

## SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

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We all want to leave a legacy for our children's children to follow and learn from. A spiritual legacy is built and developed through spiritual genetics passed from one generation to the next.

### Legacy

- Amount of money or property left to someone in a will
- Something handed down by a predecessor
- Derived from the LATIN word "legatia" or "legatus" or legate meaning one who is delegated as in the papal system to represent the pope. A representative as in the case of an Ambassador or Messenger.

As leaders who are ambassador's, messengers, delegated authority of the Lord Jesus Christ we are required to leave a legacy, a heritage an inheritance for those in our spiritual loins.

Jesus on the cross said:

*John 19:30*

*30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

*NKJV*

### GREEK: Teleo - finished

NT:5055 teleo (tel-eh'-o); from NT:5056; to end, ie. complete, execute, conclude, discharge (a debt):

KJV - accomplish, make an end, expire, fill up, finish, go over, pay, perform.

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Christ had finished or brought to an end His work on the earth and is sitting in the place called the finish. We who are in Christ spiritually must also live from the finish. This is to live from Christ and not try to get to Christ.

Teleo is also the word teleois which is "perfect". The English word "tele" from which means *to or at a distance* is derived from "teleo".

- Telephone is to transmit speech at a distance
- Telescope magnifies distant images to make them clearer or seem nearer
- Television broadcasts visual images and sound that are reproduced on a screen

Fathers know how to transmit speech at a distance. They can see the finish and bring it closer through the development of sonship. Jesus could say it is finished because He had deposited Himself in His disciples who were His spiritual sons. Fathers have telescopic view.

*Eccl 3:15*

*15 That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been; And God requires an account of what is past.*

*NKJV*

Whatever is present and future has already been in God. We have to see the finish and bring it into the present. We have to have telescopic lens to make the finish nearer. Our sight of the future which is already complete in God must be magnified through structures and systems that we develop and unfold for this generation. Our spiritual inheritance must lead to a stronger generation.

The fragments of bread and fish had to be picked up and put into 12 baskets so that nothing will be lost.

*John 6:12-13*

*12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."*

*13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.*

*NKJV*

These 12 baskets were the disciples and Christ had deposited Himself in the form of bread and meat into them so that on the last day nothing will be lost. Jesus came to seek and to save THAT which was lost.

*Matt 18:11*

*11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.*

*NKJV*

Dominion was lost and has to be restored. It will be restored through the principle of multiplication and fruitfulness as demonstrated through Adam and Eve and Noah and his family.

We have a **SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE**

**I** – IN HIM  
**N** – NATIONS  
**H** – HEIRS  
**E** – ETERNAL  
**R** – REWARD FOR OVERCOMERS  
**I** – INCORUPTABLE  
**T** – TITHE

**In Him**

*Eph 1:11-12*

*11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,*

*12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

*NKJV*

The praise of His glory is for us to come into spiritual maturity as sons of God

*Heb 2:10*

*For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

*NKJV*

**Nations**

*Ps 2:8*

*8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

*NKJV*

Nations are the inheritance of the sons of God

**Heirs**

*Gal 3:27-29*

*27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. NKJV*

Heir is a person who is legally entitled to a property or rank of another upon that person's death. This is normally the eldest son that symbolizes spiritual maturity. As a heir you also continue the legacy of a predecessor.

### **Eternal**

*Heb 9:15*

*15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

*NKJV*

This is an everlasting inheritance of redemption in Christ. We are redeemed from the law and this is our eternal inheritance in Christ.

### **Reward for overcomers**

*Rev 21:7*

*7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.*

*NKJV*

Inheritance is a reward for those who overcome

### **Incarnate**

*1 Peter 1:3-4*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

*4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you*

*NKJV*

*1 Cor 15:50*

*Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*

*NKJV*

### **Tithe**

*Num 18:21*

*"Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.*

*NKJV*

God was the inheritance to the Levite and the tithe they received was their inheritance.

A father can magnify the finish by depositing bread and meat into his spiritual children. This is a spiritual gene, which becomes hereditary and is passed through generations. It is transmitted in the form of SEED, which is God's word. In the Old Testament DNA was in the blood in the New Testament DNA is in the Word.

*John 6:63*

*63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*NKJV*

*John 6:68*

*68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

*NKJV*

## Words of a Father become **HEREDITARY**

This is something that becomes genetics. It becomes patrimonial, it is transferred or transmitted. The word as seed becomes a gene which culminates in the WAYS of a father. It is transferred from parent to offspring that determine some characteristic of the offspring.

It is in the economy of words that seed is transmitted from a father to a son. These words reveal the ways of the Father in Christ.

### **Moses**

*Ps 103:2-7*

*2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:*

*3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,*

*4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

*5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*6 The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.*

**7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.**

NKJV

God makes His WAYS known to a father but the children experience the ACTS.

### **HEBREW: Ways - Derek**

OT:1870 derek (deh'-rek); from OT:1869; a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action, often adverb:

KJV - along, away, because of, by, conversation, custom, [east-] ward, journey, manner, passenger, through, toward, [high-] [path-] way [-side], whither [-soever].

### **Darak**

OT:1869 darak (daw-rak'); a primitive root; to tread; by implication, to walk; also to string a bow (by treading on it in bending):

KJV - archer, bend, come, draw, go (over), guide, lead (forth), thresh, tread (down), walk.

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The ways are given in the form of the word, which is seed. These ways become a manner, a custom, a walk, course of life, a mode of action. Is the bending of the Bow of an archer that is ready to launch an arrow that will take a certain course through the air to hit an intended target.

*Ps 127:3-5*

*3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.*

*4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.*

*5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.*

NKJV

Fathers are the bows that release arrows which are sons through words. These words determine ways or a course of life that will cause the arrow to become fruitful in it's mission.

### **HEBREW: Acts - `aliylah**

OT:5949 `aliylah (al-ee-law'); or `alilah (al-ee-law'); from OT:5953 in the sense of effecting; an exploit (of God), or a performance (of man, often in a bad sense); by implication, an opportunity:

KJV - act (-ion), deed, doing, invention, occasion, work.

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The ways of the father revealed through words would cause exploits from God. The ways activate the deeds of God. God works when we follow His ways. Many times we seek the acts but not the ways of God. The charismatic season was about the acts but the apostolic season is about the ways.

*Deut 4:1-4*

*"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you.*

*2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*

*3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor.*

*4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.*

*NKJV*

Israel as a nation had to follow the statutes and judgments that God gave them through Moses. Statutes are written or engraved. The statutes of God were written on the tablets of stone but under the new covenant they are written on our hearts and minds.

*Heb 8:10*

*10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people*

*KJV*

The judgment is God's divine law, which is His verdict of a situation. These become God's ways through Moses to the people. These laws and statutes culminated as a **HERITAGE** for the people. The laws, the offerings the celebration of the feasts the bringing of tithes, offerings and firstfruits become a heritage, it become a culture, a manner of life. These ways given to them by Moses became a spiritual inheritance that was passed from generation to generation.

These ways had to taught from generation to generation

*Deut 4:8-10*

*8 And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?*

*9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,*

*10 especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'*

*NKJV*

This was to ensure that the spiritual genetic strain would remain strong from generation to generation. It was to ensure that the heritage was passed from one generation to the next.

Teaching is to unveil the ways of God. This is the grace of a scribe to systematically teach the people the ways of God. Jesus said:

*Matt 23:34*

*34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,*

*NKJV*

This is the day of the scribe to help people discover the ways of God

Ezra as a skilled scribe discovered that the people had turned from the ways of God.

*Neh 8:13-15*

*Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.*

*14 And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,*

*15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."*

*NKJV*

There was a manner of life, a custom a feast that the people had turned away from. Their physical inheritance was now captive because they destroyed their spiritual inheritance, which are the ways of God.

The ways of a Father bring success for generations to come.

### **Josiah**

*2 Kings 22:1-2*

*Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.*

*2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*

*NKJV*

### **Jehoshaphat**

*2 Chron 17:3*

*3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals,*

*NKJV*

Those that did not follow the ways of an accurate father

### **Samuels sons**

*1 Sam 8:1-3*

*Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel.*

*2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba.*

*3 But his sons did not walk in his ways ; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.*

*NKJV*

### **Omri**

*1 Kings 16:25-26*

*25 Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all who were before him.*

*26 For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.*

*NKJV*

We sometimes want to revive the acts of previous father's but not discover the ways of God. David as an accurate pattern had certain ways that were practiced in certain Kings that were successful.

## David

1 Kings 2:1-4

Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying:

2 "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man.

3 And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;

4 that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

NKJV

Solomon's prosperity was in following the ways of the Lord. These ways were displayed through David's life.

These ways made David a success.

1 Chron 29:26-30

Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

28 So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

NKJV

These ways will give you life, purpose and a physical inheritance.

**Deut 4:1**

**"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you.**

**NKJV**

When the people observed the statutes God said they would live.

### **HEBREW: Live - chayah**

OT:2421 chayah (khaw-yaw'); a primitive root [compare OT:2331, OT:2421]; to live, whether literally or figuratively; causatively, to revive:

KJV - keep (leave, make) alive, certainly, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, (X God) save (alive, life, lives), surely, be whole.

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These ways bring life, they nourish, they preserve, they quicken, they repair and restore, they make one whole. It is the culture, the custom, the manner of life that one receives life. It is the ways of God that one receives life and not just in His acts. As the people of Israel followed the ways of God given to them through Moses they became God's spiritual inheritance.

God's word is eternal life. His word comes to nourish us through the voice of a Father who sets out the ways of God. When we teach and observe to do those ways life attaches itself to us.

## **HEBREW: Go – Bow'**

OT:935 bow' (bo); a primitive root; to go or come (in a wide variety of applications):

KJV - abide, apply, attain, be, befall, besiege, bring (forth, in, into, to pass), call, carry, certainly, (cause, let, thing for) to come (against, in, out, upon, to pass), depart, doubtless again, eat, employ, (cause to) enter (in, into, -tering, -trance, -try), be fallen, fetch, follow, get, give, go (down, in, to war), grant, have, indeed, [in-] vade, lead, lift [up], mention, pull in, put, resort, run (down), send, set, (well) stricken [in age], surely, take (in), way.

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To go is to come into. When you go and walk in the ways of a father you come into or you give birth to or you bring forth. You enter into and become certain of. When Jesus sent out the twelve they began to experience the acts of God as they followed the ways set out for them.

*Luke 10:1-11*

*After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. 2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.*

*4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.*

*5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'*

*6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.*

*7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' NKJV*

As the disciples followed the ways stipulated by Jesus they saw the acts of God function through them. They went and began to bring forth or come into the power of God. They entered into something they did not experience before.

*Luke 10:17-18*

*Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

*18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

*NKJV*

Peter followed the command of the Lord and walked on water.

*Matt 14:27-29*

*27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."*

*28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."*

*29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

*NKJV*

## **GREEK: Come - Erchomai**

NT:2064 erchomai (er'-khom-ah-ee); middle voice of a primary verb (used only in the present and imperfect tenses, the others being supplied by a kindred [middle voice] eleuthomai (el-yoo'-thom-ah-ee); or [active] eltho (el'-tho); which do not otherwise occur); to come or go (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively): KJV - accompany, appear, bring, come, enter, fall out, go, grow, light, next, pass, resort, be set.

As responded to the command to “come” he was going to Christ but appearing like Christ. Our response to the command of the Lord causes us to appear more like Him

### **HEBREW: Possess - Yarash**

OT:3423 yarash (yaw-rash'); or yaresh (yaw-raysh'); a primitive root; to occupy (by driving out previous tenants, and possessing in their place); by implication, to seize, to rob, to inherit; also to expel, to impoverish, to ruin:

KJV - cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive (-ing) out, enjoy, expel, without fail, (give to, leave for) inherit (-ance, -or) magistrate, be (make) poor, come to poverty, (give to, make to) possess, get (have) in (take) possession, seize upon, succeed, utterly.

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The acquisition of the physical inheritance is dependant on the understanding of the spiritual inheritance. To occupy, dispossess, seize or inherit is dependant on walking in the ways of a Father. Those ways are a spiritual heritage that will cause one to live, to go and to possess. Joshua's possession of the Land was because he did not let the Book of the Law depart from his mouth. He meditated on it daily. This book was given to Moses who recorded the ways of God. As Joshua followed those ways he brought the people into possession or physical inheritance.

For the early church the emphasis was on the culture, a manner of life or a way of thinking.

*Acts 2:42*

*42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

*NKJV*

People were selling their physical inheritance to get the spiritual inheritance

*Acts 2:44-45*

*44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,*

*45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

*NKJV*

*Acts 4:34-37*

*34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,*

*35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.*

*36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,*

*37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

*NKJV*

Their lives, their destiny and their possession was found in the culture. When the last day came in AD70 these people were saved.

They became known as people of the Way

*Acts 9:1-2*

*Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest*

*2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.*

*NKJV*

Acts 24:14

*14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.*

NKJV

Paul taught Timothy a spiritual son his ways in Christ.

2 Tim 1:13-14

*Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.*

*14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.*

NKJV

1 Cor 4:14-17

*I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.*

*15 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

*16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.*

*17 For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind **you of my ways in Christ**, as I teach everywhere in every church.*

NKJV

Paul had a spiritual gene that was transmitted through the pattern of sound words. Those words became his ways in Christ. Timothy a like-minded son lived out those ways and taught it to the churches under Paul's apostleship.

### **GREEK: Ways - Hodos**

NT:3598 hodos (hod-os'); apparently a primary word; a road; by implication a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means:

KJV - journey, (high-) way.

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There was a way of thinking, a manner of life a course of conduct that Paul transmitted through his words to his spiritual son. A true father will reveal the ways of Christ. Christ is the way to the Father. There are ways in Christ that will only lead us to the Heavenly Father.

John 14:6

*6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

NKJV

There are certain ways that God has revealed through Patriarchal Grace that can cause us to LIVE, GO and POSSESS.

- The table of the Lord
- The giving of firstfruits
- The understanding of the Body of Christ and the Corporate Temple in a City
- The wineskin of Father and Son
- The building of Family through Households of Faith
- The definition of the Glory of the Lord
- The understanding of Apostolic Resource Centres and their influence on a city

These truths are ways in God that will reveal His acts. As we make them a custom, manner of life, course of life we become a people of the way. We must show commitment and consistency to those things that God has revealed so that we can have a physical inheritance.

## THE VALUE OF SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

If we do not value the spiritual inheritance like the prodigal it will be spent on wasteful living

*Luke 15:12-13*

*12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.*

*13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.*

*NKJV*

This is the case of the immature and the mature. It was the immature, younger son who wanted his fathers inheritance. We function on the mindset of give me when we are immature. We want inheritance not realizing that it has already been given because we are sons. The Promised Land was already given but you must possess it through belief and responsibility. He took the inheritance and disconnected from the father and wasted it. The spiritual inheritance of a father can be wasted through immaturity. This is lack of understanding of its value.

This will result in citizen joinings

*Luke 15:14-15*

*14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.*

*15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*

*NKJV*

A citizen cannot give you an inheritance. Only a father can give you an inheritance. This immature son covenanted with someone who is his equal. We are all citizens of the kingdom.

*Eph 2:19*

*19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

*NKJV*

It is the grace of a Father that sends you not a fellow citizen.

*Luke 15:17-19*

*17 " But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '*

The son must come to himself. When there is a separation from the father and the understanding of the value of the spiritual inheritance then one is also separated mentally. The son had to have his mind restored through a pig sty experience for him to understand his actions.

The inheritance is in the food that the father gives. Father's give bread which is God's word. This is the food that sons eat. This is the true inheritance that will build from generation to generation.

He is the son of his father but he needed to be made a servant. We are the sons of God being made into His servants. We are to be the bond servants of God.

The son realized that he sinned against heaven. This the realm from which God operates. The son understood that his sin was not against the father but against what he represented. The father is a representative of the heavenly order.

*Luke 15:20*

*20 " And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.*

It is the son that must come to the father not to the house of the father. Your rising, ascending, climbing is determined by your mindset of wanting to connect to the father.

The response of the father is compassion, perception, excitement. He fell on the sons neck. This is a place of the yoke. The place of the coupling. The place where headship sits. When the father falls on the neck it is a restoration of these qualities. The father kissed him like the Beloved wants to kiss the Shullamite with the kisses of His lips.

*Luke 15:21-23*

*21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*22 " But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;*

The father gave his son the kingdom.

Robe – Robe of RIGHTEOUSNESS

Ring – Symbol of AUTHORITY

Sandals – Gospel shoes of PEACE

Fatted Calf – Symbol of JOY

The kingdom is

*Rom 14:17*

*17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

The physical inheritance that the Israelites would receive in the land of Canaan was connected to developing a strong spiritual inheritance. Moses was instructed to speak to the people to observe the commandments so that when they come into possession of land they would not forget their God.

*Deut 5:31-33*

*31 But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I am giving them to possess.'*

*32 "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*

33 *You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.*  
NKJV

Moses received the commandments as God's chosen leader and these commandments were to be taught to the nation. The observation of these, commandments, statutes and judgments would have certain benefits:

- You will live
- It may be well with you
- You may prolong your days

Living a good and long life is dependant on building a strong spiritual inheritance. Leaving a heritage that is based on the observing of the commandments built a strong spiritual culture within the nation.

How was this spiritual heritage created?

### 1.) Principle of Echad – God is ONE

*Deut 6:3-4*

*3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you — 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'*

**4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!**

NKJV

#### **HEBREW: One - 'echad**

OT:259 'echad (ekh-awd)'; a numeral from OT:258; properly, united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) first: KJV - a, alike, alone, altogether, and, any (-thing), apiece, a certain, [daily-], each (one), eleven, every, few, first, highway, a man, once, one, only, other, some, together, (*Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.*)

God is the united one therefore the principle of unity must be seen in the belief system of the nation of Israel. The teaching of the commandments would lead to all in the home being united in what they believe.

One is FIRST – this meant that God would be put first in everything. The entire existence of the Hebrew culture and their spirituality revolved around God and that He is first in everything. Their economic structures were designed to ensure that God is first. This was demonstrated through the Levitical order by the offering of the tithe and the firstfruit. The offering of the firstborn, the firstling from the flock, the first fruits from their harvest, demonstrated that God was first in their lives.

Their lives revolved around the celebration of the main feasts in the year. This is a celebration of God and His Oneness in the nation. In Hebrew culture it is not what is said it is WHO said it. If the commandment came through Moses who was God's command centre then obedience followed.

In order for us to develop a strong spiritual heritage we must practically demonstrate that God is FIRST in our lives.

We must seek first the kingdom and His righteousness

*Matt 6:33-34*

*33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

*34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

*NKJV*

In our prioritizing of the kingdom everything we need will be provided.

We must first make right with our brother

*Matt 5:23-26*

*23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,*

*24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

*25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.*

*26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.*

*NKJV*

We must endeavor to settle debts with our brother's first while we offer our gift.

We must put God first in:

Our marriages

Our finances

Our home

Our business

Our careers

Our churches – God must be first not the church and its agenda

*Matt 12:29*

*29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.*

*NKJV*

Christ must become the strong man in a house so that no other strong man can enter. To bind the strong man first is to make Christ the strong man.

*Matt 23:26*

*26 Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.*

*NKJV*

We must move from religious activity to understanding that God is prioritized. This is shown by internal change leading to outward expression. This is how we prioritize God as first in rank, time and place.

## **2.) Love God, with Spirit, Soul and Body**

*Deut 6:5*

*5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

*NKJV*

Our love for God must be demonstrated in a holistic life. Our spirit, soul and body are one just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One. The soul and the body is not evil. It was created for us to

give praise and glory to God. As we spiritual our entire existence must flow from the understanding that we love God with our soul meaning, our will and emotions as well. We express the way we feel about Him using our bodies when we clap, dance, lift our hands or sing. The thoughts we have about God are expressed in words. These thoughts come from the mind of the spirit. As our spirit is fed with God's word which is absorbed by our minds and resides in our spirit we give expression to that by living it out through our body in action.

Our spirit is saved but our soul and body is being saved. As our spirit grows it dictates to that way the soul and the body life. Man is spirit, soul and body.

### 3.) Teaching, talking and walking

*Deut 6:7*

*7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

*NKJV*

The commandments had to be taught to the children diligently

#### **HEBREW: Diligently - shanan**

OT:8150 shanan (shaw-nan'); a primitive root; to point (transitive or intransitive); intensively, to pierce; figuratively, to inculcate:

KJV - prick, sharp (-en), teach diligently, whet.

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The teaching had to be inculcated into the lives of the children. This would point the way in life. Every child had to know the commandments so that it became a lifestyle for them.

The commandments had to be talked about

#### **HEBREW: Talk - dabar**

OT:1696 dabar (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:

KJV - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, well, work.

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It had to be explained and made alive for the child to understand and practice. As you talked about the commandments it would arrange and point the way for the future of the child.

The teaching and talking had to become a lifestyle. The child had to see it practiced day and night so that it would become culture for them as they grew up and developed their own families.

This process is called nursing or weaning. This is to ripen a child so that they would yield much fruit. Jesus grew up in the same fashion. He was weaned and trained in His home for thirty years before He would be declared the Son of God. He had to go through the process of being cultured in the ways of God as the son of a man.

Saul knew that he could not see a man of God without a gift

1 Sam 9:7

7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But look, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread in our vessels is all gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God.

NKJV

David knew that he should not touch the anointed of God

1 Sam 24:6

6 And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

NKJV

The weaning process developed certain moral and spiritual value systems within the child that stayed with them as they grew up.

#### 4.) Bound to the hand

Deut 6:8

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand

NKJV

It is joined to everything we do. This is a yoking process. It is a joining process to do everything according to the commandments.

Fruitfulness is dependant on the abiding or dwelling relationship with the Lord

John 15:4

4 Abide in Me , and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me .

NKJV

John 15:7

7 If you abide in Me , and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

NKJV

If we abide in Him then His words must abide in us. His commandments must be part of lives so that we can be fruitful. The fruitfulness of our hands, our labor is determined by the abiding and dwelling relationship with God's word. We must know how to let the word be expressed through our hands.

When the word is bound to our hands we will not steal, we will not bribe or take bribes, we will not abuse, we will not be violent, we will not hold onto but be able to release. When the commands are bound to the hand it is easy to give God's what is His

Matt 11:28-30

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." NKJV

Our yoking or binding to the Lord determines if we work from rest or sweat. We all labor but when we are yoked to Christ we labor with Him because we walk with Him. We see what He sees and we act as He would act because we are bound to Him. This is when the word becomes flesh in our lives.

## 5.) It must be in our mouths

*Deut 6:8*

*8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.  
NKJV*

### FRONTLETS

or Phylacteries. Thrice mentioned in Old Testament: totaphowt (Ex 13:16; Deut 6:8; 11:18). What Moses meant figuratively and in a spiritual sense, "a memorial," "that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth," the Hebrews (excepting the Karaites) take literally (Ex 13:9). Charms consisting of words written on papyrus folds, tightly sewed up in linen, were found at Thebes (Wilkinson). It is not likely God, by Moses, would sanction the Egyptian superstition of amulets. The key is in Prov 3:3; 6:20-22; 7:3; Song 8:6. The FRINGES (see) were merely mnemonics; the phylacteries (which the Jews now call tephilliyin, i.e. prayers, for they were worn at prayer to typify sincerity, but others explain ligaments) were parchment strips, inscribed with Ex 13:2-17; Deut 6:4-9,13-22 (by no means the most important passages in the Pentateuch, which fact is against the Jewish literalism), in prepared ink, rolled in a case of black PHYLACTERY

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These were also known as phylacteries

*Matt 23:5*

*5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.*

*NKJV*

This was used a memorial so that people would remember the law.

*Ex 13:9*

*9 It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.*

*NKJV*

*Prov 3:3*

*3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,*

*NKJV*

*Prov 6:20-21*

*My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.*

*21 Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.*

*NKJV*

*Prov 7:2-3*

*2 Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.*

*3 Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.*

*NKJV*

There must be a memorization of God's word so that it becomes a focus of our lives. When it is committed to memory it would become part of our actions

## 6.) Write them

*Deut 6:9*

*9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

*NKJV*

To write something is to subscribe to something. We are now the house of God and His words must manifest through our lives in our homes.

*Heb 3:6*

*6 but Christ as a Son over His own house , whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. NKJV*

When people enter our yards they must know that this is the house of God because those who inhabit the house are inhabited by the builder of the house who is Christ. Every aspect of our homes must reflect the nature of the inhabitants. If you are inhabited by God it would reflect in your habitation.

Because we are God's habitation our habitat conforms to the one that inhabits us. We who are inhabited by God must manifest God through our lives. The angel of death will pass over because the word is practiced in the home.

## DAVIDIC PATTERN FOR DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

God is restoring the tabernacle of David; therefore the life of David gives us strong patterns for building spiritual heritage.

Spiritual heritage is built through strong covenantal relationships. Such relationships will build from generation to generation. David built generationally because of his covenant with the Lord.

***Ps 61:1-2***

***Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.***

***2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.***

***NKJV***

In building a strong heritage one must know what to do in overwhelming situations. David was overwhelmed with many difficulties but knew how to deal with them. There must be a transference of how to handle adversity. David wanted to be led to the rock that was higher than him.

## **HEBREW: Lead - nachah**

OT:5148 nachah (naw-khaw'); a primitive root; to guide; by implication, to transport (into exile, or as colonists):

KJV - bestow, bring, govern, guide, lead (forth), put, straiten.

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He understood that there must be governance, guidance and straitening to transport him out of his overwhelming problems. He would consistently speak to the Lord about his problems and receive solutions. David knew how to inquire of the Lord and receive answers for his overwhelming problems.

*1 Sam 23:4*

*4 Then David inquired of the LORD once again. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand."*

*NKJV*

1 Sam 30:8

8 So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."  
NKJV

2 Sam 21:1

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites." NKJV

His movements and dealings in difficult situations was led by the rock who is Christ. There must be strong leadership that brings guidance and governance to one's life so that correct decisions are made. In building a strong heritage David passed this to Solomon his son so that he would function by the leading of God. Unfortunately Solomon did not follow in the footsteps of his father and it later led to the division of the nation of Israel.

**Ps 61:3**

**3 For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.**

**NKJV**

God became a place of refuge for David. During the time of Joshua there were cities of refuge one could run to in difficult times. The Body of Christ is now inhabited by God and is the Holy City. The place of safety and refuge is with the Body. In building strong heritage there must be an understanding that the Body is a place of safety.

Prov 18:10

10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe .  
NKJVOT:4026

Matt 18:19-20

19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

NKJV

The name of the Lord is His character and where people are gathered in His character there will be safety.

There must be a generation that understands that there is safety in the Body of Christ because it is the family of God. Safety is in repetition of spiritual truths and doing the same thing consistently.

Phil 3:1

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

NKJV

God is also a tower from the enemy.

**HEBREW: Tower - Migdal**

OT:4026 migdal (mig-dawl'); also (in plural) feminine migdalah (mig-daw- law'); from OT:1431; a tower (from its size or height); by analogy, a rostrum; figuratively, a (pyramidal) bed of flowers:

KJV - castle, flower, tower. Compare the names following.

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God is the raised platform from where He speaks. God becomes a pulpit where declarations and decrees are made from. God has His representatives that are sent as the pulpit to release a word that would cause one to be in safety. This is the heritage of the saints of God. This heritage is the safety of the word of God. While we stay within the confines of the word there will be safety. This word is released to bring nourishment and growth to deal with overwhelming problems.

**Ps 61:4**

***4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah***  
**NKJV**

David understood that his abiding relationship would cause him to have a strong heritage. He dwelt in the presence of his God. We are called to have a relationship with God not to be a religion. This is a consistent demand for a dwelling relationship. This must be evident for the next generation to witness and experience.

The shelter of Your wings is the secret place.

**HEBREW: Shelter - Cether**

OT:5643 cether (say'-ther); or (feminine) cithrah (Deut 32:38), (sith-raw'); from OT:5641; a cover (in a good or a bad, a literal or a figurative sense):

KJV - backbiting, covering, covert, disguise [-th], hiding place, privily, protection, secret (-ly, place).

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The wings were the talit that Jews wore as a covering to pray. When they covered themselves it would become the shelter of His wings and the secret place. Christ is the secret place or hiding place. He wants to reveal His secrets and mysteries to us. This is the heritage of His saints. We must know how to come under His wings so that He will reveal the secret things.

*Deut 29:29*

*29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

**NKJV**

*Prov 25:2*

*2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

**NKJV**

*Ps 25:14*

*14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.*

**NKJV**

**Ps 61:5**

***5 For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.***

**NKJV**

David made vows unto the Lord. Vows are spoken only within the confines of a covenantal relationship. To build a strong heritage there must be an understanding of covenantal relationships. David was given a heritage of those who feared God because of his covenant with God.

Jacob made a vow with the Lord and he received a strong heritage

*Gen 28:20-22*

*20 Then Jacob made a vow , saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,*

*21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.*

*22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.*

*NKJV*

Hannah made a vow to offer Samuel and received a strong heritage

*1 Sam 1:11*

*11 Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."*

*NKJV*

Jonathan and David made a vow

*1 Sam 20:16-17*

*16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "Let the LORD require it at the hand of David's enemies."*

*17 Now Jonathan again caused David to vow , because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.*

*NKJV*

David honoured that vow through Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan

*2 Sam 9:6-7*

*6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan , the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"*

*7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."*

*NKJV*

We must have a generation who know how to honour their vows so that they build a strong heritage.

*James 5:12*

*12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes ," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.*

*NKJV*

Heritage must be built on strong words. Within covenant there is always a strong heritage.

***Psalms 61:6***

***6 You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.***

***NKJV***

Long life becomes the heritage of those that honour their vows. We have a generation that is dying because of lack of covenant and no honour. We must produce a generation that know how to extend their lives on the earth. There are principles within God's word that will bring an extension to our lives and one of them is the function within the principle of a covenantal lifestyle.

*Ps 91:1*

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*  
NKJV

*Ps 91:16*

*16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."*

NKJV

Your life must be lived through generations because you built a strong heritage.

***Ps 61:7***

***7 He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!***

**NKJV**

Within covenant there is the abiding presence of God, a place where we know God's presence daily and continually.

David knew the safety of God's presence

*Ps 31:20*

*20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From the strife of tongues.*

NKJV

He understood the value of God's presence

*Ps 51:11*

*11 Do not cast me away from Your presence , And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

NKJV

He knew that God is Omnipresent

*Ps 139:7*

*7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence ?*

NKJV

David knew that the preservation of life is in mercy and truth which is goodness and faithfulness. There must a strong heritage of goodness and faithfulness. People have become to self centered and therefore do not know how to build a generation of goodness and faithfulness.

*Eccl 6:3-6*

*3 If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with goodness , or indeed he has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better than he —*

*4 for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness.*

*5 Though it has not seen the sun or known anything, this has more rest than that man,*

*6 even if he lives a thousand years twice — but has not seen goodness . Do not all go to one place?*

NKJV

***Ps 61:8***

***8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.***

**NKJV**

David honoured his vows to the Lord with rejoicing. We must develop a heritage that is covenantal in joy. They must be able to keep their vows with great rejoicing. They must also do it daily meaning consistently.

A vow must not be a burden to anyone, it must be done out of sincerity and honesty unto the Lord.

We come to the house of the Lord because we know it is a safe place but we must come with gladness.

*Ps 122:1*

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."*

*NKJV*

*Ps 42:4*

*4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.*

*NKJV*

*Ps 66:13*

*13 I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,*

*NKJV*

Gathering with the Body must be a joyful experience

We honour our vows in the presence of God's people

*Ps 116:14*

*14 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people.*

*NKJV*

We must do it cheerfully

*2 Cor 9:7*

*7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*NKJV*

Marriage must be joyful

*Ecc 9:9*

*9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.*

*NKJV*

Keep our vows daily must come from a deep expression of joy.