Theme: Delighting the Father as True Worshippers (Part 4)

Fruitfulness

Daniel 5:24-28, 30

24Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written. 25" And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; **27TEKEL:** You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." 30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

Daniel 5:27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting ...

> We will be weighed! There is a day of accountability for how we live our lives!

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How to be Fruitful a Spiritual Heavy Weight for the Lord

 Know that as a <u>Child of God</u>, we have <u>right</u> <u>standing</u> with God always.

Romans 5:17b much more <u>those who receive</u> abundance of grace and of <u>the gift of righteousness</u> will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Know that as a <u>Child of God</u>, we have <u>right</u> <u>standing</u> with God always.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that <u>we might become the righteousness of</u> <u>God in Him</u>.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

Know that as a <u>Child of God</u>, we have <u>right</u> <u>standing</u> with God always. Get off the "Performance Treadmill" mindset:

- Our prayers and reading of the bible cannot <u>earn</u> the grace, favor or the Presence of God.
- 2. We pray and read the Word for the **purpose** of **strengthening** our relationship with God.

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Get off the "Performance Treadmill" mindset:

 Our serving God too, cannot <u>earn</u> His love and favor. It is all <u>unmerited</u> and purely by His <u>Grace</u>.

We serve Him because we <u>love</u> Him and desire to be a <u>blessing</u> to others.

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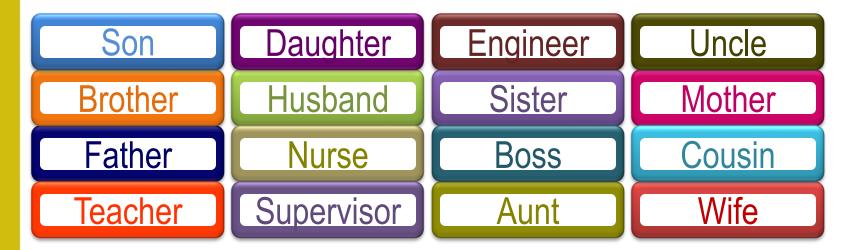
4. This is the foundation of <u>Jesus Christ</u> in our lives - our salvation by grace through faith.
Ephesians 2:8-9

1 Corinthians 3:11

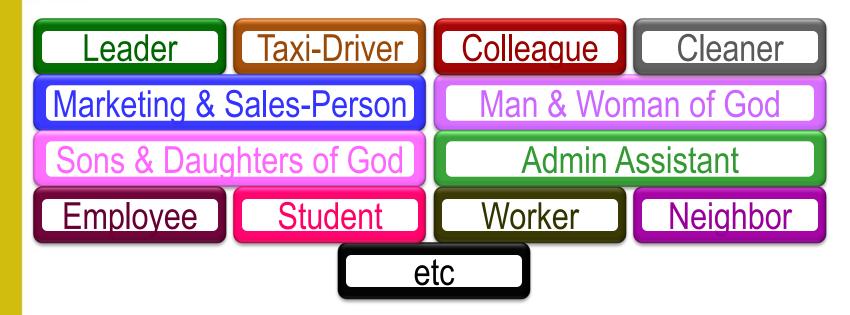
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- II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.
 - 1. Bearing fruit.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should <u>go and bear fruit</u>, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.

2. <u>More</u> fruit.

John 15:2

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He **prunes**, that it may **bear more fruit**.

II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.

3. <u>Much</u> fruit.

John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, **bears much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing.

II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.

4. Fruit that will <u>remain</u>.

John 15:16b

... and that **your fruit should remain**, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:

1. <u>Christ</u>-likeness.

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1. <u>Christ</u>-likeness.

Galatians 5:22-23

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,23gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

1. <u>Christ</u>-likeness.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
8Love never fails.

- III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:
 - 1. <u>Christ</u>-likeness.

Pruning [John 15:2] Pruning involves fresh consecration.

<u>Holiness</u>

- Separation from ...
- Separation to ...
- What was permissible is no longer so ...

- III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:
 - 1. <u>Christ</u>-likeness.

As we **grow** in Christ-likeness, we will be **increasingly** a **blessing and joy** to those we relate to, in our roles and responsibilities in life.

PIW Matthew 5:13-14 : Salt & Light

2. And good works

Ephesians 2:10 For <u>we are His workmanship</u>, created in Christ Jesus <u>for good works</u>, which <u>God prepared</u> <u>beforehand</u> that we should walk in them.

2. And good works

Hebrews 13:16

But do not forget to **<u>do good</u>** and to <u>**share**</u>, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

2. And good works

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

2. And good works Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to **preach the gospel** to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal** the broken-hearted, to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and recovery of **sight to the blind**, to set at **liberty those** who are oppressed ...

IV. Fruitfulness - becoming like Christ and doing good are <u>works</u>.

Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

1. Our works must still depend on the <u>Grace</u> of God.

We begin with grace, we continue in grace.

Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

Works involve <u>energy</u>, <u>effort</u>, <u>time</u> and <u>strength</u>.

Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

- 3. Our works will be judged.
- 4. Works determine <u>rewards</u> or <u>losses</u>.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done,

whether good or bad.

4. Works determine <u>rewards</u> or <u>losses</u>.

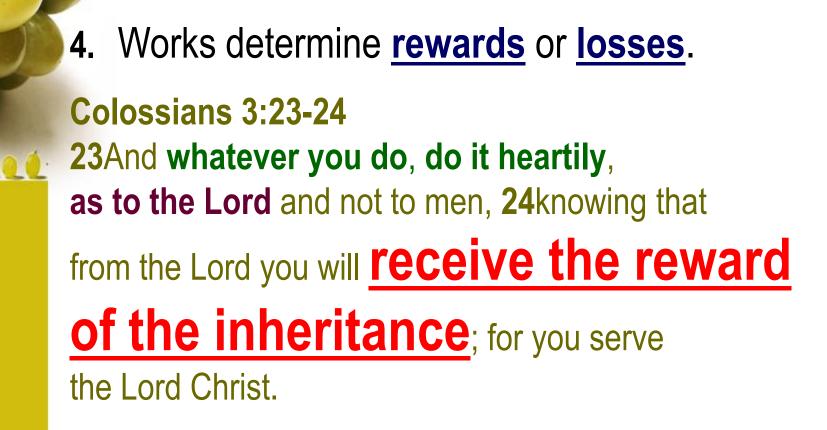
1 Corinthians 3:11-15

11For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 4. Works determine <u>rewards</u> or <u>losses</u>.
1 Corinthians 3:11-15
14If anyone's <u>work</u> which he has built on it <u>endures</u>,
<u>he will receive a **reward**</u>. 15If anyone's <u>work</u>
<u>is burned</u>, <u>he will **Suffer loss**</u>; <u>but he himself</u>
<u>will be saved</u>, yet so as through fire.

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2 Corinthians 5:9-11

9Therefore we <u>make it our aim/goal</u>, whether present or absent, <u>to be well pleasing to Him</u>. 10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11Knowing, therefore, the <u>terror of the Lord</u>, we <u>persuade</u> men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your <u>consciences</u>. 4. Works determine <u>rewards</u> or <u>losses</u>. James 4:17 Therefore, to him who <u>knows</u> to do good and does <u>not</u> do it, to him it is <u>sin</u>.



Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

 Our good works, in and of itself, will have its outcome in salvation, deliverance, healings and blessings on the recipients.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**, for it is the **power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

6. But, we will **personally** be judged if we disobey God's specific Word and instructions.

Matthew 7:22

Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in Your name, **cast out demons** in Your name, and done many **wonders** in Your name?'

e.g. Moses striking the rock the second time

- V. <u>Sow</u> and <u>Reap</u> for a harvest of fruitfulness.
 - 1. <u>Seed-Time</u> and Harvest is a principle of life on this earth [Genesis 8:22].
 - 2. We will always <u>reap</u> what we sow [Galatians 6:7].
 - Only the <u>good</u> ground produces fruit.
 [Mark 4 The 4 kinds of Soil]

- V. <u>Sow</u> and <u>Reap</u> for a harvest of fruitfulness.
 - 4. You always reap <u>more</u> than you sow.
 - 5. You must sow seed according to the <u>desired harvest</u> e.g.

Friendship		Anointing		Marriag		age	Souls		Do Good	
Health	Kn	Know the Word			Family		Excel i		el i	n studies
Favor	Kin	Kindness F		Parenting		Grow in Fai		th	Finances	
	Progress in Career									

- V. <u>Sow</u> and <u>Reap</u> for a harvest of fruitfulness.
 - The amount of harvest is proportional to the <u>amount</u> of sowing [2 Corinthians 9:6].
 - 7. We can sow in <u>all</u> kinds of season, even in famine [Genesis 26:12].

- V. <u>Sow</u> and <u>Reap</u> for a harvest of fruitfulness.
 - We do not live by the world's system or ways, we live by <u>kingdom</u> principles.
 - We can appropriate every promise of God by <u>faith</u> [Romans 5:2].

- V. <u>Sow</u> and <u>Reap</u> for a harvest of fruitfulness.
 10. Purge our lives from anything <u>not</u> in line with God's Kingdom values e.g.
 - A. <u>Bad</u> seed of gossip and slander.
 - B. <u>Water</u> the good seed for the desired harvest. Live with <u>clean</u> hands and <u>pure</u> hearts.

BBTC Direction for 2011 Towards Greater Fruitfulness

- **1. Priestly** anointing to minister to **God**.
 - 2. <u>Prophetic</u> anointing to minister to the <u>Body of Christ</u>.
 - 3. <u>Kingly</u> anointing to minister to <u>pre-believers</u>.

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Our Mission Statement To <u>Share</u> Christ as we <u>Mature</u> in Him

If you know the Lord is coming back very soon, how shall you live?