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Mirror Of The Word #2
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We are continuing with the teaching regarding prosperity and Gods plan for each of our lives to be blessed and receive His abundance in our lives. The following scriptures mention how he would bless the children of Israel and multiply all that He had given to them. His plan was to establish the covenant that He had made with them and as long as they remembered that it was He who had given them the power to get wealth. He reminded them that He had brought them out of Egypt in order to give them what He had promised, but He was also looking at their hearts. God has done the same for us, He has brought us out of sin and bondage in order to bring us into His abundance that has been supplied by what Jesus did for each of us. God proves us by blessing us, when things sometimes are not going as they should, we begin to seek God and be more aggressive in pursuing His ways, however, when things are going really good we have a tendency to forget where those blessings are coming from not putting Him first in our lives. Consequently, He looked at their hearts and He looks at our hearts as well. His plan was multiplication and the power to get wealth, that there should be no lack in any of our lives, His plan is that we have more than enough.

Deut 8:11-13,18 "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." KJV

Deut 6:23 "And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers." KJV

A word of encouragement for the maturing or growing church is found in the following scripture. We are the church, individually and corporately, making up a place for the Holy Spirit to dwell and carry out the work of God. When Gods ways or His word is in us, we don't camp but we pass through, we don't build our house in the valley of difficulty, but in the valley we make a well of substance. Right in the midst of the challenge it is God's plan that we go from strength to strength, we experience the anointing of God passing through into the glory of God, seeing all the things that we are believing God for, answered prayer in all areas of our lives. We don't get weaker, only stronger, keeping the enemy under our feet having the authority because of the name of Jesus

Psa 84:5-7 "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are *the ways of them. 6 Who passing through the *valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." KJV

*understanding God's ways which the children of Israel never did, Moses understood God, if we understand God's ways we are blessed, the valley of Baca means weeping or challenged.

The principles we have been learning on how to be a doer of the word of God is something that needs to be repeated, because most times we do not receive or hear the total of what is being said. Repetition is necessary in order for a person to learn, even though we sometimes think we have heard it once and that should be enough. Paul and Peter spoke of repeating what they had said previously and that it was necessary for the people to be put in remembrance in order for them to learn. Revelation of what the word says normally does not come by hearing it once, but requires

additional hearing. Revelation knowledge comes as a result of those looking for life in God's word, however, there are those who do not look into the word for life, but look to other sources.

Pro 4:20-22 "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." KJV

Pro 4:20-22 "Dear friend, listen well to my words; tune your ears to my voice. Keep my message in plain view at all times. Concentrate! Learn it by heart! Those who discover these words live, really live; body and soul, they're bursting with health." MESSAGE

v. 20 attend to the word, listen to what is said, the word of God is the seed of God, that seed planted will be life when revelation comes

v. 21 depart not from eyes, keep in heart

v. 22 the benefits of the word are life to us

Peter teaches that God has given to us through Jesus everything that pertains to life, we have it right now, it's not something that happens when we get to heaven, is not according to what we have done or by works, but is ours now. Glory and virtue are the tools that have been given to us in order to attain life and godliness making it possible to receive the great and precious promises and to become partakers of the divine nature, escaping the corruption in the world. How are we going to partake of the goodness and favor of God and become what He has called us to be? It is because of the great and precious promises that have been given to us, we become partakers.

2 Pet 1:2-4 "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." KJV

It is hard for the religious mind to realize or grasp who Jesus was, even though He was equal with God. Jesus humbled himself and became a man that operated in the earth, a man anointed by God. Paul refers to Jesus in Timothy as the God-man Christ. This is God's plan for us that we become a sharer of that kind of nature which was in Jesus, being humble and yet a winner, wanting to overcome, but we must learn to be doers of the word.

Phil 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" KJV

Phil 2:5 "Let this same attitude *and* purpose *and* [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]" AMP

Jesus is teaching the sermon on the mount in earlier chapters of Matthew and is closing with the following scriptures, reminding those listening that He has given principles that will cause them to be successful in life, but they must make a choice as to what to do in order to have that success, if wrong choice is made, there will be no success. These words are foundational words to build a life on, a builder who builds on solid rock, it doesn't happen overnight, it takes a period of time.

Matt 7:24 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:" KJV

Matt 7:24 "These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your

standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock." MESSAGE

Luke 6:46 "Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on." MESSAGE

v. 24 hears the word and does the sayings, foundational words to build a life on

Reading the remainder of Matthew chapter 7 tells what happens if a person does not use words to build a life on, the flood will come and hope is lost, don't wait too long to be a smart builder. Working the words into our life now like a smart builder, little by little we begin to renew our mind. Without our minds being changed by the word of God we won't know what the will of God is. We will be thinking that all bad things come from God and that the good things come from the devil, this is absolutely untrue, but by renewing our minds we shall know the truth, He wants to bless His people. No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly.

Rom 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." KJV

Psa 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" KJV

The book of James is to the New Testament what Proverbs is to the Old Testament, a very practical book.

James is speaking to the people in his church, they were not without knowledge but their knowledge had become head knowledge or mental assent, no revelation knowledge working anymore. The difference between head knowledge and revelation knowledge in a situation is we find we are unable to make the word work for us. Revelation knowledge is alive to us and we have a measure of understanding working for us, we begin to act on it, because God's word is true.

James 1:21-25 "Wherefore lay apart all *filthiness and *superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with **meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 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: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 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." KJV

*means excess or overflow, super abundance, dirty or shabby, cheap

** meekness means teachable, strength in control, coachable

If we have those things mentioned in our lives, they will hinder us from receiving from God. James was addressing the people in the church, telling them because they were once like that, they needed to lay aside those things and receive the word of God, in order to save their souls.

In order to save our souls, we must receive the engrafted word, become a wise person, working the word into our lives and become a partaker of all things. Man is a spirit, has a soul and lives in a body. The soulish part of man is his mind, will and emotions. Getting the emotions in control and our mind lined up with what the bible says will allow us to get aligned with God's will for our

lives. How do we receive the engrafted word? By becoming a doer of the word not just a hearer that might cause us to deceive ourselves. If we are not a doer of the word only a hearer, we shall be like a man looking into a mirror, going away and forgetting what we looked like. The mirror reflects to us, what is it saying? Are we overcomers, are we developing a spirit of faith or are we becoming despondent, thinking that nothing is working? We must keep looking, things will change, little by little, line upon line, we are on a journey, we must keep believing, continue hearing the word and meditate on it, understand the seed principle, keep watering, the engrafted word is a seed and will grow. But as we continue in the word of God we will be able not to be a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word looking into the perfect law of liberty.

Luke 6:46-49 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." KJV

Luke 6:46-49 :Why are you so polite with me, always saying ‘Yes, sir,’ and ‘That’s right, sir,’ but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on. If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss.”
MESSAGE

We can be born again, but don't have Jesus as our Lord, on our way to heaven but don't have a clue about who He is. We can make Him Lord of our lives, but we must be doers of the word in order to do that and receiving the engrafted word and the life that is in the word will flow into us. If we could just see how God sees us through Jesus we wouldn't recognize ourselves because of the anointing and presence of God and who we are in Him.

The words that are spoken are foundation words, words to build our life on. Built upon a firm foundation they are a choice that we have made, working them into our lives, they will be able to withstand any challenge that we may be faced with. However, if we are not doers of the word and our words are not built securely, we will lose.

A story was shared regarding a man who was building houses, he ask his contractor to build a last house for him and gave him free rein to build however he wanted, the contractor begin to cut corners, not including good material and not paying attention to what the other subcontractors were doing. In short order the house was finished and the contractor asked to be paid upon which time the builder handed him a set of keys to the house. Realizing that the house he had just finished now belonged to him, he was remorseful because of the sloppy job that he had done. He had become the dumb carpenter who had skipped the foundation and cut corners.

We can do the same thing spiritually, cut corners and forget the foundation and when the storm comes, it is a total wreck or loss. We cannot build our foundation on what someone else has done, we have a choice to make, let it be the right one.