

THERE'S BLESSING IN THE PRESSING

GOD KNOWS WHAT WE NEED AND WHEN WE NEED IT TO GROW INTO MATURITY IN CHRIST.

IF WE ARE GOING TO RUN OUR RACE SO WE OBTAIN THE PRIZE
-WHICH IS JESUS-
WE WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO PRESS ON THROUGH EVERYTHING THAT IS PRESSING ON US AND AGAINST US.

MARK 14:32-38

Look at End of Prayer to understand BEGINNING.

NOT AS I WILL- BUT AS YOU WILL.

NOT JESUS' PREFERRED BUT PURPOSED WILL

PHIL 2:5-8

JESUS Poured out love as he was pressed for us.

WILL OF GOD & OF JESUS= LOVED US ENOUGH TO SAVE US

WORLD SAYS DO WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT, HOW YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT.

GETHSEMANE MOMENTS -TIMES WE HAVE TO RESIST WHAT WE WANT TO DO SO WE CAN FOLLOW JESUS.

FRUIT DOESN'T COME IF YOU DON'T SUBMIT TO GOD IN THOSE GETHSEMANE MOMENTS.

PRESSING PRODUCES THE OIL THAT WILL ANOINT OUR LIVES.

CONSTANT CHOICE.

**PATHWAY TO PEACE AND PRODUCING FRUIT IS ALWAYS GETHSEMANE-
AGAIN AND AGAIN.**

GOD IS GOOD - HIS PURPOSES ARE GOOD- HE REDEEMS FOR GOOD.

FAITH IS PREDICATED ON TRUST -NOT ON UNDERSTANDING

TRUST - WHO HE IS- POUR OUT YOUR HEART TO HIM HONESTLY.

IN CHRIST- THROUGH CHRIST -WE HAVE ACCESS

GOD SEES - GOD KNOWS- GOD CARES

IF IT MATTERS TO YOU- IT MATTERS TO GOD.

PEACE IS FOUND IN HONEST, PASSIONATE PRAYER.

**THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH
ALONE WITH GOD.**

IT'S IN GETHSEMANE'S SOIL OF SURRENDER THAT GOD'S KINGDOM
COMES AS HIS WILL IS SOUGHT AND DONE.

OIL IS PRODUCED THROUGH PRESSING..

WHAT IS OIL USED FOR?

-ANOINTING-

RELIGIOUS RITE- TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AS HEAD.

JESUS IS THE "ANOINTED ONE" CHRISTOS

BY HOLY SPIRIT - HE WAS

ANOINTED FROM BEGINNING - ANOINTED FOR MINISTRY- ANOINTED AT
END OF HIS LIFE.

N.T. ANOINTED ASSOCIATED WITH BURIAL OF JESUS, HEALING, AND
CELEBRATION OF MEALS.

WE KNOW GOD CREATED LIGHT WHEN HE FORMED THE WORLD.

1ST MENTION OF LAMP IS FOUND AFTER GOD GIVES MOSES SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1ST HIGH PRIEST , AARON AND THE TENT OF MEETING.

EXODUS 37:17-24

CUPS ON LAMPSTAND WERE TO BE KEPT FULL OF OIL SO THEY WOULD BURN CONTINUOUSLY AND NOT GO OUT.. -AARONS JOB TO KEEP THEM FULL..

BRIDEGROOM= JESUS VIRGINS = CHRISTIANS WHO AWAIT HIS RETURN.

WISE VIRGINS WITH EXTRA OIL= THOSE PREPARED AND READY FOR JESUS RETURN

FOOLISH VIRGINS = THOSE WHO FAILED TO PREPARE

WE KEEP BEING THOSE WITH BURNING LAMPS, PREPARING FOR JESUS RETURN WHEN:

IT HAS A PERSONAL IMPACT, PRESENT IMPACT, AND ETERNAL IMPACT.

WE ALL NEED HELP.

JESUS TOLD THEM HE WAS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

THEN HE TOLD THEM THEY WERE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AS WELL.BECAUSE HE IS IN THEM.

MATT 5:14-16

MAY WE BE LIGHT BEARING FRUIT OF GOODNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TRUTH.

IF GOD KNEW WE WOULD NEED HELP (AND HE DID) AND IF GOD HAS MADE THAT HELP AVAILABLE TO US (HE HAS)

LET'S MAKE MUCH OF THE HELP HE GIVES BY GROWING IN OUR KNOWLEDGE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR HELPER. – THE HOLY SPIRIT

ZECH.4:1-6;11-14

OIL=SPIRIT OF GOD GIVEN WITHOUT END.

VISION= PEOPLE OF GOD RELYING ON SPIRIT OF GOD TO FULFILL PURPOSES OF GOD.

THE FACT THAT WE ARE COMMANDED TO BE FILLED SHOWS WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE FILLED.

WE ARE NOT JUST PASSIVE PARTICIPANTS.

I LOVE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN US AND WITH US ALWAYS.

HE IS EVER PRESENT TO HELP US IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES.

OIL IS BEST OUT OF PRESS .

PSALM 34:1-8

DAVID STARTS THE PSALM WITH PRAISE, THEN ADMONISHMENT, THEN ENCOURAGEMENT 'TO TASTE AND SEE' THAT THE LORD IS GOOD WITH ALL HE IS GOING THROUGH.

TASTING AND SEEING ARE GOD GIVEN

JESUS SAID WE ARE LIGHT OF THE WORLD- **SIGHT...**

HE ALSO CALLS US TO SAVOR HIS FLAVOR- SO OTHERS CAN **TASTE-**

MATT 5:13

IF SALT AFFECTS EVERYTHING IT COMES IN CONTACT WITH, HOW MIGHT WE AFFECT ALL THE PEOPLE WE INTERACT WITH?

THE OIL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NEVER RUNS OUT-

**HIS PRESENCE- HELP- GUIDANCE- INFLUENCE- DIRECTION - ANSWERS
- STRENGTH - INSIGHT.**

YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU TO HELP YOU.

IS YOUR GROWING SHOWING?

ARE YOU HAPPY? HAPPY= BLESSED

**TRUTH: ITS NOT ONLY SPIRITUAL TO DESIRE TO BE HAPPY- ITS A PART
OF OUR INHERITANCE AS DAUGHTERS OF GOD.**

THE VERY THING WE ARE ALL SEEKING -HAPPINESS-

CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN FEARING AND OBEYING GOD.

**FEARING GOD- TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY - RESPECT HIM DEEPLY -
HONOR HIM GREATLY - LIVE WITH HIM IN ULTIMATE AUTHORITY IN
YOUR LIFE.**

**DON'T MISS OUT BECAUSE YOU FEAR THE DISAPPROVAL OF "THEM"
MORE THAN YOU SEEK THE APPROVAL OF "HIM. "**

BIBLICALLY BLESSED DOES NOT = PROBLEM FREE LIFE

IT MEANS HAVING JESUS.

FLOURISHING IS MARKED BY VIGOROUS HEALTH AND GROWTH.

LANGUISHING IS ANTITHESIS OF FLOURISHING.

**NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU HAVE WALKED WITH JESUS- WE MUST ALL
REGULARLY TEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL HEALTH.**

CHECK YOUR HEART.

A LOSS OF HEART FOR GOD AND THINGS OF GOD IS DANGEROUS.-

JESUS CAN HANDLE AND HEAL ANY WOUND INFLICTED ON YOU.

2 DIAGNOSTICS TO EVALUATE STATE OF OUR HEART-

1. YOUR TREASURE

2. YOUR WORDS

TRANSFORMATION OCCURS INSIDE AND WORKS ITS WAY OUTSIDE.

CHANGING OUR MINDS IS KEY TO HAVING A HEALTHY MIND.

GOD WANTS US TO BE WHOLE - SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY.

REPLACE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD!

RENEWING IS A DAILY PROCESS - NOT ONE AND DONE.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

ENEMY CAN INTRODUCE THOUGHTS- BUT HE CAN'T MAKE YOU RUN WITH ANY OF THEM.

ARE YOU PURSUING A HEALTHY BODY?

GOD HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT HOW OUR BODIES ARE THE VEHICLE GOD CREATED FOR US TO OUTWORK HIS PLANS AND PURPOSES.

SURRENDERING OUR BODIES TO LORDSHIP OF JESUS ISN'T EASY- BUT IT LEADS TO LIFE.

SO MUCH IS PERMISSIBLE-

BUT NOT BENEFICIAL.

IN ORDER TO FLOURISH IN LIFE; IT MAKES SENSE TO DO THINGS THAT ARE BENEFICIAL AND STOP DOING THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT.

ONE FRUIT OF HOLY SPIRIT IS SELF- CONTROL- PLAYS A BIG ROLE IN GLORIFYING GOD IN OUR BODIES.

OUR FLESH WILL NEVER WANT WHAT GOD WANTS- BUT HE GRACIOUSLY GAVE US POWER OF CHOICE.

ARE YOU SHOWING FRUIT OR SAYING OH SHOOT?

FRUITFULNESS IS PAINFUL.

LET HIM CUT AWAY WHAT NEEDS TO GO SO SOMETHING ELSE CAN GROW.

THE ONLY WAY TO REMAIN FRUITFUL AND FLOURISHING IS TO REMAIN IN JESUS.

FRUITFULNESS IS GENERATIONAL

GOD IS A GENERATIONAL GOD-

God is interested in our fruitfulness and passing it down to generations after us.

THEIR LACK OF LEGACY WASN'T BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T KNOW GOD- BUT BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T INTENTIONAL ABOUT THE FRUITFULNESS OF THEIR LIVES BEING MULTIPLIED IN OTHERS.

FRUITFULNESS IS GENEROUS

THE WORD TELLS US OVER AND OVER TO HOLD WHAT WE HAVE LOOSELY - TO FREELY BE WILLING TO GIVE- WITH GENEROUS ATTITUDE.

WE ARE BLESSED BY GOD TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.

GOD MAKES US FRUITFUL SO WE CAN BE GENEROUS. HE HAS BEEN SO GENEROUS WITH US. SO WHY DO WE WAIT TO HAVE WHAT WE THINK IS ENOUGH TO GIVE, SERVE, OR INVEST?

FRUITFUL PEOPLE ARE GENEROUS PEOPLE.

DON'T FORGET HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE WILLING TO RECEIVE AS WE ARE TO GIVE.

FRUITFULNESS HAS AN ENEMY

HOW DO WE STAY HEALTHY?

PRAY AT ALL TIMES IN EVERY WAY, FOR ALL THINGS, AND ALL PEOPLE-

EPH. 6- ARMOR OF GOD

TO BECOME FRUITFUL, AND REMAIN FRUITFUL, WE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN ROOTED IN CHRIST.

Gal. 5:22-25

WE FLOURISH IN AND BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

