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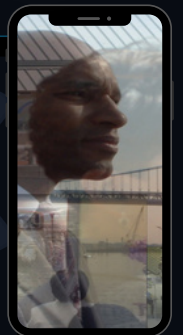




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## THE FLOW OF FREEDOM

I Thank God for the Declaration of Independence.

I Thank God for the freedom we have here in the USA.

Yet, there is a greater freedom which was made available to anyone who'd receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Spiritual freedom is the highest kind of freedom.

Spiritual freedom will flow through three specific levels.

1. The first flow of freedom is made available through the New Birth.
2. The second flow of freedom is made available through the renewing of the mind.
3. The third flow of freedom is manifested as we act on God's Word in obedience.

The spiritual flow of freedom is greater than any natural flow of freedom.

Independent of where we were born or where we live; regardless of our nationality, race, or financial status, without Christ we are still in bondage to satan, sin and darkness. There is no real freedom outside of Christ.

Now let's revisit the three flows of freedom. Certainly, the new birth is the number **one** consideration, as without it the **second** consideration of mind renewal is not necessary.



What I want to focus on in this article is the **third** flow in the progression of freedom and that's ... acting on God's Word.

Although, most of our communication will be based on John chapter eight, I'd like for you to eyeball three similar references first.

**John 5:19** - Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do**: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

**John 12:49-50** - For **I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.**

**Vs 50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

**John 14:10** - Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? **the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself**: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Now, let's go to the book of John chapter eight and verse twenty eight.

**John 8:28** - Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that **I do nothing of myself**; but as my Father hath taught me, **I speak these things**.

The freedom which Christ came to bring is directly connected to hearing and doing the Words of God.

The liberty Jesus walked in is available to us. We were given the pattern to walk out this same level of freedom. Jesus gave us a key: He only did and said what He heard and saw His father doing. We are to follow this same pattern.

Let's read on

## John 8

**Vs 29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I **do** always those things that **please** him.

**Faith pleases God!** We know that Jesus operated in faith based on His own testimony; His actions were always based on what He'd receive from His father.

**Vs 30** - As he spake these words, many believed on him.

**Vs 31** - Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue** in my word, then are ye my **disciples** indeed;

Some translations render the word "disciples" as "disciplined-ones". The disciplined ones continue in the word.

What does it mean to continue in the word of God?

The word "**continue**" is defined as to abide, remain, live and to dwell. Those are some simple definitions, yet there is more to the word "continue".

This word "continue" also implies being a doer of the word.

Jesus said that He was a doer of the word according to His own testimony from the scriptures we've already referenced.



The freedom which Jesus will speak of in verse thirty-two is directly linked to hearing and doing the father's words.

**John 8:28** - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you **free**.

- The disciplined ones **continue** in the word of God,
- The disciplined ones are **doers** of the word of God.

The third flow of freedom comes from being a **hearer** and **doer** of the word of God.

Let's close with a reference from the book of James chapter one.

**James 1:21** - Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **Vs 22** - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **Vs 23** - For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, *he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass*: **Vs 24** - For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **Vs 25** - But whoso looketh into the perfect law of **liberty**, and **continueth** therein, he being **not** a forgetful hearer, but **a doer** of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

*The following are some key considerations which will relate to what we were studying from the book of John chapter eight regarding freedom.*

- We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only.
- **Keeping ourselves** in the mirror of the word provides the **impetus** and **momentum** to be a **doer** of the word.

Mirrors do not change people.

Mirrors simply allow you and I to get a reflection of what changes we'd need to make.

Staying within the mirrors view will enable us to REMEMBER what we need to be DOING of what God has said and is saying to us.

The opportunity for the word of God to bring us the liberty or freedom we desire is directly linked to being a doer of the word of God.

That's all for now!

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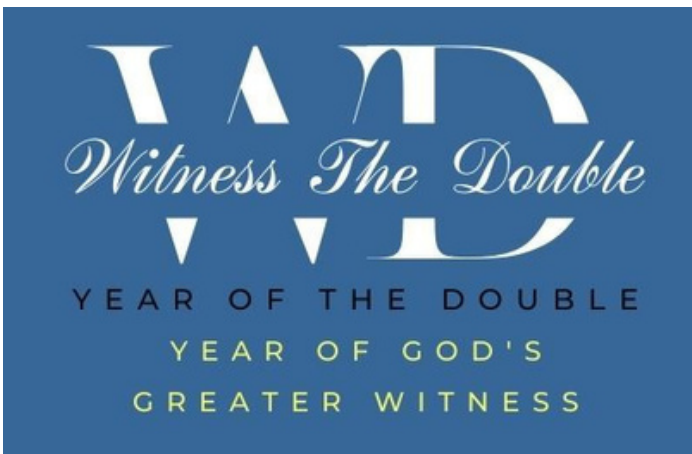
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## UNDERSTANDING THE BLESSING

The origin of "The Blessing", dates back to the Garden of Eden. The first time that the word "BLESS" was used in any form was in Genesis chapter one when the animals were being created. (Genesis 1:22)

The word "create" in Genesis 1:1 comes from the Hebrew word **Bara**, and the word "blessed" in Genesis 1:22, and 28 comes from a derivation of the same; the Hebrew word **Barak**.

What does this tell us?

In the same way that the Hebrew words (Bara and Barak) are relative to one another; so likewise (create and bless) are relative to one another. You can clearly see the relationship of the two words. Therefore, it can be said that ... creation is a manifestation of "The Blessing" at work; conversely, you could also say that The Blessing releases creative ability.

So then, what is "The Blessing"?

The word "**BLESS**" simply means to speak well of; while the reciprocal word "**CURSE**" means to speak evil of. Interestingly, the same Hebrew root word for "BLESS" is the same Hebrew word for "CURSE".



Listen to how James speaks of this:

**James 3:10** - Out of the same **mouth** proceedeth **blessing** and **cursing**. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

The Blessing is all about words spoken.

We see this in Genesis chapter one:

**Genesis 1:22** - And God **blessed** them, **saying**, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

**Genesis 1:28** - And God **blessed** them, and God **said** unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

You'll notice from James and Genesis that "BLESS" is about speaking of words.

Here's what you need to know;

The Blessing is not the car, house, finances, jewelry, etc... The Blessing of the Lord is in the sayings.

The Blessing" is the root, while the manifestation of "The Blessing" is the fruit.

The Blessing is in the words spoken.

A more exhaustive definition for "The Blessing" is as follows:

The Blessing involves pronouncing or invoking a mantle of favor and protection over the recipient of The Blessing.

The Blessing is a spoken word charged with creative ability that causes the effect of the words to come upon the hearers, and is God's way of imparting His image into a person.

The Blessing is the divine empowerment to re-create the conditions of the Garden of Eden wherever we are, So God's glory would fill the earth!

The Blessing can also be defined as to Praise, To consecrate a thing, To command God's favor upon, To release good upon someone, To glorify, To protect from evil, To affect in a good way with words, lastly, it can be defined as an empowerment to prosper.

In the Latin and French Bibles, The Blessing is defined as "BENE-DICTION".

The Blessing according to Webster's dictionary is also defined as BENE-DICTION.

The compound word BENE-DICTION is defined as; Good Spoken Word.

Bene means good!

Diction means spoken word!

The Blessing is the good spoken word.

In the Greek, the word "bless" is the word Eulogia.

The literal meaning of this word is "to speak well of." The English word, eulogy, comes from this same root. A eulogy, also has the meaning "to speak well of someone," but unfortunately it's usually spoken at a funeral.

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Most people bless with words:

- We bless food with words. Exo 23:25, Mk 6:41
- We bless land with words. Deut 28:8
- We bless homes with words. Jos 24:15, Ps 84:4

Let's look at additional scriptural for blessing with words.

### **Numbers 6:22**

Vs 22 - And the LORD spoke unto Moses, **saying**,  
Vs 23 - Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons,  
saying, In this way you shall **bless** the children of  
Israel, saying unto them...

Deuteronomy **28:1** - And it shall come to pass, if  
thou shalt hearken diligently unto the **voice** of the  
Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his  
**commandments** which I command thee this day,  
that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above  
all nations of the earth: Vs **2** - And all these  
**blessings** shall come on thee, and overtake thee,  
if thou shalt hearken unto the **voice** of the Lord  
thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:3-14 list the saying or words  
which was spoken under the blessing of the  
Mosaic Covenant.

Isn't this awesome?

For a few moments, I'd like to show you that the  
Blessing is on your life.

The Blessing which was initially spoken over  
mankind is found in the book of Genesis chapter  
one. The Blessing was fivefold!

God did not say; man bless you!

The first nine words of Genesis 1:28, were spoken  
by the author of Genesis; Moses.

**Genesis 1:28** - And God blessed them, and God  
**said** unto them, ...

Then God released the blessing ... SAYING:

- Be fruitful
- Multiply
- Replenish
- Subdue
- Have Dominion

Then you know what happened; Adam though his  
disobedience and high treason in the Garden of  
Eden, disobeyed God and opened the door to the  
curse coming into the earth. The Blessing which  
was once upon mankind needed to be restored.

For the sake of decreasing the size of this article  
I'll place you on the fast track. The Blessing was  
eventually restored to mankind through the last  
Adam; Jesus. The Blessing which was initially  
Adam's Blessing; then it made its way to Abraham,  
then we eventually see it in Jesus' life with the  
ultimate goal of you and I having that Blessing  
upon our lives. Listen to the following words:

**Galatians 3:13** Christ hath redeemed us from the  
curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it  
is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a  
tree: **Vs 14** - That **the blessing** of Abraham might  
come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that  
we might receive the promise of the Spirit through  
faith. **Vs 29** - And if ye be Christ's, then are ye  
Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the  
promise.

**That's all for now!**

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**Mark 4:26** - And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**- And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

**Luke 8:11** - Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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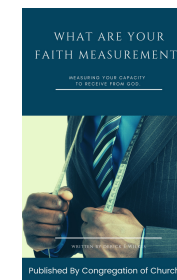
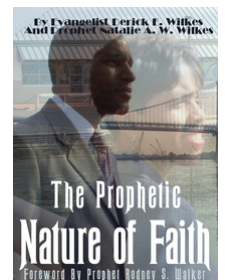
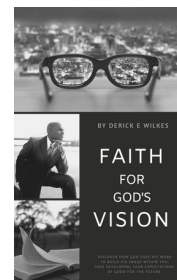
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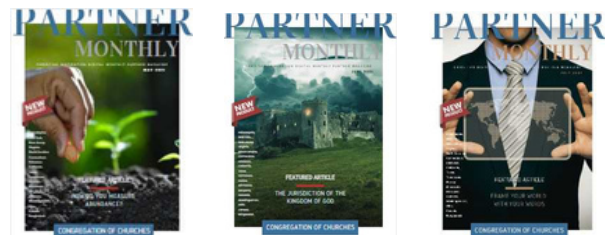
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