

Tree of Life – Accessing Every Blessing

I. A Year for Living in Blessing

A. Answered Prayer

- Ps 21:2 You have given him **his heart's desire**,
And have not withheld the request of his lips. – Selah
- 3a For **you meet him** with rich blessings;
- 4a He asked **life** from You, *and* You gave *it* to him—

B. Blessed to Be a Blessing

- 6 For you make him **most blessed** forever;
you **make him glad** with the **joy** of your **presence**.
- NLT You have **endowed** him with eternal blessings
We have an joy endowment (infinite and endless) in his
face!

C. Being the Blessing – Love Really Counts

1 John 3:1 NKJ **Behold** what **manner of love** the Father has **bestowed** on us,

Matt 22:36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment...?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall **love the Lord your God** with **all** your **heart ... soul** and **... mind**. 38 This is the **great** and **first** commandment. 39 And a **second** is **like it**: You shall **love your neighbor as yourself**.

D. Responding in Love - out of our endowment of blessings.

II. Access to Unlimited Life

A. Two Trees - Two Ways or Sources

Gen 2.9 ...The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge** of good and evil.

Knowledge as basis forbidden

16 ...“You may surely **eat of every tree** of the garden, 17 but of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** you **shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

B. Tree of Life – Access to the Infinite and Eternal

Gen 3.22 ...“Behold, the man has become like **one of us in knowing** good and evil. Now, **lest he reach out his hand and take** also of the tree of life and **eat**, and live forever—”

24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to **guard the way to the tree of life**.

C. Jesus is THE Tree of Life

John 1.4 In him was LIFE and the LIFE was the light of men

3.15 whoever believes in him has eternal LIFE

10.10 I came that they might have LIFE...

D. Righteousness (LOVE) Accesses the Unlimited

Prov 11.30 The fruit of the **righteous** is a **tree of life**, and whoever captures (wins, saves) souls is **wise**.

Fruit of Tzaddik *-pferi tzaddiq*

Tree of Chayyim *'etz chayyim*

Not only do we have access to infinite life, but our fruit contains the SEED that can be planted in others.

And the second line is vital: Wisdom is essential for influencing people toward the GOOD & ETERNAL

TANAK A wise man captivates people.

E. How I Speak Can Change the World

Prov 15.4 A **gentle** tongue is a **tree of life**, but perverseness (twist) in it breaks the spirit.

NKJ wholesome
NIV **The tongue that brings healing**

Kind words come from a heart full of kindness. Every heart thought can become a word.

Healing words may not always be soft, but are therapeutic!

MLK, speaking in 1967 at Riverside Church

*“Could it be that they do not know that the Good News was meant for all men - for communist and capitalist, for their children and ours, for black and for white, for revolutionary and conservative? Have they forgotten that my ministry is in **obedience to the one who loved his enemies so fully that he died for them?** What then can I say to the Vietcong or to Castro or to Mao as a faithful minister of this one? Can I threaten them with death or must I not share with them my life?*

*I must be true to my conviction that **I share with all men the calling to be a son of the living God.** Beyond the calling of race or nation or creed is this **vocation of sonship and brotherhood.***

So much power! Our **speech has the power to open up the full potential of abundant life.**

Our words are like the word of God, **seeds** that are **sown** and bring forth an **increase** – wholeness and completeness.

Prov 18.21 Death and **life** are in the **power*** of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

* Heb - hand

Human speech has the capacity to reach out and take hold of the TREE OF LIFE and live forever!

Rom 10.10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

With the heart we believe **into** RIGHTEOUSNESS

With the mouth we confess **into** SALVATION

Seeds! - contain instructions for the future; unlimited duration

<Prayer for **Power of Faith Filled Speech**>

III. Dealing with Delay

Prov 13.12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Hope is a confident expectation - closely related to faith and trust.

A. Acknowledge the Challenge, the Trial

When it takes longer than we think it should, it rubs & becomes irritating.

We feel it as being held back, dragged out, delayed. It's rubbing us raw.

We can grow weak, weary, tired, frustrated, angry, ashamed, afraid we are being abandoned, have the "fear of missing out," Think we've done something wrong that disqualified us. Lose our expectation.

But WHEN the desired, longed for ideal is brought into realization, we enter into it and that dream come true experience becomes a TREE of LIFE, it **gives us access to something far bigger and far more significant** than we might know on our own.

B. Don't Be a Victim

Jas 1.2 Count it all (pure, nothing but) joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you **know** that the testing of your faith produces **steadfastness**. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that **you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing**.

1. Hold a view, have an opinion, lead, rule your own hear when you meet all kinds of trials and tests. You're not just an overcomer, but you are more than a conqueror, a super-conqueror. All this is adding to your glory and your reward. Nothing but a cause for joy - He never leaves us. In his presence.

2. Know the outcome is Endurance, Patience, Strengthened.
3. You will be fully mature (all you can be), complete, without lack!

IV. Inhabiting and being Inhabited by the God of Hope

[John 14:20](#) In that day you will **know** that I am in my Father, and you **in** me, and I **in** you.

Everything IN HIM is IN US. He inhabits us, we inhabit Him!

We may not *recognize* it! But He *recognizes* us!

EVERY BLESSING in Christ [Ephesians 1:3](#)

<Prayer to inhabit the Love the Father has lavished upon us - every BLESSING of GOODNESS>

[1 Cor 2:9 NIV](#) However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived **what God has prepared** for those who love him” —

[Rom 15:13 NIV](#) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Experience of JOY](#)