

## LESSON 4 - Sharing the Blessing

How can we share our abundant harvest with others?

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,” (Isaiah 55:10).

1. What is amazing about **sharing** the seed is that it not only brings forth more seed, but it will live on in those who **partake** from your **harvest**.
2. It is a sign of spiritual **maturity** when we stop focusing on ourselves and begin to look for others to bless.
3. There is nothing wrong with **self-examination** but we cannot become so **me-**focused that we forget **thee**-focused.
4. Focusing on others does not mean to **neglect** your status with God, but it does mean to **change** your focus from looking inside to outside.
5. Those who are always focusing on themselves, their feelings, their wants and satisfactions, are in danger of **imploding**.
6. The best way to break the rut of self-absorbed behavior is to **reach** out to someone else.
7. **Look** for someone to bless; **Reach** out to someone else; **Give** of yourself.

### The Reciprocal Effect

1. The reciprocal effect of giving is, the act of giving always **gives back**. The more you give, the more you **receive**.
2. The best gifts are to people who cannot **return** the favor because it changes us.

3. We are more blessed when we give with **no thought** of return.

And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35).

### **What Can I Give?**

1. Give some thought to the fruit you have.
2. Reach down into the **fruit** you are bearing and that is what you can give **others**.
3. What can you give? Check the boxes that apply.<sup>4</sup>

- Love
- Joy (laughter)
- Peace
- Long-suffering (patience)
- Kindness (Words of affirmation/gifts)
- Goodness
- Faithfulness (honor),
- Gentleness (physical touch)
- Self-control.
- Respect
- Quality time
- Service

4. **Giving** secures the return of **fruit** the next season.

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<sup>4</sup> \* also using, *Five Love Languages* by Gary D. Chapman

## What Makes Us Secure in Christ?

1. What makes us so secure in Christ that NOTHING can separate us? It is the fact that our roots are down deep.
2. We have prepared the soil of our heart.
3. Now our hearts are ready to accept the seed of God's Word in our lives.
4. We have watered and nurtured the garden.
5. We have taken time to analyze our hearts and consistently remove anything that will choke out the good fruit.
6. If we are diligent, never giving up, we will have victory over Satan and be able to fight his tactics before it gets out of hand.
7. The presence of the Holy Spirit in us, is a valuable tool.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

8. He has given us power through the Holy Ghost to defeat the enemy.

“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover” (Mark 16:17-18).

9. When we obey God's plan, submit to His authority, and bring every thought into the captivity of the obedience of Christ, then we have the power to overcome and say it is fulfilled in me!
10. Nothing will stand against us when we are encompassed in the arms of the authority of Jesus Christ.

## Conclusion:

1. We have Aerated the ground, planted the seed, watered and watched the harvest.
2. Now we are ready to share the blessing of the harvest.
3. If somewhere down the road we have lost our way, we will start over again.
4. Re-planting, repenting and asking God to help us dig in deep, put our roots down deep so that NOTHING can separate us again!
5. This scripture will be our victory song!

***For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).***

