

The Key of Gratitude Unlocks Your Inheritance Through People!

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Introduction: Today will shake everything you have thought about people both the difficult ones and those you like. Get ready for a relationship journey into receiving your inheritance through gratitude!

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1. Born again with a living hope to your inheritance

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- Abraham went to receive an inheritance

Hebrews 11:8 *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Hebrews 11:13 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

- We are the seed of Abraham

Romans 4:13 *For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: ¹⁵ Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. ¹⁸ Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. ¹⁹ And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: ²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. ²² And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*

- You are a Born-Again Heir of God!

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

¹⁸ *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

- Speak as His Heir

Romans 10:6 *But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise---⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

2 Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*

2. Your inheritance, gratitude and people

Ephesians 1:16 *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is names, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*

- Be grateful for the believers

Philippians 1:3 *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, * always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

Romans 1:8 *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*

- Be grateful for those that are difficult

Matthew 5:44 *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.*

Romans 12:14 *Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.*

Romans 12:20 *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink... ²⁰ Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

1 Peter 3:9 *Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit blessing.*

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A. **The Primary Person** that is closest in relationship/favor regarding any part of your dreams and visions in life.

- Key #1 ? – **What does he/she know** that is critical for your dreams and visions to come to pass
- Key #2 ? – **What does he/she have** that is critical for your dreams and visions to come to pass
- Key #3 ? – **What can he/she do** that is critical for your dreams and visions to come to pass

Survey all of the Primary Persons in your life and ask the three Key Questions! Most of the time your next step, answer to your question, work to be done, plans to be executed, access to funds needed, etc. is within them and they willingly will participate with you! Don't be surprised that their contribution corrects some thinking or believing that is incorrect. Get ready for change from Glory to Glory!

THEY ARE PART OF YOUR INHERITANCE!

B. **Every Primary Person's closest in relationship or favor** outside of your circle ask them to reach out and ask

- Apply Key 1, 2, and 3 again!

PRACTICE GRATITUDE KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ENGAGING GOD IN HIS PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE AND THOSE YOU WORK WITH BOTH THE BLESSED AND THE CHALLENGING!

For Example:

- **1 Samuel 17-24** David's close bond of love and fellowship with Jonathan who was King Saul's son then all the events that led to David
- **Book of Ruth** Naomi, a Jewess, was a close relative to Boaz and directed Ruth, her daughter-in-law, a widow and a Moabite to present herself to marry Boaz according to the Jewish law. Now Ruth is in Jesus' lineage.
- **Genesis 37-41** For Joseph to fulfill God's dream Joseph did not complain about his brothers jealousy or Potiphar's wife lying, or the request being forgotten for two years by the cupbearer to Pharaoh after three days being restored to his office while the baker was hanged!

BE AWARE OF THE PITFALL OF EXPECTING THAT THE ONE YOU BLESS OR DO GOOD TO OWES YOU A RETURN! BE AWARE OF THE FALSE TIMING! I HAVE WATCHED MANY PEOPLE WALKING OUT OF THEIR POSITION SOMETIMES JUST DAYS BEFORE THE BREAKTHROUGH AND ANOTHER PERSON STEPS INTO THEIR POSITION!

Colossians 3:23 *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ*

Worship God through all means First-Fruits, Tithes, Alms, and Sacrifices – Where are the Nine in this House of Worship and where is the ONE?

Luke 17:11 *And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: ¹³ And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. ¹⁴ And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? ¹⁸ There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*