they will treat all problems as if they belong somewhere "else".



The Exhorter will often resort to **compromise**, i.e. live and let live in order that they can retain their level of popularity.

Exhorters will also show a streak of **independence**, even a level of **rebellion** to authority figures.

They like to think that their ability to talk in every situation will get authority figures to change their minds on a decision that has already been made.

Exhorters exhibit some degree of **temper tantrum** – they will let you know if they don't get their way in a situation.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:

- The Exhorter **must go regularly** to God **for direction**, without God's True Word they have nothing to put into the "place" that they have opened up in the hearts and minds of others.

They must **take control** of their "good intentions" and **leave God** to do the work or else they will pull people along a man-made plan just like the gravitation pull of the moon on the sea; the "**I-know-it-all** / every situation" mentality.

They **must not** only surround themselves with people that are weaker or in need of them, but must submit to Godly leadership.

Proverbs 11:9 "*9* ***With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor****, but through knowledge and superior discernment shall the righteous be delivered.*
Proverbs 11:12 *"12 He who belittles and despises his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding keeps silent.*
13 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy and faithful in spirit keeps the matter hidden.

- The Exhorter must learn to be careful to speak only the **minimum number of words** which would adequately describe what God has told them to say.



Their willingness to add additional words to "explain" can cause wounds in the hearts of other people.

Proverbs 16:28 "*28 A perverse man sows strife, and* ***a whisperer separates close friends.***

Proverbs 20:19 "*19 He who goes about as **a talebearer** reveals secrets; therefore associate not with him who talks too freely.*



Proverbs 29:5 "*5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his own feet.*

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The Exhorter has the function to sow words of life and direction into broken people to produce long-term enduring change.

It takes hard work, good communication, love, dedication, diligence and integrity to break through the levels of pain in order to get to the many facets of God's principles that are needed to bring the restoration to each person.

The Exhorter is highly blessed with skills to relate to man – so much so that they can easily "fool" others.

God's principles over matter and the spiritual domain remain fixed; God does not change His Mind and is not fooled by the mask that the exhorter presents.

The Exhorter will have to guard against the escapism of turning to physical comforts of hospitality, wine, food, the world of denial and the opportunity to claim a harvest where they have not sown a crop.

Domain of Personal Warfare:



The Exhorter can easily turn to comforts and denial and in the process present a mask of holiness to fellow man.

The Exhorter must therefore make a stand / speak out against:

- Any acts where people try to smooth ruffled feathers by acts of manipulation or to gain materially/ positionally by such actions.

- Any proposals to suggest that "my" way is the easy way out of a problem.

- Any form of acts where my personal failure are put onto the backs of other believers or where we use the spirit of denial to create a better image of situation.



- Any form of acts of hypocrisy, where I pretend that I have made a real effort to meet your need.

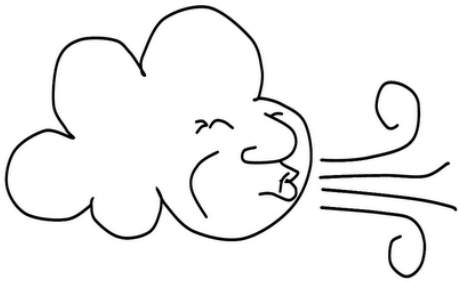
- Any proclamation that there are no consequences for my kind of sin, i.e. **gluttony is okay**.

- A spirit of entitlement – one where my needs dictate a right to be treated in a specific manner.

The Exhorter must proclaim:

- the commitment to live in reality of the pain that I may have caused.
- that I will invest time into my own growth.

Sign of the Holy Spirit:



The "Wind" of God would seem to reflect the gift of Exhorter for the Holy Spirit.

Gen. 1:2 *"2 The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God* ***was moving*** *(hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters."*

THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE EXHORTER:

1. Influence of Parenting:

A father must teach the Exhorter that all people are equal, have the right to be heard / considered and have feelings / emotional responses that are different from others.

A father who fails in this role-modelling will produce an Exhorter who will be prone to **dominating conversations** and going so far as to give **uncalled for advice.**



Fathers must challenge the exhorters to be bound to the truth, to the facts or else we will see a trend where every event or story will be embellished with exaggerations / manipulation of the truth added to add colour to the situation.

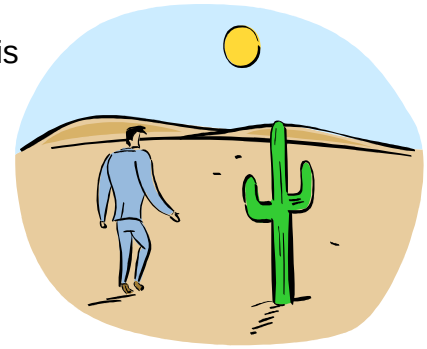
The parent who does not discipline and build a strong foundation of principles and values, etc and a work ethic, will release an **immature** Exhorter into the world.



Characteristics of this **immaturity** are:

1) Interrupting others to give your **own opinion / advice**.
2) Becoming **overly self-confident / opinionated**.
3) Using **scripture out of context** to prove a point.

God often has to **force them** into **isolation** and force revelation onto them to get anywhere (Moses, Paul, Jeremiah).



Note: All the Exhorters in the Bible have been subjected to this painstaking isolation (**wilderness experience**) to get them to a place of **brokenness** before God.

If you have not been there, you need to be careful of the use of your gift.

2. Influence of Woundedness (Battlefield is time):

The Exhorter's friendly / happy nature and "let's live" attitude means that they seldom have wounds.



When authority figures cause wounds, rejection, e.g. not being there, molestation, or any other acts of commission or omission, the person can easily **take a vow never to be under authority** of someone else and then move into the domain of **Jezebel**.

In the extreme case, the level of control can be of such a nature the absolute havoc is caused using manipulation or overt power.

This woundedness will cause the exhorter to govern in a group setting instead of confronting on an individual basis. Their judgement will be likened to the sun that burns day after day without singling anyone person out.

It is not wrong to be a mobilizer, but God wants it to happen supernaturally.

World changers, who do not walk in holiness, scar the Body of Yeshua.

3. Generational / Spiritual:



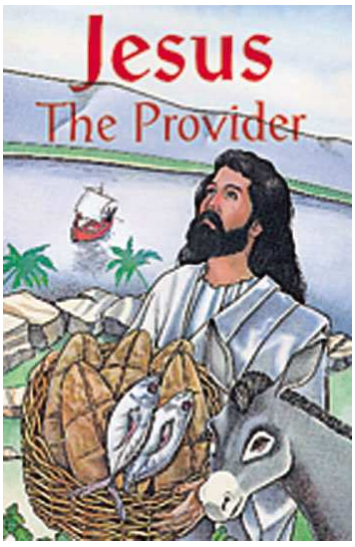
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Please note that if this gift has been rejected / abused by the previous generations, then the gift will operate in the **exact opposite way** in which it should and the effect / impact thereof will be **multiplied** in the following generations (i.e. by my parents).

Root Iniquity: The stronghold of **denial**, and the **inability to accept responsibility** for what I have done.

5. GIFT OF THE GIVER:

Yeshua as **Giver**:



Mark 6:41 *"41 And taking the **five loaves and two fish**, He looked up to heaven and, praising God, gave thanks and broke the loaves and **kept on giving them** to the disciples to set before the people; and He [also] divided the two fish among [them] all."*

John 15:13 *"13 No one has greater love [no one has shown stronger affection] **than to lay down** (give up) his own life for his friends."*

PRINCIPLES OF THE GIVER'S ROLE IN THE TORAH / WORD

It is important to set out some of the Principles of Giving as set out in the Bible so that we can **define boundaries** of the Giver's role.

These **guidelines** are largely from the New Testament as the Old Testament Principles of offering / tithe etc. are set in the context of a personal relationship / a sacrifice before God and a pathway to enter into intimacy with God.

1. A foundational principle is this – only when a man can **give** willingly and completely of **himself**, will he be able to give things to other.



2 Corinthians 8:5 "*5 Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]—*

2. The Giver has been blessed with a gift but the act of giving **is in fact a Commandment** that they must obey to a higher, more stringent level than others – this does not mean that they give **more** (it can be so) but their giving must have the highest level of integrity / purity.

Luke 6:38 *"38 **Give, and [gifts] will be given to you**; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.*

3. To whom should we give?

- those who ask



Matthew 5:42 "*42 Give to him who keeps on begging from you, and do not turn away from him who would borrow [at interest] from you.*

- the needy saints

Romans 12:12 "*12 Rejoice and exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer.*

- God



Revelation 14:7 "*7 And he cried with a mighty voice, Revere God and **give Him glory** (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage and adoration and worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water.*

It is important to understand that you give what you can afford after doing justice to the family and the Principle of legacy.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "*6 [Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings.*
*8 And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to **you in abundance**, so that you may always and under all circumstances and **whatever the need be self-sufficient** [**possessing enough to require no aid or support** and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].*



4. The Giver must take extreme care **not to give into certain areas.**

- We must never give Holy things to **rebellious people**.

Matthew 7:6 "*6 **Do not give** that which is holy (the sacred thing) to the dogs, and do not throw your pearls before hogs, lest they trample upon them with their feet and turn and tear you in pieces.*

- We must never sow seed into the kingdom of darkness.

5. What can the Giver give?

- Holy things

Matthew 10:8 "*8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.*

- Things



1 Thessalonians 5:18 "*18 Thank [God] in **everything** [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].*

Psalm 96:8 "*8 Give to the Lord the glory due His Name; bring an offering and come [before Him] into His courts.*

- Time

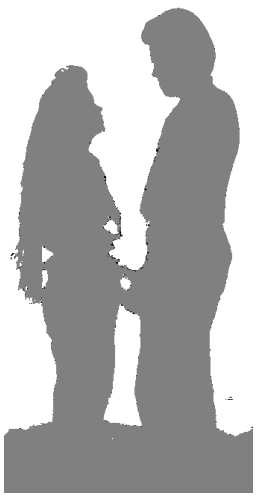


1 Timothy 4:13-15 "*13 Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching and instilling doctrine.*
14 Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination].
*15 Practice and cultivate and meditate upon these duties; throw yourself **wholly into them** [as your ministry], so that your progress may be evident to everybody.*

- Self-completely

1 Timothy 4:15 "*15 **Practice and cultivate and meditate** upon these duties; throw yourself wholly into them [as your ministry], so that your progress may be evident to everybody.*

- Honour to your wife



2 Peter 3:7 "*7 But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up (reserved) for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly people.*

- Glory to God

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6. The Giver needs to reflect / role model the following characteristics that reflect God's intention in respect of the Gift of Giving in the Body of Messiah.

    - He must give freely

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    - He must give a good measure

Luke 6:38 "*38 Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.*

    - He must give willingly - 2 Corinthians 8:12

    - He must give with a purpose - 2 Corinthians 9:7
    - He must give cheerfully



2 Corinthians 9:7 "*7 Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving].*

PURPOSE:

The Giver has been given authority over the **principle of stewardship**:

- These people have a **generational world-view**,
- They are intentionally preparing the way for the family after them to accumulate resources.



Abraham had wealth, peace and security, but he did not have a son to pass this onto and therefore came back to ask God for **Isaac.**

Proverbs 13:22 "*22 A good man **leaves an inheritance** [of moral stability and goodness] to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner [finds its way eventually] into the hands of the righteous, for whom it was laid up.*

Proverbs 20:7 "*7 The righteous man walks in his **integrity**; blessed (happy, fortunate, enviable) are his children after him.*



The restoration of God's Gift of stewardship is manifested in:

- The level of intercession done by the Giver for the needs of others and for the joy which is manifested when his prayers are answered.
- By the quality / excellence of the work, gift or help that is provided and the amount of careful consideration that is made with the gift.
- By the level / intensity of the **hospitality** that is extended to others.



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HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE GIVER?

The Giver:

- is very independent, has a strong belief in the system of tithes and blessings.

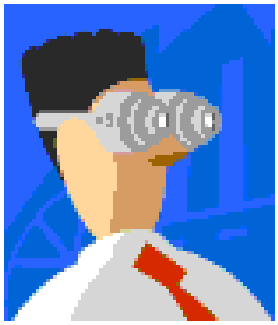
Proverbs 10:4 "*4 He becomes poor who works with a slack and idle hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.*
5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.



- will not be manipulated, they know that you must first get the harvest **before** you can give, will only give based on the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 11:24-26 "*24 There are those who [generously] scatter abroad, and yet increase more; there are those who withhold more than is fitting or what is justly due, but it results only in want.*
25 The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered.
26 The people curse him who holds back grain [when the public needs it], but a blessing [from God and man] is upon the head of him who sells it.

- is not confrontational by nature.
- will contribute money, time, encouragement, empowerment (i.e. teach the people to fish).
- has a heart for the Kingdom but is seldom an evangelist worker and will also want to delegate spiritual warfare to others.
- is alert to opportunities, has a natural ability toward business.
- is a very private person, will impact others without them knowing about it.



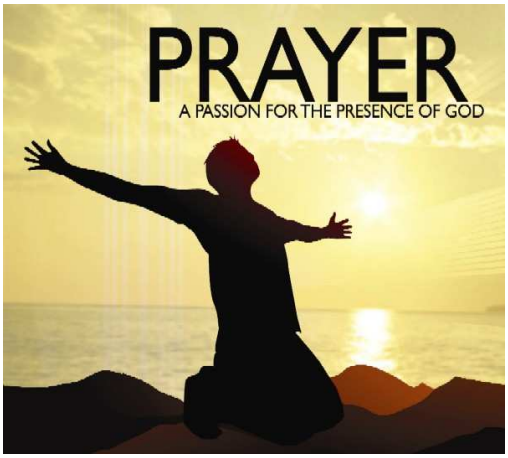
SELF-IMAGE OF THE GIVER:

Givers are generally happy / positive people, but tend to be reserved or shy.

This will mean that Givers will sometimes end up with a poor self-image. Givers who have learnt to talk about issues that they are facing will open up to their circle of friends. Casual acquaintances will not be included in these intimate details and could feel that they are cut off.

The Giver will seldom pick a fight and will avoid arguments.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:



The Giver:

- Must walk in holiness. God promises to provide, but God expects a permanent wall of integrity.

- Must stay in relationship to God, i.e. must know and believe that God is the Source – and that their blessing / wealth don't come from their own talents/effort, but from the Hand of God.

Proverbs 12:12 "*12 The wicked desire the booty of evil men, but the root of the [uncompromisingly] righteous yields [richer fruitage].*

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The Giver has a calling to extend God's Kingdom in his own lifetime as well as in the generations to come.

The overriding concept is to fulfil God's agenda with God's resources.

Dealing with the Spirit of Ownership:

The strongholds of **fear** – driven by Jezebel – that I will fail, will not have enough and **control** often cause the Giver to take **ownership** over money / assets instead of exercising authority over money / assets.

Ownership leads to:

1) **Pride** – arrogance in my ability and a win / lose mentality.

2) **Independent spirit** – where I can do it on my own.

3) **Stinginess** – where I set limits on what others can get.

Eventually this manifests in a religious spirit of: "*If you do this – God must do that*!!!", i.e. a formula for prosperity.

Domain of Personal Warfare:

The Giver most of all must set out to "subdue the land" to have faith – i.e. knowing that God will provide when we take the risk to step out in obedience, accepting that stewardship means that God has "all the rights".

The Giver must take a stand / speak out against any:

- acts where people live life only for themselves, i.e. they add no value to the community.
- acts of exploitation, i.e. business / sexual / political corruption with the purpose of financial gain.
- acts of wilful theft, vandalism and destruction of other people's property.

The Giver must proclaim that:

- I am my brother's keeper.
- I will invest time, emotions and money in family.
- I will claim the land.



Sign of the Holy Spirit:

The gift of **"first fruit"** would seem to reflect the influence of the Holy Spirit on the Gift of giving.

Proverbs 3:9 "*9 Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with **the firstfruits** of all your income;*
10 So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine

THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE GIFT OF GIVER:

1) Influence of Parents:



The parent who teaches his child that performance, the self, ambition and pride are values, will bring forth an immature Giver who will see his tithes and offerings as a form of tax and will wrestle with God every time he has to give, i.e. he will battle with the question as to who the owner of the asset is.

This type of Giver can easily set out to measure the **performance of others** by setting standards and pressing them to give.

2) Influence of Woundedness:

The Giver can be described with attributes such as:

- hard-working,
- generous,
- honest
- economical

but because they are shy and are not able to open their hearts easily, they will in ±30% of the time be wounded.

A childhood where love and affection was not shown, where they were dominated by a parent, will cause the Giver to retreat even further into his shell.

The spirit of independence:



The wound then comes from believing that my security is **provided by my own hand** will cause the Giver to struggle with the decision of whether or not he will trust in God.

This woundedness will cause him to **decide for himself** who should get what and how much, i.e. he will decide what constitutes satisfactory worship; i.e. the gift will always have some **strings attached**.

Alternatively, we could see an unpredictable pattern of giving emerge, one which is based on the "feelings of the moment", instead of seeking God's confirmation on when / what to give.

3. Generational / Spiritual:

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As Giver, they have a special anointing to nurture, protect the establishment of a new project / ministry.

Root Iniquity: The desire **to control** those who I have selected to support.

6. GIFT OF RULER

Yeshua as Ruler:



Mark 9:2-3 *"2 Six days after this, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them and became* ***resplendent with divine brightness****.*
3 And His garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller (cloth dresser, launderer) on earth could bleach them."

Mark 3:13-14 *"13 And He went up on the hillside and called to Him [for Himself] those whom He wanted and chose, and they came to Him.*
14 And He ***appointed*** *twelve to continue to be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach [as apostles or special messengers]"*

THE RULER

It is clear that those with the Gift of Ruler will be someone who ends up taking up positions of authority or leadership in various places.

We see that God tells us that there is an Officer **over the House of God.**

Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthian Church how they should run their affairs according to the Torah.

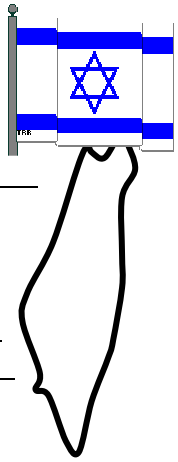


1 Corinthians 9:11 "*11 If we have sown [the seed of] spiritual good among you, [is it too] much if we reap from your material benefits?*

We also see that where there is no "captain" or leader that the result will be chaos.

Proverbs 6:7 *"7 Which, having no chief, overseer, or ruler,*

Various places as examples in the Word which shows us that people are placed with the gift of Rulership:



1) **Over Israel**

Micah 5:2 "*2 But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, you are little to be among the clans of Judah; [yet] out of you shall One come forth for Me Who is to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from of old, from ancient days (eternity).*

Hosea 11:12 "*12 Ephraim surrounds Me with lies and the house of Israel with deceit, and Judah is not yet steadfast with God, with the faithful Holy One.*

2) **Over every city**

Matthew 23:1 "*1 THEN JESUS said to the multitudes and to His disciples,*
2 The scribes and Pharisees ***sit on Moses' seat*** *[of authority].*

3) **Over the synagogues** (Body of Messiah)



Matthew 5:35-38 "*35 Or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.*
36 And do not swear by your head, for you are not able to make a single hair white or black.
37 Let your Yes be simply Yes, and your No be simply No; anything more than that comes from the evil one.
38 You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.

4) **Over the King's / God's work - 1 Corinthians 9:16-18**

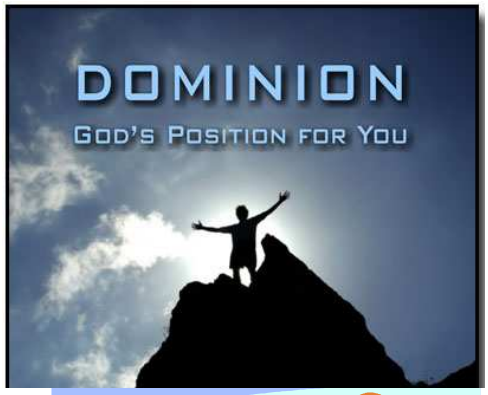
5) **Over the Principalities of Darkness**



Ephesians 6:12 "*12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.*

PURPOSE:

The ruler must stand for and attain the spiritual dominion to release **powerful generational blessing of freedom** to those who they have been able to call around them.



His righteousness, his sovereign anointing from God and his ability to provide resources to followers, will make him effective – it's to be about the King's business.

The restoration of God's Gift of Rulership and the release of generational freedom is manifested:

- by someone who **accepts responsibility for a job** only when he has been appointed and given the full delegated authority – however in times of crisis, he will come to the fore to take leadership in a vacuum.



Proverbs 12:24 "*24 The hand of the diligent will rule, but the slothful will be put to forced labor.*

Proverbs 13:4 "*4 The appetite of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the appetite of the diligent is abundantly supplied.*

- by the excellence and the content of the communication on all matters that affect each level of stake holder.

Proverbs 13:20 "*20 He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise, but he who associates with [self-confident] fools is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it.*

- by the way in which he sees success as a collective achievement, **readily giving credit to others** for the work that they have accomplished.



Proverbs 14:15-17 "*15 The simpleton believes every word he hears, but the prudent man looks and considers well where he is going.*
16 A wise man suspects danger and cautiously avoids evil, but the fool bears himself insolently and is [presumptuously] confident.
17 He who foams up quickly and flies into a passion deals foolishly, and a man of wicked plots and plans is hated.

- by the way that he regularly introduces new and / or old techniques to different situations as the need arises.

Matt. 13:52 *"52 He said to them, Therefore every teacher and interpreter of the Sacred Writings who has been instructed about and trained for the kingdom of heaven and has become a disciple is like a householder who brings* ***forth out of his storehouse treasure*** *that is* ***new*** *and [treasure that is]* ***old*** *[the fresh as well as the familiar]."*

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE RULER?



The Ruler:

- is someone who can use imperfect people to implement and complete the goal – the vision / the plan / the action.
- is skilled at time-management; is able to put the pieces of the puzzle together at the right time.
- pulls together people under a common vision, builds loyalty, he gets people to follow the cause or vision.

Prov. 29:18 *"18 Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]—blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he."*

- gathers a core of good leaders – he identifies the ability of others, he nurtures and releases people into all aspects of leadership (delegates).
- does not believe in welfare.
- accepts the blame for mistakes and goes about fixing things.
- is an empire builder.



Proverbs 16:12-15 "*12 It is an abomination [to God and men] for kings to commit wickedness,* ***for a throne is established and made secure by righteousness*** *(moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).*
13 Right and just lips are the delight of a king, and he loves him who speaks what is right.

Proverbs 21:1 "*1* ***THE KING'S heart is in the hand of the Lord****, as are the watercourses; He turns it whichever way He wills.*

THE SELF-IMAGE OF A RULER:

Generally the Ruler is a well-balanced individual who is extremely capable and has a **large circle of friends**. Consequently they have **strong self-images.**

They are **motivated** by **reason / facts** and therefore do not easily allow their feelings to rule them.

Their levels of energy / enthusiasm will be high. Their mode of communication will be via systematic diagrams, drawings or plans.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:



A Ruler:

- must walk in **integrity**, in holiness, in freedom, in spiritual authority or else they will build a kingdom that will have no legacy.

Proverbs 22:29 "*29 Do you see a man diligent and skillful in his business? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.*

- must be careful that his focus on the goal does not become too intense that he sometimes fails to see the other issues and neglects the people whom he has to serve.

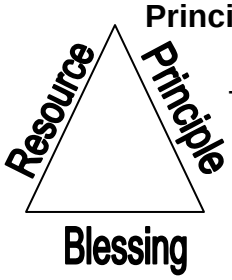
- can't be neutral, he must walk in holiness.
- must be able to handle a high level of criticism while they go about the job.

- must learn to allow other people to do things in their own level of timing – the job does not always have to be done today.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

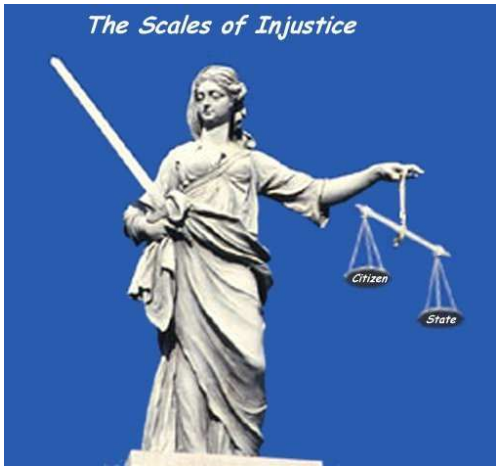
The Ruler has the gift to **rise up in the opposite spirit to the world** where we often hear "*all men are equal but some are more equal than other*".

The Ruler recognizes the **potential of the people and material**, and uses **God's Principles** to release the **blessing of his gift**.



- all people can find God.
- the world is a safe place.
- we can all find our purpose.
- we walk in obedience to God's Word.
    - we move equally with others with clear boundaries.
    - we leave the world a better place.

The Ruler speaks out / stands up against any:



- **Spirit of poverty**, i.e. the attitude that I can't make a difference.

- **Predatory leadership** in the Body of Messiah or business community.

- exploitation at a regional or national level which causes people to be put under bondage / curses, e.g.:

    - inadequate education,
    - land expropriation
    - work for alcohol.

The Ruler must proclaim that he will:

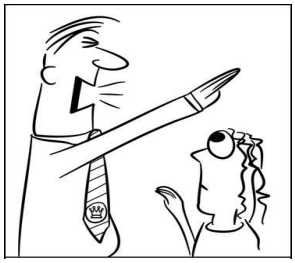


- live for the Kingdom, for future generations.
- "run the good race" (personally and generationally).

Sign of the Holy Spirit:

The "Fire of God" would seem to be reflected in the Holy Spirit's influence on the gift of Rulership.

THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE GIFT OF RULER:



1. Influence of Parents:

A father needs to set an example of a balanced lifestyle, **keeping his word for every commitment** made or else the Ruler child will grow up with bad habits of procrastinating when work needs to be done.



They will over-extend themselves by trying to do everything that comes their way and neglect to do that which is mundane and routine.

Parents who have not **discipled and disciplined a Ruler fairly** will evoke the spirit of a dictator, tyrant, a cruel oppressor, i.e. the predator spirit – e.g. **Hitler**.

Such a person, instead of leading a group of willing followers, will want to take **total control and dominate** and will then be in total **rebellion** to God's purpose of domination.
This type of ruler will **neglect personal and family needs** in pursuit of his own goals and wreck havoc on others.

2. Influence of Woundedness (Battlefield will he be doing what God wants him to do):

The Ruler is defined by the following words:

- responsible,
- honest,
- capable,

and therefore seldom suffers from the wounding of others, unless this is done on a systematic basis by an abusive parent.



Wounds of rejection, boredom and the inappropriate calling to take up an office before you are mature, can lead to:

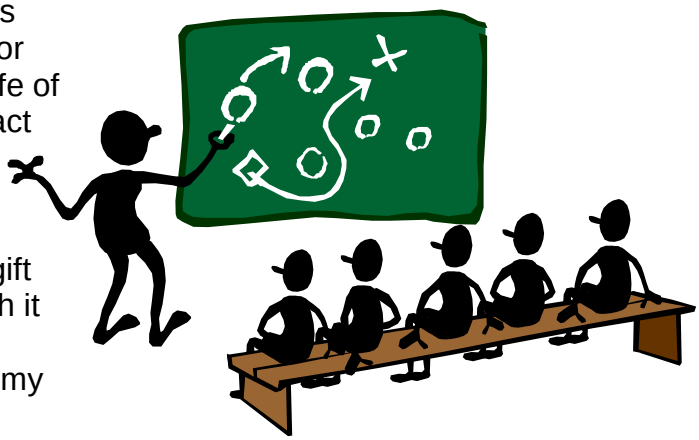
- the exploitation of others,
- the pursuit of vain things (Solomon).

Inactivity caused due to passiveness (Ahab) will lead to sinful and degrading acts against a fellow human being.

Regular and uncalled for criticism can cause a wounded Ruler to become **callous**.

3. Generational / Spiritual:

We have chosen to proclaim the blessing in this paragraph. We have not gone into the details or described the negative consequences on the life of believers which is caused by the negative impact of generational curses.



Please note that if this gift has been rejected / abused by the previous generations, then the gift will operate in the **exact opposite way** in which it should and the effect / impact thereof will be **multiplied** in the following generations (i.e. by my parents).

The Ruler has the authority to work together in a team to achieve the highest level of spiritual dominion and thereby create the pace to release the blessing from one generation to another.

Root Iniquity: the stronghold of **exploiting others to achieve the vision** / goal, i.e. to be right / successful at all cost.

7. THE GIFT OF MERCY

Yeshua as **Mercy / Compassion**:

Matt. 14:14 *"14 When He went ashore and saw a great throng of people, He had **compassion** (pity and deep sympathy) for them and cured their sick."*

Matt.15:32 *"32 Then Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, I have pity and **sympathy** and am **deeply moved** for the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and they have nothing [at all left] to eat; and I am not willing to send them away hungry, lest they faint or become exhausted on the way."*



Matt. 19:14 *"14 But He said, **Leave the children alone**! Allow the little ones to come to Me, and do not forbid or restrain or hinder them, for of such [as these] is the kingdom of heaven composed."*

John 11:35 *"35 Jesus **wept**."*

MERCY – THE GIFT OF OBEDIENCE

Mercy through grace triumphs over the consequence of Law (the consequence of wrong).

We need to understand that faith without works is **dead**. And works without faith is **dead**.



James 2:17-26 "*17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).*
18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith.
19 You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]!
20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?
21 Was not our forefather Abraham [shown to be] justified (made acceptable to God) by [his] works when he brought to the altar as an offering his [own] son Isaac?

22 You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.
23 And [so] the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed in (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on) God, and this was accounted to him as righteousness (as conformity to God's will in thought and deed), and he was called God's friend.
24 You see that ***a man is justified (pronounced righteous before God) through what he does*** *and not alone through faith [through works of obedience as well as by what he believes].*
25 So also with Rahab the harlot—was she not shown to be justified (pronounced righteous before God) by [good] deeds when she took in the scouts (spies) and sent them away by a different route?
26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so ***faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.***



To understand this analogy clearly:

- a fire can't burn without fuel
- fuel without a fire can't burn

} Both are needed for the effect of fire

Neither faith nor works are complete in **themselves**.
That is why James can say that those who show mercy will not face judgement.

There is no mercy in judgement – judgement determines a fair result to the "crime". But because Mercy-gifted people provides of themselves, they will be exalted over judgement.



James 2:13 "*13 For to him who has shown no mercy the judgment [will be] merciless, but mercy [full of glad confidence] exults victoriously over judgment.*

Attributes of mercy

- forgets injuries - continues good works in spite of ingratitude.

Luke 6:36 "*36 So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].*

- forgives without being asked

James 5:11 "*11 You know how we call those blessed (happy) who were steadfast [who endured]. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the Lord's [purpose and how He richly blessed him in the] end, inasmuch as the Lord is full of pity and compassion and tenderness and mercy.*

Promises of Mercy

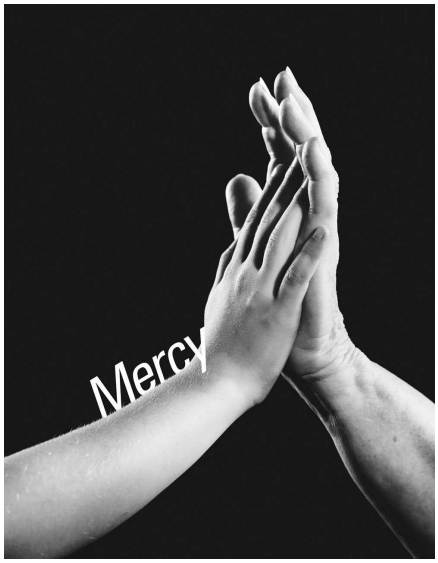
Matthew 5:7 "*7 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions)* ***are the merciful****, for they shall obtain mercy!*



Colossians 3:12 "*12 Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] t****enderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience*** *[which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper].*
13 ***Be gentle and forbearing with one another*** *and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive].*

Psalm 18:25 "*25 With the* ***kind and merciful*** *You will show Yourself kind and merciful, with an upright man You will show Yourself upright,*

Micah 6:8 "*8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to* ***love kindness and mercy****, and to humble yourself and walk humbly with your God?*



Example of mercy

- **God**

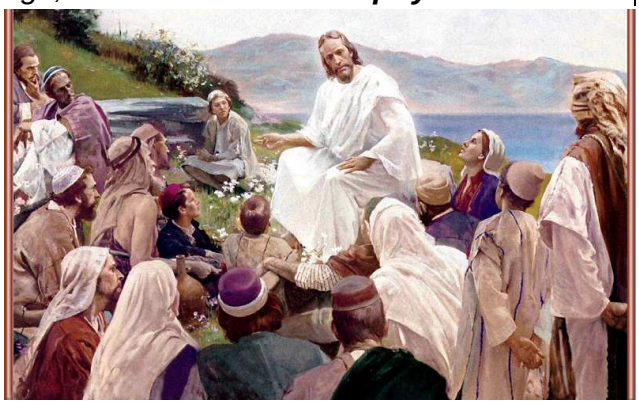
Luke 6:36 "*36 So* ***be merciful*** *(sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].*

Luke 18:13 "*13 But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am!*
14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Psalm 103:13 "*13 As a father loves and pities his children, so the Lord loves and pities those who fear Him [with reverence, worship, and awe].*

- **Yeshua**

Matthew 9:36 "*36 When He saw the throngs, He was **moved with pity and sympathy** for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.*



- **Prison warden to Joseph**

Genesis 39:21-23 "*21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy and loving-kindness and gave him favor in the sight of the warden of the prison.*
*22 And the **warden of the prison** committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison; and whatsoever was done there, he was in charge of it.*
*23 The **prison warden** paid no attention to anything that was in [Joseph's] charge, for the Lord was with him and made whatever he did to prosper.*

- **Joshua to Rahab**

Joshua 6:25 "*25 So **Joshua saved Rahab the harlot**, with her father's household and all that she had; and she lives in Israel even to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.*



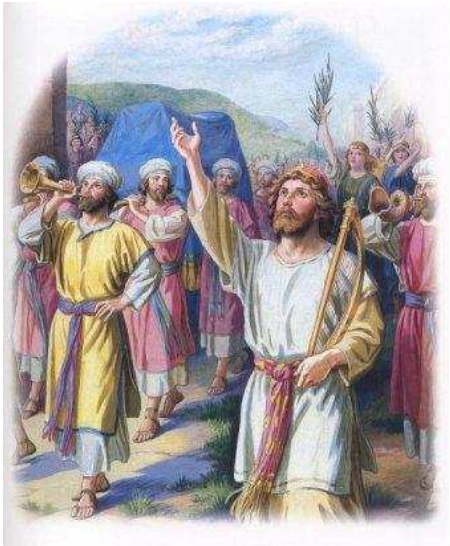
- **David to Saul**

1 Samuel 24:10-17 "*10 Behold, your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hands in the cave. Some told me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.*
11 See, my father, see the skirt of your robe in my hand! Since I cut off the skirt of your robe and did not kill you, you know and see that there is no evil or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, yet you hunt my life to take it.
12 May the Lord judge between me and you, and may the Lord avenge me upon you, but my hand shall not be upon you.
15 May the Lord be judge and judge between me and you, and see and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hands.
16 When David had said this to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.
*17 He said to David, You are more upright in God's eyes than I, for **you have repaid me good, but I have rewarded you evil.***

- **Master to servant**

Matthew 18:27 "*27 And his master's heart was moved with compassion, and he released him and forgave him [cancelling] the debt.*

- **Kings of Israel**



1 Kings 20:31 "*31 His servants said to him, We have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are **merciful kings**. Let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes about our necks, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life.*

Blessings for those who act in the Gift of Mercy

1. Those who operate in the gift of Mercy have a unique **seat** of anything.

Exodus 25:17 "*17 And you shall make a **mercy seat** (a covering) of pure gold, two cubits and a half long and a cubit and a half wide.*



Exodus 25:22 "*22 There I will meet with you and, from above the **mercy seat**, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the Testimony, I will speak intimately with you of all which I will give you in commandment to the Israelites.*

Hebrews 9:5 "*5 Above [the ark] and overshadowing the **mercy seat** were the representations of the cherubim [winged creatures which were the symbols] of glory. We cannot now go into detail about these things.*

2. Those whose offer their lives in a gift of Mercy have their reward in a result which endures forever.

Psalm 106:1 "*1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for **His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever**!*

♦**Psalm 118:1-4** "*1 O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for **His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever!***
2 Let Israel now say that His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever.
3 Let the house of Aaron [the priesthood] now say that His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever.4 Let those now who reverently and worshipfully fear the Lord say that His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever.

♦ For further reading read Psalm 136:1-26

3. Those who do works of Mercy are **answers to prayer**.

Psalm 4:1 "*1 **ANSWER ME when I call**, O God of my righteousness (uprightness, justice, and right standing with You)! You have freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.*

4. The gift of Mercy becomes a **Fruit of the Holy Spirit.**



James 3:17 "*17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity).*

5. Gifts of Mercy get **magnified.**

Deuteronomy 5:10 "*10 And showing mercy and steadfast love to thousands and to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

PURPOSE:



The person who has the gift of Mercy knows the Heart of God, and can sense what they must do to **bring to fulfilment God's plan** for others to possess their God-given birthright without any effort of their own.

So many people are hurting. Is that why we find that many people have been given the gift of mercy / compassion?

This person shows his compassion with a joyfulness, a readiness of mind, to penetrate the heart of the afflicted, with the grace of a Giving God.

The restoration of this gift of fulfilling God's plan of love is manifested by:

- an ability to always **see the good** in other people, by a capacity to reveal God's Love to them.



Proverbs 11:14 "*14 Where no wise guidance is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*

Proverbs 11:17 "*17 The merciful, kind, and generous man benefits himself [for his deeds return to bless him], ….*



- an ability to sense / **feel the emotional status** of people and to reach out with words, acts of love and affirmation to change their perception of God.

- the number of times they will become the crusader for good causes, and how they will stand and fight for the lost, homeless and wounded.

Proverbs 13:12 "*12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.*



- an ability to find ways to help people restore relationships with one another and will visibly grieve over the **woundedness in relationships**.

Proverbs 20:5 "*5 Counsel in the heart of man is like water in a deep well, but a man of understanding draws it out.*

- the degree to which we will see them rejoice when others are blessed or grieved when others are hurt.

Proverbs 21:21 "*21 He who earnestly seeks after and craves righteousness, **mercy, and loving-kindness** will find life in addition to righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) and honor.*

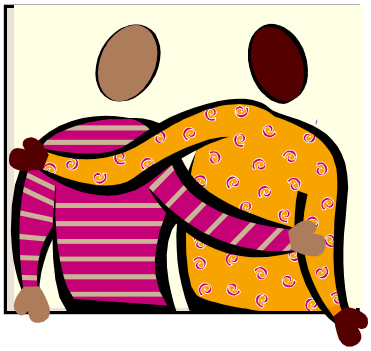
HOW DO WE IDENTIFY THE MERCY GIFT?

- They rarely have enemies / never hurt anybody, but they easily detect insincerity or wrong motives.

Proverbs 15:1 "*1 A SOFT answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.*
2 The tongue of the wise utters knowledge rightly, but the mouth of the [self-confident] fool pours out folly.

- They are safe people to share / be with, they love doing good deeds for others.

Proverbs 17:17 "*17 A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity.*



- They have an inborn sense of knowing who the hurt / wounded are.

- They are **slow to transition** from on thing to the next.

- They crave soul and physical **contact,** they "feel" like the other people do.

- They have a pre-disposition to **worship**.

- They are **ruled by the heart** and not by the head.



Proverbs 22:11 "*11 He who loves purity and the pure in heart and who is gracious in speech—because of the grace of his lips will he have the king for his friend.*

THE SELF-IMAGE OF THE MERCY:

The Mercy child will usually have a poor self-image. Approximately 70% of all Mercy people will have been hurt by family and friends.

Their emotions are subject to highs and lows and mainly function on how they feel at that point in time, because they generally have a dislike for logical thinking patterns.

They would see every decision that does not fit with their needs as a personal wound. They are **highly sensitive to the needs of others,** but are often shy and therefore do not easily step forward to make new friendships.

There will be some idealism in their approach to life – they will always favour the underdog.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:



Mercy:

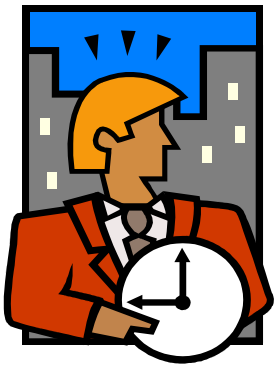
- has to learn to **confront people**, or else they can easily be hurt.

- has to learn to **be decisive**, to make the correct decisions even though it will affect others negatively.

- must learn to handle **spiritual leadership abuse** effectively so that the anger which lies hidden does not explode.

- must **sanctify time** or else they will have their time taken up with "good" deeds which are not necessarily what God wants.

- has to learn not to take up other people's offences and fight their battles for them – they must learn to **be slow to take offence**.



PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The Mercy person has the goal to live life, in whatever place or situation God places you, with a contented spirit.

Rules for Engagement:

1) Embrace the trials / tribulation God places in your path.
2) Don't take on **other** people's problems.
3) Reject satan's problems.
4) Develop an ability to solve problems.
5) Enjoy the journey.
6) Analyze your character traits, i.e. John wanted power / authority but ends up on Patmos talking only of relationship, i.e. from "who is greater" to "we must love one another".

Mercy must **speak out / take a stand** against any:
- acts or attempt to exploit / create a victim spirit.
- attempts to pressurize people by manipulation / control.

Mercy must proclaim that God's Sovereign Will in every circumstance is good / perfect / right.



Sign of the Holy Spirit:

The sign of the "Dove" would seem to reflect the Holy Spirit's influence on the gift of Mercy.

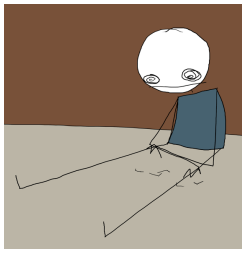
THE ATTACKS ON THE GIFT OF MERCY:

1. Influence of Parents:

A father must create a "safe" environment for the Mercy child, a place where their creativity will be recognized and allowed to blossom, a place where their "faith" in fellowman will be protected from insensitive and other wounded people, so that their spirit can be released at the right time.

A father needs to love, cherish and accept the Mercy child as they are. A father, who fails in this task, exposes his child to a world where **compromise** will be the order of the day so that they don't lose control of any situation.

The Mercy child will always be scared to commit and will want to go extremely slowly towards goals causing frustration for all those surrounding them.



Parents, who do not teach their child the Principle of Dominion – Godly rulership and specifically if the father figures in their lives are ungodly, will cause the **Mercy gift to suffer from a "victim" spirit** and will attract spiritual leadership that will abuse their goodness.

2. Influence of Woundedness:

The mercy individual will be identified with the following attributes:

- family activities,
- friendships,
- a need to be loved and valued.

A father that fails to show love, fails to spend real quality time, who chases after career or ministry without spending a great deal of time and love on a Mercy child, will cause **deep wounds**

A Mercy individual will make lasting friendships, relationships that will be protected at all costs, so when such a friend rejects / causes a wound, the effects will be devastating.



Authority figures' (especially father's) wounds lead to **an identity crisis**, causing the child to be a **people-pleaser**, and consequently lack the ability / willpower to stand in holiness and purity.

This woundedness will cause the gift of Mercy to be rendered in a fashion where **the intimacy of God's Presence is destroyed.**

3. Generational / Spiritual:

We have chosen to proclaim the blessing in this paragraph. We have not gone into the details or described the negative consequences on the life of believers which is caused by the negative impact of generational curses.

Please note that if this gift has been rejected / abused by the previous generations, then the gift will operate in the **exact opposite way** in which it should and the effect / impact thereof will be **multiplied** in the following generations (i.e. by my parents).



The Mercy gift has the ability to move in the most intimate / Holy place and is blessed with the gift of being able to **sanctify** the **environment** / **places** where they go.
Root Iniquity: The stronghold of **stubbornness** – the desire to want everything to be done my way.