

The Freedom of a Generous Mind

2014 Renewal Hope Resource Center

The Psalm 1 Happy-Blessed Man!

Finds delight in Torah, Law. Roots in Rivers of Love

Fruit in Season, Healthy leaves! *In all that he does, he prospers.*

Living in the Design

2 Tim 1:7 NKJV For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.¹ (self-control, sound judgment)

Ability, Affection, Wisdom

Fear Based thinking is foreign to your Design

You are wired for LOVE, with an optimism bias. HOPE!

Comments on 444 — Key Thoughts on a Journey

Gen 44:4 NLT But when they had gone only a short distance and were barely out of the city, Joseph said to his palace manager, "Chase after them and stop them. When you catch up with them, ask them, 'Why have you repaid my kindness with such evil?' 5 Why have you stolen my master's silver cup, which he

¹ σωφρονισμός – to have understanding about practical matters and thus be able to act sensibly — 'to have sound judgment, to be sensible, to use good sense, sound judgment.' 'in the same way urge the young men to be wise and sensible' Tt 2:6; 'be sensible in your thinking' Ro 12:3.

uses to predict the future? What a wicked thing you have done!”

What looks like trouble may be God’s setup to change your whole life.

Background – brothers hated Joseph (Increase). They had lived for years with guilty numb hearts. They were suffering in an extended drought. They came with fear. Now inexplicable disaster has stricken!

Joseph reveals himself. Kisses his brothers. Family united!

Gen 45.16 NLT The news soon reached Pharaoh’s palace:... Pharaoh and his officials were all delighted to hear this.

17 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Tell your brothers, ‘... hurry back to the land of Canaan. 18 Then get your father and all of your families, and return here to me. ***I will give you the very best land in Egypt, and you will eat from the best*** that the land produces.”

20 ***Don’t worry*** about your personal belongings, for ***the best of all*** the land of Egypt ***is yours.***”

BREAKTHROUGH! For Jacob & Sons

MINISTER TO THOSE IN NEED OF BREAKTHROUGH RENEWING THE MIND

THINKING LIKE OUR FATHER

Isa 51:1 NKJ “**Listen** to Me, you who **follow after righteousness**,
You who **seek the LORD**:

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,

And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.

2 **Look** to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you;
For I called him alone,

And ***blessed*** him and ***increased*** him.”

The **Blessing of God on Abrahams life** reveals **His heart toward us!**

Eph 1:3 ESV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blesed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places,

II. A GRACE OF GIVING

1. Grace is the ABILITY of God to be like God!

John 1:14 NKJV And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth....**

2. Grace sets us Free so we can Function in His Image!

Eph 2:8 NLT God **saved you** by his **grace** when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. **9** Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **10** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

3. There is a Grace of Generosity

2 Cor 8:7 NIV But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this **grace of giving.**

III. First Fruits (FEB 16, 2014)

A. Given at the Beginning (Tithe after the Harvest)

1. Through Firstfruits we sanctify our whole life and all we love.

Rom 11:16 NIV If the part of the dough offered as **firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy**; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

2. It's a Pattern not Legalism - We honor the King of Kings with the First and the Best

3. Giving is Sowing

2 Cor 9:6 NIV Remember this: Whoever **sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and whoever **sows** generously will also **reap** generously. 7 Each man should **give** what he has decided in his heart to **give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The seed we sow connects our lives to the soil of God's love. You can't eat dirt, yet all our food comes from dirt. The life in the seed can grow and capture the power of the Sun, transforming dirt and water into food, into clothing, into housing, into fuel !

Apple seed -- not just an apple, but a tree that gives for years and year!

4. The Measure is proportional.

Luke 6:38 NKJ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the **same measure** that you use, it will be **measured back** to you."

This is very personal. The same **measure** I use, is how it is measured back to me!

5. Our Giving Releases **God's Creative Liberating Ability**

2 Cor 9:8 NKJ And **God is able** to make **all grace** abound **toward you**, that **you**, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

God works with what we have!

Don't let what you don't have overrule what you do have!

2 Cor 8:12 NIV For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable **according to what one has**, not according to what he does not have.

OUR TESTIMONY — 1977 starving ... increased our giving
Be thankful and begin to use what you do have!

V. Conclusion

PRAY FOR A REVELATION OF DIVINE LOVE

Transformation of Heart & Mind from Fear to Love

Ministry Declaration:

Ps 44:4 NKJ You are my King, O God;
Command **victories** for Jacob.

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