

## The Family of Blessing...

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**Psa 126:3-6; Psalm 127:1-5; Psalm 128:1-6**

**The Great Commandment:** Love God, and Love your neighbor as yourself... **Mt 22:37-40** "Life is relationships . The rest is just details ." Gary Smalley

• **What are some necessary steps required for us to live in and fulfill "The Great Commandment" ? "The Pathway" to the Promises...**

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1. A willingness to look inside. **Mt 23:25-26**

2. Painful honesty with ourselves and the Lord concerning what we see

There. **Eccl 7:4**, The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. **Job 36:21**, Beware of turning to evil, which you seem to prefer to affliction.

• What do I need to look for when I ask God to reveal what's inside ?

~ Look for any unresolved or lingering pain of the past.

**God's Covenant with Abraham:** The basic covenant we live and function under;

**Rom 4:11**, So then, he is the father of all who believe...

**Gen 12:1-3, NKJV** Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

**2** I will make you a great nation; **I will bless you** And make your name great; And **you shall be a blessing**. **3** I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; **And in you all the families** of the earth **shall be blessed**."

**Gen 18:18-19**, Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. **19** For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

### The Promises:

1. The blessing of the Lord, **Prov 10:22, TLB**

**Deut 28:1-2, NASB**, " Now it shall be, if you will diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

**2** "And all these blessings **shall come upon you and overtake you**, if you will obey the Lord your God.

**Psa 127:3**, Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.

2. Prosperity : **Psa 128:1-2, 5**, Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. **2** You will eat the fruit of your labor; **blessings and prosperity** will be yours. **5**, May the Lord **bless you** from Zion all the days of your life; may you see **the prosperity** of Jerusalem,

3. Fruitfulness : **Psa 128:2-3**, You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. **3** Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

4. Peace: **Psa 128:6**, Peace be upon Israel.

5. Strength and success for you and the next generations:

**Psa 127:5**, They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

**Prov 16:7, Isaiah 54:17**

- Relationship issues that can stop His Promises?
  1. The “God **First**” issue: The Great Commandment – God-yourself-others relationships, **Psa 127:1**, Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. **Mt 6:33**, But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
  2. The “Core **Fear**” issue: “The fear dance” – 1) You hurt; 2) You want  
3) You fear; 4) You react
  3. The “**Plank**” issue: **Mt 7:1-5; 7:5**, You hypocrite, **first** take **the plank** out of your own eye, **and then** you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
  4. The “sowing and **Reaping**” issue  
**Gal 6:7-9**, Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **8** The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.  
**Psa 126:3, 5-6**, The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. **5** Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. **6** He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.
- Sowing and reaping:
  - 1) You cannot sow one thing and reap another.
  - 2) If you sow the flesh, you will reap flesh VS. the fruit of the Spirit **Gal 5:22-23**,  
~ If you sow the Spirit, you **will** reap from the Spirit.
  - 3) Don't become **weary**-- in doing good..
  - 4) At the proper time... (God is in **Control**, not me...)
  - 5) We will experience pain at times, weeping as we continue to sow patiently and properly. **Heb 6:12**, We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those **who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised**.
  - 6) We “will return with songs of joy”... bringing a harvest with us!