

HORIZONTAL JESUS The God Experience

Now imagine that your older child begins hoarding all the candy and refusing to give any to your younger child. What would you do? When the candy ran out, would you refill the bag with more candy and give it to your older child again? Or would you make other arrangements this time? Your love for your child wouldn't change. But your child's experience of your blessing and provision in his life would dofinitalychange

The God Experience

Why would people "hoard" the the blessings of God?

What is the first step to stop a hoarder from hoarding?

The Theology of "IT"

Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

38 <u>Give</u>, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure <u>that you use</u>, it will be measured back to you."

The Give Equation

What you give, multiplied by how often you give it (x) equals (=) What you get

Example 1:

Encouragement x not that often = very little encouragement

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Example 2:

Love x none given (0) = no love (0)

Zero times anything always equals Zero (0)

The Give Equation

Example 3 (the reverse): Lies

Lies x often = lack of trust given and received

In Spiritual math multiple negatives will NEVER equal a positive.

The Theology of "IT"

What is the "it" that you give most of in your life?

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You are <u>always</u> giving whether you intend to or not. You are <u>always</u> expecting whether you are aware of it or not. Therefore, you are in a <u>constant state</u> of joy or disappointment.

9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."

11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Never focus on "now" when you are desperate. The blessing of a "now" is an indication that you have a future to consider. (plant a seed)

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.""

17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

20 Then he (Elijah) cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." 22 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

Who is crying out on behalf of what you have done for them?

The prayer and praise of those you have blessed in the name of God is heard first and loudest. (Because God hears his name connected to yours.)





Greater things happen when someone plants a seed.