

Life in Pieces!

Part 3: Making Disciples!

Bursts of Blessings! “Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first-fruits of all your increase; so that you will have plenty and your labors will prosper and you will burst with blessings to overflow!”

Prov 3.9,10

KJV: “barns be filled with plenty and your presses will overflow with new wine...” Fill the vats and the juice will overflow! But “Don’t live abundantly without being rich towards God!” **Lk 12.16**

Bursts of Blessings! We are sharing our “Bursts” with the intention to make proof of God... We are taking intentional actions to encourage a richness of good works on the foundations of our lives... And we are doing it to move into the filled and overflowing, blessed-life, God has for every believer! The point is to move us to faithfulness in what is least to have what is “more!”

An unexpected escrow refund: \$1,333 Raise from good performance during a shutdown: \$10,400 New job(s): \$25,000 increase. *One pair* of jeans that rang up for 99¢: \$28 Bonus: \$60 Meals paid for in restaurants: \$95 Helped a friend: \$100 Paid for a day I didn’t work: \$75 Many other testimonies!

Luke 16.11 “If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches?*” **KJV** “If you cannot properly deal with money, who will commit to your trust the real stuff of life?” “If you have been faithful in unrighteous mammon, the true riches will be committed to your trust!” **KJVPPPOV** “Since you have been faithful with what is least you will be given more!” **v10**

Moving into the blessed, full, life God has for us is the whole idea!

The Full Life is... The saved life! EVENT! The sanctified life! PROCESS! The blessed life! RESULT!

“The God of hope FILL you with all JOY and PEACE in believing, that you may SUPER ABOUND IN HOPE through the Holy Ghost!” **Rom 15.13** Pleroo “And the disciples were filled (Pleroo) w/joy and w/the Holy Ghost!” **Acts 13.52** “Don’t be drunk w/wine but be filled (Pleroo) with the Spirit!” **Eph 5.18** “Praying that you may be complete (Pleroo) in all the will of God!” **Col 4.12**

We want to live the blessed, full, overflowing, life that comes from Spirit-led living in the will of God!

Matthew 28.19,20 “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age!’”

Life in the Will of God... *The Great Commission!* Of all the things He could have said as His last words... “I want you to care about the earth... holiness... baptisms... kindness... love... make lots of money...” He said, “I want you to make disciples (matheteuo/mathetes)!”

If Jesus was carrying out and communicating the will of God... Making disciples is a big deal to HIM!

Life in the Will of God... *The Great Commission!* According to the Great Commission, *discipleship* is God’s desire for the church! It’s where Jesus invested *all His authority!* It’s our work until *the end of the age!* It measures *our hearing and obedience* to do God’s will! It is one of the *greatest problems* in the

church at large! **And maybe it's because we don't "see" it! *Making disciples has to be one of the most neglected goals, or weakly done tasks, of the church!***

Maybe because... "Seeing, they see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."

Mt13.13 But "to us it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God... blessed are our eyes for they see and our ears for they hear!" **Mt 13.11,16** "Now we see thru a glass darkly..." **1C13.12 But** "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all!" **1J1.5** "The natural man does not receive the things of God because they are spiritually discerned..." **1C2.14 "But** we have the mind of Christ!" **1C2.16**

What do your kids want to be when they grow up? What have we taught them regarding their future? Have we taught them that the most important thing to God is... That they grow up to be great disciples who make great disciples? Why is this so important to God?

Backstory! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..." **John 1.1** "Let us create man in our image, after our likeness, and give them dominion over the earth... So God created them male and female, and He blessed them!" **Gen 1.26-28** We know they fell! **Gen 3** We know God knew they would! But was that the plan? A rescue mission?

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. IN LOVE He predestined us to be adopted as HIS SONS through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will!" **Eph 1.3-5 *The Father loved, blessed, chose us before the creation of the world and sin!***

Grace was given to us in Christ before the creation of time!" **2Tim 1.9** "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!" **Matt 25.34 *"The equipping, favor, benefits of God were provided for us before time..."God blessed us with an inheritance prepared before the foundation of the world...***

"Those He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed into the image of His dear Son, so that He might be the firstborn of many brothers. Moreover, those He predestined He also called and those He called He also justified and who He justified He also glorified (to glorify God)!" **Rom 8.29,30 *The Father had a plan to bring many sons to glory – to glorify Himself... By "conforming" them into the image of His Dear Son!***

Bringing many sons to glory by conforming them to the image of Jesus is... D-I-S-C-I-P-L-E-S-H-I-P!

Why is discipleship so important to God? Because God so loved His Son, was so pleased in His Son... That from before the beginning He wanted MORE! That there was a "beginning" was because He wanted **MORE!** And when they fell God sent His beloved Son to redeem them because He still wanted **MORE!** And that is the epitome of the blessed, full overflowing life in the will of God!

The Full Life is... *Sonship!* "For we have received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry, ABBA, Father!" **Rom 8.14-17 *Heirship!*** "If children then heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus!" **Rom 8.17 *Rulership!*** "Those who receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life by Jesus Christ!" **Rom 5.17**

All displayed in Jesus! All duplicated in discipleship! All desired by a Father who wants *more!*