

## FF1: That You May Prosper in All Respects

### I. We are Often Just a Step Away from Miracle Outpouring and Breakthrough. [VIDEO]

#### How a FF Offering Changed Our World

A. My struggle... “Just enough... Miracles, but...where is the More than Enough?”. Aug 2007

B. His Response A WORD from the YHWH (invited into faith)  
“Why don't you receive a FF offering?”

C. Renewing my mind

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Rom 12.2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewal**<sup>1</sup> of your mind<sup>2</sup>, that **by testing** you may discern what is the will of God, what is good & acceptable & perfect.

A word from the Lord

Is. 48:15 I, even I, have spoken and called him; I have brought him, and he will **prosper in his way**. NIV succeed in his mission.

**He Spoke, Called, Brought.... Will Prosper, Succeed**

Ps 35:27 NAS95...“The LORD be magnified, who delights in the prosperity of his servant!”

### II. Knowing the Love of God Renews Our Minds

A. He Delights in Your Transformation

Lk 12:32 NLB “So **don't be afraid**, little flock. For it gives your Father **great happiness** to give you the Kingdom.

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<sup>1</sup> *anakainosis*— return to the new, superior, unheard of

<sup>2</sup> *nous* - the organ of perception, sometimes translated “heart”

## B. The Impact of a Renewed Mind

Ps 1:1 **Blessed** is the man who ... *[breaks free from the surrounding culture]* **counsel**, **way**, **seat**- *think, behave, belong* [slide 2]

2 but his **delight** is in the **law of the LORD**, and on his **law** he **meditates** day and night. (**torah** - direction, instruction, law)

3 He **is like a tree** (a complex living system joins earth and sky) planted by streams of water that yields its **fruit in its season**, and its **leaf** does not **wither**. In **all** that he **does**, he **prosper**s. [slide 3]

*a tree is no mere channel, piping the water unchanged from one place to another, but a living organism which absorbs it, to produce in due course something new and delightful, proper to its kind and to its time.*

3 Jn 2 NAS Beloved, I pray that **in all respects** you may **prosper** and be in good health, just as **your soul prospers**. [slide 4]

To prosper — a **good and wholesome way of thinking, feeling, deciding** about life, health, money, ...!

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

## C. He Guides us into Restoration and Abundance

Ps 23:1 The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want! [slide 5]

NIV11 ... I lack nothing. NLB ... I have all that I need. **Yaweh rha'í lo ësáhr**

יְהוָה רָעִי לֹא אֶחְסָר:

**DECLARATION – No LACK**

He invites us follow, to **receive from** Him regarding the future of your life, your family, and the world you live in.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

*Into restoration, righteousness, his NAME (fame)*

- 4 Even though I walk **through** the valley of the shadow of death, I will **fear no evil**, for **YOU** are **with me**; your rod and your staff, they **comfort** me. (Console & encourage) [slide 6]

Invitation to **partner** with him through the valley, **no fear** of evil, **HE** becomes **YOU with ME** rod and staff,

*Destination: Honor, Holy Spirit Anointing, Overflow*

- 5 **YOU** prepare a **table** before me in the presence of my enemies; you **anoint** my head with oil; my cup **overflows**.

(Honor, abundance, saturation)

- 6 **Surely** goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. [slide 7]

## II. First Fruits Invitation — 7 Principles

1. (Given at the Beginning) – **Sanctifies** the Whole - our life and all we love. [slide 8]

Rom 11:16 NIV If the part of the dough offered as **firstfruits** is holy, then the whole batch is holy;

**Holy** - outside the natural, separate from the ordinary, pure

2. **A Pattern not Law** - Honor the Lord with the First and the Best — and He honors us with a blessing that remains. [slide 9]

Ezek 44:30 NKJ The best of all firstfruits of any kind, ... to **cause a blessing to rest on your house**.

3. Generosity is an **Indicator of GRACE and Love** at Work [sl 12]

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.**

8 I am **not commanding** you, but I want to **test the sincerity of your LOVE** by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

**God isn't after our money, he's after our hearts.** Giving will **transform** our hearts.

**4. We Give According to What We Have.** We give part of ourselves— **our offerings take us beyond our present circumstances.** **FEAR NOT!** [slide 11]

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**.

**Elijah & the Widow in a time of famine**

★ 1Kings 17:8 Then the **word of the LORD** came to him,

9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

12 And she said, ... **I have nothing baked**, .. we may **eat it and die.**”

We may see nothing... no vision for life

Our **last** can be a **new FIRST**

13 And Elijah said to her, **“Do not fear**; go and do as you have said. But **first** make me **a little\* cake of it** and bring it to me, and **afterward** make something for yourself and your son.” *\*micro (LXX)*

14 For **thus says the LORD**, the God of Israel, ...

15 And she **went** and **did** as Elijah said. And **she** and **he** and **her household** ate for many days. Word + doing = Miracle

16 The jar of flour was not **spent**,\* neither did the jug of oil become **empty**,**‡** **according to the word of the LORD** that he spoke by Elijah. [slide 12]



\* *reach its full end* ≠ *lack* (Ps 23.1). **unending** > **no lack**

## Elisha & Jesus & Poor Widows

### 5. In Giving We Plant **Seeds of Blessing**. [slide 13]

2 Cor 9:6 The point is this: **whoever sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and **whoever sows** bountifully **will also reap** bountifully.

**The seed we sow roots our heart in the soil of God's love—**

**SEED** - carrying all the instructions needed for increase. A seed **alive** is packed with limitless potential.

Seeds are God's **blueprint for the future**. Apple seed. Sequoia

a. **Our children**. The **Creator Himself became a seed** and **broke** the slavery of death and **released** the power of an endless life! Gen. 3:15

b. **Our Words**, containing a potential future. **Every word contains in a future reality in an immature form: CO CREATING**

Mark 4:11 ... "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God,...  
14 The sower sows the word. ...

c. **Our Offerings** Each contains a future reality in an immature form.

2 Cor 9:7 Each one must **give** as he has **decided in his heart**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **For the Joy!**

### 6. The Harvest is **PROPORTIONAL**. [slide 14]

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

If you give, you will **always get back more**.

This is the **BENEFIT** of giving, not the **MOTIVE**.

## ★ 7. Our Partnership in Giving **Releases God's Creative Ability**

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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**.

TESTIMONY —

1977 starving ... increased our giving...change began to overtake us. 1984 house w/o debt...

1987 meltdown... prayed ... Pennsylvania!

1995-1997 **13th Street**. Needed to grow, change. Someone gave a large offering (\$25k). Sowed it into another ministry. 2000 40th St.

**Mustard Seed** has all the instructions. A **sequoia** seed...

SOWING gives **God an opportunity** to work through us!

Partner with God - for a **PURPOSE**

**STUCK? FRUSTRATED? Release God to Work!**

#### IV. 4 Keys to First Fruits:

1. Cyclical —Annual basis
2. In Faith – a stretch to that which is beyond our ability.
3. Sacrificial – what moves you, often moves God.
4. Focused TARGETED— prioritize the areas you are sowing into for breakthrough.

**Envelopes!**

#### V. Instructions for First Fruits Offering



1. Pray for God's Direction (desire discipline delight)

Pray for hearing hearts.

!!! <NO FEAR GUARANTEE> !!!

2. Have a Harvest, or ask **what Gates are held by the enemy?**
3. Set an amount, or ask for one.
4. Write a check, use Push Pay, Credit Card or make a pledge (next two months). **No Fear — Refunds for 4 weeks!**
5. Bring it on First Fruits Sunday

There are **NO LIMITS** on the effects of a **SMALL CHANGE** in our thinking and behavior.

**Phil 4:19 NKJ** And my God shall supply **all** your need according to **His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

PRAYER that you may PROSPER in all RESPECTS

**HEARING OF FAITH      GRACE OF GIVING**

**PERFECTED LOVE      MIRACLES BREAKTHROUGHS**

**DECLARATION: GRACE and PEACE be MULTIPLIED to YOU**