

Life in Pieces! Part 4: Discipleship!

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! We do what’s natural, He meets us with the supernatural!

You do what is right, honor the Lord, and you’ll have plenty... I’ll do the supernatural in response so you have plenty and can some give away... “Foolish to live abundantly without being rich in good works!” Lk 12.16

Sharing our “Bursts...” Making proof of God’s response... Listing to make our boast in the Lord’s faithfulness to our right actions! Modeling the richness of good works on the foundations of our lives... As we move into the filled, overflowing, blessed-life, God has for every believer! The point is to move us from faithfulness in what is least to faithful stewardship of what is “more!”

Unexpected gift from my sisters: \$300 Extra checks at work: \$2,625 Unexpected client: \$2,200 Old client: \$5,000 income. \$1,500 pledge (for Belize mission) Two free Dr. appointments: \$170 Better job: \$1,200 raise Bonus: \$500. \$2,947 in escrow refunds! \$100 gift from dad! Post grad scholarship: \$480,000, +RD grants!

3John 1.2-6 (personalized) “Beloved, I wish above all things that you would prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers... I rejoice greatly when I hear of the testimony that you are walking in truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that you are. Do faithfully what you do to the brothers and strangers who have borne witness of your love! And if you are endowed with this worlds goods, meet needs, show your compassion for others and the love of God in you! Let us not live in word only but in deeds and truth!” ***Moving into the blessed, full, life God has for us is the whole idea!***

Ushering people into the blessed, full, life of Jesus is d-i-s-c-i-p-l-e-s-h-i-p!

And discipleship is our topic because God looked at Jesus and decided He wanted MORE, like Him!

Barna, 3/15/17 “A person’s worldview is typically developed between the ages of about 18 months and 13 years... There is usually very little movement in a worldview after that point. You could say with confidence that the worldview a person possesses at age 13 is probably the worldview they will die with. Unless pre-existing patterns radically change, we are not likely to ever see the Millennial generation reach even ten percent who have a biblical worldview. One of the most important implications of this situation. “Parents are one of the most important influences on the worldview of their children, and Millennials are entering their prime childbearing years. But because 24 of every 25 Millennials lack a biblical worldview today, the probability of them transmitting such to their children is extremely low. You cannot give what you don’t have. In other words, if today’s children are going to eventually embrace a biblical worldview, people with such a perspective must exert substantial influence on the nation’s children to supply what their parents are unable to give them. The United States goes to great lengths to assist in the economic welfare of millions of people. It appears that we now need those who possess a biblical worldview to step in and impact the spiritual well-being of our future adults as well.”

Ushering People Into The Inverted Kingdom... Kingdom Inversions... We save our lives by losing them! We die to live and live to die! We give away to gain! We humble ourselves to be lifted! We want control,

God wants us to know freedom! We look for the strong, God looks for those who know they are weak! We look at faces and frames, God looks for hearts! We look for talent and ability, God looks for willingness and humility! We look for the wise, God looks for the simple! We look for goal-getters, God looks for enthusiasts! We look for leaders, God looks for servants!

1. The holiest prayer we can teach others is, "Not my will but Yours be done!"
2. Our people cannot reach their highest destiny until they willingly yield to His high-ways and rulership!
3. Jesus wants us to find and enter into the... God-planned life, through the narrow way!
4. Following Jesus into the "tunnel" is the difference between abundant life and mere existence! God's Will For Us...

Matthew 7:13,14 "Enter through the narrow gate... broad is the way to destruction... strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it."

"The Straight and narrow way!" *In The Tunnel...* Dark. Dangerous. Alone (peo). Forsaken. Weak. Discouraged. Disoriented. Speechless. Tasteless. "Lifeless." *But inwardly aware of His presence!*

After finding the narrow way and choosing to enter, there is nothing left but a life of true worship... and all it holds!

The Life Few Find... A lasting testimony! Regular audience with God! Riches for the Golden Years! Anxious free living! Self-judgment that keeps you free/fit! Power-full gifts to meet your needs! Supernatural discernment! Wind-and-flood proof home! Peace in a turbulent world! "Sailing-technique" for high surf storms! The mind of Christ! Health giving presence! A Philanthropic heart! Self-sacrifice w/o self-diminishing! "Pleasing" in God's sight! No fear of failure! No fear of pain! No fear of sickness! No fear of death! Love that covers sin, forgives all, conquers all and makes us mimics of our God!

"The Straight and narrow way!"

Discipleship... Must get them beyond their past! **COACHING!** **Luke 9.62 2Peter 2.22** Includes good/bad situations... and... Bad wiring/teaching! *How will I provide an environment for them to empty out? "Can't fill the cup with living water if it's already full!"* Classes to help: Free Indeed/Bait of Satan/Kairos seminar!

Must begin building their character! **MENTORING!** Have to put the old stuff off before we can put on anything new! **Eph 4.17-32 Col 3.1-14** Can't put on new clothes without taking off the old ones! *How can I be in touch enough to personally input others lives? Not perfectionism... but process!* **Phil 3.14**

Must prepare them for new era of service to God! **MODELING!** "And happy are you if you do it..." **John 13.17** Make them aware of richness in good outworking! **1Cor 3.11-15 1Tim 6.18** But lead in service as you would want someone on staff of the church to serve: with vision, discipline, value, reward! **Col 3.23 Eph 6.5-9**