

2017 theme:

"THE DILIGENT HANDS WILL RULE" Pro 12:24

- BE OBIDIENT – DO NOT DOUBT (Part 1)
- BE RIGHTEOUS (Part 2)
- BE TRUTHFUL (Part 3)
- SEEK AND FIND KNOWLEDGE (Part 4)
- DEMONSTRATE WORKS (Part 5)
- RELATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT(Part 6)
- DO NOT BREATHE ANXIETY (PART 7)
- SOW A SEED OF THANKSGIVING (PART 8)
- BE STEADFAST (PART 9)
- GIVE - THERE IS POWER IN GIVING (PART 10)
- PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS AVAILS MUCH (PART 11)
- THE DILIGENT'S EYE MUST BE OPEN (PART 12)
- GOD'S GLORY RAINS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM (PART 13)
- STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH (PART 14)
- CLEAN YOUR HOUSE (PART 15)
- SUMMARY: 16 KEY TOOLS FOR AN EFFECTIVE TOOL BOX (PART 16)
- TAKE CHARGE (PART 17)
- TAKE SMALL STEPS (PART 18)
- TAKE SMALL STEPS #2 (PART 19) – BEWARE OF MOCKERS AND SCOFFERS
- SOW FOR HIS TREASURE (PART 20)

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● **TEXT: Exodus 19:5**

³ "The LORD called to Moses from the mountain and said, "Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ **Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth;** for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation."

God had picked them from Egypt and gotten them past the Red sea. They should by now know Him better. And now God is making the demand that would enable these people enjoy supernatural powers forever.

The sad news is that the disobedience of these Israelites converted a 4days journey to 40 years and all but two (2) who started the journey died on the way. You wonder why the God who once carried them on eagle's wing did not continue to carry them!They were to grow into maturity.

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- Brethren, we must sow for His treasure. Children of Israel were asked to sow but they failed to, and therefore faced the consequence.

Bible says "Seek you first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things (his treasure) will be given to you as well." (Matth. 6: **33**)

Jesus made a similar demand on Peter the disciple - Peter sowed his boat for supernatural treasure.

Luke 5:

1 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. **2** He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

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3Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. **So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.** 4When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5"Master," Simon replied, "we have worked through the night without catching anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets." **6**And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

Jesus made Peter to sow His boat for the work of God first before He could make the tool produce supernatural treasure.

After Peter had used his boat for God's work --- for the benefit of the people, that boat carried so much fish to the extent that it began to sink.

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7A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

8When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he **fell to his knees** before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you." **9**For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" **11** **And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.**

Peter left everything and followed because he realized that it is not by power or by might BUT by the Spirit of God. It is God

Bible says do not say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' **18**"But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, (Deuteronomy 8)

Brethren, His Spirit comes when we have sowed first.

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● Matthew 6:19

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

In Luke 12:

15And He said "Watch out! Guard yourselves against every form of greed, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

We are measured by how well we have sowed our tool prior to the possessions we have and whether that possession is given by the Spirit of God (not by our power or might)

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In Luke 12:

16 Jesus told a parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced an abundance. **17** So he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, since I have nowhere to store my crops?' **18** Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and will build bigger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. **19** Then I will say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry!'"

20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. Then who will own what you have accumulated?'

21 This is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God."

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Matthew 19:21 captures what should happen to treasures that are acquired without the Spirit of God:

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me." Matthew 19:21

Are we prepared to do that?

Best way to go is to rid ourselves of every entanglements, seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, sow the staff in our hand for the work of the kingdom and God will give us a fresh revelation of how to build a new treasure through the instructions of the Holy Spirit.

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- Conclusion

1 Peter 2:1

“Rid yourselves, therefore, of all ungodliness. 2Like newborn infants, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

2017 PRAYER POINTS

1. **Prayer over the message of today**
2. **“Lord, please extend your love to all nations through prayers offered on this alter (Psalm 117)**

Let our prayers be acceptable unto you.

3. **Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...**

- a. Be anointed leaders of honour like Cyrus (**Isa 45:1, Rm 9:21**)
- b. Give them spirit of humility in leadership and wisdom to lead well
- c. Any leader that fails to obey God's Word, should be replaced

4. **Troubles/Wars in nations.**

5. **Leave no room for diseases; cleanse our land**

6. **Missions/Ministries & Missionaries/Ministers**

7. **Marriages, Children & families**

8. **Members of the fellowship – grace to be diligent**

9 **Needs in fellowship**

