

THE SACK

We must ensure that we are filled and stay filled for what lies ahead of us. This requires an understanding of what we must carry for the journey. The ultimate of our journey is to reveal Christ. The running of a race like Paul the Apostle and too reach the mark is to reveal Christ. We must make this our sincere endeavor so that we do not complicate our lives with false hope that cannot be sustained. We are building from generation to generation and therefore our building process must be connected, aligned and built on the Rock called Christ. We live only to reveal Him. We will extract a few essential thoughts from the journey of Joseph and his brothers.

Gen 44:1

1 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, “Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack. NKJV

1. STEWARD MUST OBEY THE COMMAND

The context of the above text is the return journey of Joseph's brothers to Egypt with Benjamin their last born in the family. They enter the house of Joseph under the guidance of a steward. The steward follows the instruction of Joseph and takes care of his brothers. Stewardship is to bring people into the house, give them the food of the owner of the house and resource them from the house. The steward metaphorically is the Father of a Household of Faith who resources the family by obeying the commands of the owner of the house who is Christ typified by Joseph.

The stewards of today are Pastors in our modern language and they must come under “command”. They are messengers who must obey the instructions of the Householder. It is in the command that protection, provision and positioning is available.

Exd 12:50

50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 51 And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the Lord brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies. NKJV

Joshua 1:10

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’” NKJV

Jesus commands

Mat 10:5

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “ Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. NKJV

The protection, provision and positioning of His disciples who became apostles was in obeying the command.

God's word is our command. It comes from the mouth of a steward who is under command. This is to understand the principle of authority.

Matt 8:8-9

8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” NKJV

The healing of the servant was in understanding authority. We must be able to follow the command of the steward of the house. In that command is all the resource we need for the journey.

The command is the will of God. There are commands we must obey daily because it is God's will for us.

C - COMMUNION

1 Cor 11:23-25

23For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." NKJV

The Table of the Lord on the earth is a prophetic declaration of the benefits of his death available for me on the earth e.g. by his stripes I am healed.

O - OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matt 28:19-20

19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. NKJV

Evangelize / Disciple / Baptize.

It is His will that we raise people that think like Him to fill the earth.

M - MORTIFY THE FLESH

1Thes 4:3-8

3For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

4that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

5not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

6that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

7For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

8Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. NKJV

Holiness in heaven must be seen on earth.

M - MINISTRY CALLING

God has appointed Prophets, Teachers, Evangelists, Pastors and Apostles. It is God's will that you function in your appointment.

1 Cor 7:17-24

17But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

18Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.

19Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.

20Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.

21Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it.

22For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.

23You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

24Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called. NKJV

The rank and order of heaven must be on the earth.

A - ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

1Thes 5:16-18

16Rejoice always,

17pray without ceasing,

18in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. NKJV

The gratitude and praise of heaven must be on the earth.

N - NEW COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

John 13:34-35

34"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." NKJV

The love of God in heaven must be seen in a people on the earth.

D - DEPEND ON JESUS FOR SALVATION

John 6:40

"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." NKJV

1 Jn 3:23-24

23And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

24Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. NKJV

The supremacy of Jesus must be seen on the earth for God has highly exalted Him.

S - SUBMIT TO AUTHORITIES

1 Pet 2:13-15

13Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,

14or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

15For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- NKJV

Rom 13:1-2

1Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

2Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. NKJV

Authority of God must be seen on the earth.

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2. CAPACITY

SACK - *something that is expansive*

The sack speaks of capacity or expansion. It is flexible and can stretch and expand to take in more.

Capacity can mean:

a. *The amount that can be contained • the gas tank has a capacity of 12 gallons*

- *content*

- *volume*

b. *The ability or power to do, experience, or understand something*

The steward was asked to “fill the men’s sacks” – because the sack is expandable it creates capacity to receive more and more. We must create capacity so that we can receive more. We must be able to increase our volume intake so that we are resourced for the journey that lies ahead.

- Jesus prayed all night with the Father giving us an example of spirit capacity to pray and wait on the Father.

Luke 6:12

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. NKJV

We have to pray without ceasing

1 Thess 5:17

17 pray without ceasing, NKJV

- We must take water in our hands and bring it to our mouth like the 300 company showing capacity of thirst.

Judges 7:6

6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. NKJV

We must have a thirst and pursue Christ

John 7:37

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “ If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. NKJV

- We must be able to walk around the walls of Jericho in silence and in obedience revealing our capacity to be patient and believing the command given by the leader. Walking around a city 13 times in obedience requires capacity.

Josh 6:3-4

3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams 'horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. NKJV

- Ruth showed capacity in waiting whole night at the feet of Boaz

Ruth 3:14

14 So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, “Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” NKJV

We must have capacity to wait till the breaking of the day. It is a new day but it is still dark and we must know how to wait.

- During Ezra's return the people listened to the reading of the law from morning till noon revealing capacity to understand the read, listen and understand the law
Neh 8:3
3 Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. NKJV
- The nation of Israel worked only to give tithe, offerings and first-fruits unto God showing capacity to totally trust in God. We must increase our capacity to give because it is more blessed.
Acts 20:35
35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ' It is more blessed to give than to receive. '"
- Babylon capacitates you so that you can serve the king
Dan 1:5
5 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. NKJV
 The agenda of the system of Babylon which is the system of this world is build capacity so that you can serve its agenda.

Do not let limitations of the natural determine our capacity to see Jesus

Luke 19:3

3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

NKJV

We must climb trees to see Jesus

Mark 2:4

4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. NKJV

We must climb and uncover roofs to see Jesus

1 Sam 17:45

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

David was not limited by his stature he was confident in the name of the Lord.

Limitations increase your capacity for more of Christ in your life. We must build capacity to receive and do more in the Kingdom.

Practical issues on capacity:

- To receive more you must give more and create structures to receive so you can give – buy a safe
- To have a better marriage – love more, care more
- To have more responsible children – communicate rather than scream. Discipline rather than feel sorry. Train rather than command.
- To learn more – invest in a computer, get internet, read more
- To receive more grace - partake of grace. Stay near grace, invest in grace, sacrifice for grace.
- To have more time – manage time. Sleep early so you can do more in your day. Prioritize your time

- for the Kingdom of God
- To have more money – learn to give by the spirit

3. FILLED WITH FOOD

This capacity is to be filled with the FOOD. To be filled with food is to be full of the word. Jesus was full of grace and truth. He was full of the word and He is the Word. We must be filled with the Word of God.

Like Jeremiah we eat his word.

Jeremiah 15:16

*Your words were found, and I ate them,
And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;
For I am called by Your name,
O Lord God of hosts. NKJV*

It is the duty of every steward to fill the sack with the word. This food is to do the will of the Father. It is the word that contains the Father's will.

John 4:32-34

But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. NKJV

Jesus had only one purpose and that was to do the Father's will, that was His food

We must be filled with the Word

- In John 2 the six water pots was filled with water symbolizing the word.
- Ruth's shawl was filled with grain - filled with the word – Ruth 3
- The 12 baskets of John 6 were filled with bread and fish symbolizing the 12 disciples who were filled with the word.
- Elijah filled 4 water pots with water and poured it 3 times over the altar so that it was soaked with the word – 1 Kings 18 – our sacrifice unto God must be filled with His word

The world is filled with POST MODERNISM. To overcome post modernism we must be filled with the word. In post modernism "I" is the center of all things. This is a lifestyle of independence and selfishness. If we are not filled with the Word we will be unable to resource others during their famine because we are ourselves are not filled with the word.

Like in the days of Noah the earth is filled with the nature of the beast

Gen 6:13

13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

There is a flood of God's word that is filling the earth. This word is bringing the flood of judgment. We must build an ark that signifies Christ who is the Word. We must eat this food to sustain us.

Gen 26:15

15 Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.

The Philistine is a symbol of our fleshly desires that have filled up wells with the earth and its systems. Abraham is a Patriarchal Father who dug wells that give water symbolizing the word of God. The nature of the flesh has filled up these wells with earthly desires causing the water to be stopped. We need Isaac's to rise to dig up these wells so that we can drink of the Word of God again. Isaac is the promised son as Christ is the promised seed.

Luke 15:15

15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. NKJV

The nature of the prodigal is be filled with food that is offered to the swine. Rebellion will cause one to be filled with pig's food. There is food with the Father of the House that can satisfy.

Luke 15:17

" 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, NKJV

There is bread enough and to spare with a Father. The Father of the house is the steward that has food that can fill your sack. It is the son that must arise and go to the father. That food will give you the kingdom of God.

We have an immature generation that is filled with the love of the harlot church

Prov 7:16-19

*16 I have spread my bed with tapestry,
Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.*

17 I have perfumed my bed

With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning;

Let us delight ourselves with love.

19 For my husband is not at home;

He has gone on a long journey; NKJV

We have immature leaders that fill people with intoxicating drink that cannot sustain them for the journey

Isa 56:9-12

9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, All you beasts in the forest. 10 His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yes, they are greedy dogs Which never have enough. And they are shepherds Who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own territory. 12 "Come," one says, "I will bring wine, And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink; Tomorrow will be as today, And much more abundant."

This is a church that wants to have a soulish experience with God. These are dumb dogs that cannot bark to warn you of the dangers of the devouring beast.

Our sack must be filled with the food that gives life. Christ is the Word of Life.

John 6:68-69

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We must be filled with the food that is in due season

Matthew 24:45

45 " Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"

It is a faithful and wise servant that can give you the food in due season. There is a word that God releases in His "kairos". Only a Father discerns and delivers this present truth. This is the food that we must be filled with so that we can make the journey in life.

It is only the word of God that will deliver us from the beastly nature that has overtaken the world. People are behaving like beasts that cannot control their fleshly desires. We who are the New Creation in Christ must be filled with Christ who is the word.

4. TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN CARRY

We must be filled with as much food as we can carry. For our journey in life we need as much food as we can carry. We must create capacity to receive more of the word of God in our lives.

We must not despise the manna from heaven that is Christ

Numbers 21:5-6

And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. NKJV

The nation of Israel called the manna worthless. God caused serpents to bite them. We invite the curse into our lives because we are not filled with the Word of God. Christ became the curse so we can overcome the curse. We must never despise the word of God that is delivered to us. Sometimes we can become bored studying the word and begin to despise it. We allow the serpent to enter our lives. We must allow Christ the Word to be lifted in the wilderness to overcome the serpent.

John 3:14

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. NKJV

Our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. We must begin to allow the Spirit of God to feed us with the Word. He is our teacher and can reveal more of the Word to us. To take as much as we can carry we must create capacity.

Paul sat and discussed the Word the whole night

Acts 20:7

7 Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. NKJV

Eutychus did not have the capacity to listen to the word

Acts 20:9

And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. NKJV

The name Eutychus means "fortunate" – Many are fortunate to be living in a time of great unveiling of the word but have no capacity to listen. There are falling asleep and will fall down dead. It is only the grace that is in the steward like Paul that will cause them to rise again.

Acts 20:11

11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.

Paul continued talking till daybreak. This is capacity to take as much as you can carry.

To take as much as we can carry we must:

- Read and study the Word everyday
- Listen to the CD's to allow the word to saturate us. Faith comes by hearing.
- Discuss the Word with like-minded believers
- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you
- Memorize scriptures so that your mind is filled with the word
- Attend conferences where the word is the priority
- Have a kingdom culture within the home where the word of God is the priority

5. PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS

Money was in the mouth of the sack for quick access and distribution. The foundation of the money is the grain. The steward was commanded to "put" money in the mouth of the sack

HEBREW: Put - Sum

h7760. שׁוּם sum; or שִׁיַם siym; a primitive root; to put (used in a great variety of applications, literal, figurative, inferentially, and elliptically): — x any wise, appoint, bring, call (a name), care, cast in, change, charge, commit, consider, convey, determine, + disguise, dispose, do, get, give, heap up, hold, impute, lay (down, up), leave, look, make (out), mark, + name, x on, ordain, order, + paint, place, preserve, purpose, put (on), + regard, rehearse, reward, (cause to) set (on, up), shew, + stedfastly, take, x tell, + tread down, ((over-)) turn, x wholly, work.

AV (585)- put 155, make 123, set 119, lay 64, appoint 19, give 11, set up 10, consider 8, turn 5, brought 4, ordain 3, place 3, take 3, shew 2, regard 2, mark 2, disposed 2, care 2, misc 48;

to put, place, set, appoint, make (Qal) to put, set, lay, put or lay upon, lay (violent) hands on to set, direct, direct toward to extend (compassion) (fig) to set, ordain, establish, found, appoint, constitute, make, determine, fix to set, station, put, set in place, plant, fix to make, make for, transform into, constitute, fashion, work, bring to pass, appoint, give (Hiphil) to set or make for a sign (Hophal) to be set

It is the word that comes from a steward that can set, appoint, direct, ordain the function of the money because it rests on the food.

1 Corinthians 3:11

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. NKJV
Christ is the Word of God

The money rests on the food. The food is the will of the Father and the will of the Father is in His word. Money must rest on the will of the Father. The foundation of dealing with our money must be the word of God. The management of our money must be directed by the word and not by the world. Our love for the world and the things of the world determines how our money is spent. Money must rest on the word and the word contains grace. That grace is packaged in the servant who distributes grain. Money must be connected to grace for it to multiply.

In the word there is wisdom that will help us to deal with our money and make it grow. When the foundation is strong then the money will not be wasted but it will multiply.

Principles within scripture tell us where to invest our money. Money must transact around the love for our Father and not the love for money.

When the brothers came to Joseph on their first journey their money was returned

Gen 42:25

25 Then Joseph gave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to restore every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. Thus he did for them. NKJV

When they returned they took double their money

Gen 43:12

12 Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. NKJV

When he fills their sack their money is returned again.

When food, which is the Word, is the foundation of our money it always has a way of returning 100 fold. This is an expression of the ABUNDANCE of God and not the ACCOUNTING of God. If I give R100 according to 100fold I will get back R10000 but God in His abundant nature could make it R20000. It is dependant on the heart and the sacrifice. Sometimes the R100 is all I have left which means I gave of myself and not of what I have.

Matthew 13:23

But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." NKJV

The return is based on our understanding of the word. The seed is the word of God. Productivity is determined by the level we understand and do. The foundation of producing is God's word.

Gen 26:12

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. NKJV

Isaac sowed on the foundation of the word. It was the word of the Lord that told him to stay in the famine. He sowed sacrificially and reaped hundredfold.

His hundredfold return was in his sacrifice not in just what he sowed. He sowed sacrificially in a time of famine in his life and became very prosperous. This was a result of grain being the foundation of money. He obeyed the word of the Lord to stay in the land that was in famine. In the word is the will of the Father. It was God's will that Isaac remain in the land.

2 Chron 20:25

25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. NKJV

Jehoshaphat carried away great abundance because the word was the foundation. He obeyed the word that was released through the prophet in their midst.

Luke 5:5-6

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. NKJV

The foundation of the great catch was the word that Peter received to cast the net.

Acts 4:33-35

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 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. NKJV

Money was laid at the feet of Apostles who were releasing apostle's doctrine, which is the doctrine of Christ. Money was resting on a foundation of the word therefore there was no lack and every need was met.

When the word is the foundation the money is easily accessible for distribution. The money was at the mouth of the sack of grain. Money must be deeply connected to the word. It is the word, which is spirit and life that must determine how money transacts. The word as the foundation will ensure that during times of flood, rain and wind the money will stand. We can try to buy grain with money not realizing that the one who has grain is our brother who is the Son of God. Joseph was the distributor of grain to those in famine but he was the brother of those who came to buy. They could not recognize him. You can never buy grace that is in the word you can only access grace. When you access the grace the money is returned in grace.

We can never sell the kingdom for money

1 Kings 21:6

6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

Ahab wanted to buy the vineyard of Naboth for money.

The vineyard is a symbol of the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 20:1

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. NKJV

The kingdom is our inheritance in Christ. If Christ is not the foundation of our lives we will trade in the kingdom on the basis of money and not the love for the word. Because we have the word as our foundation we give and receive money because of obedience to the word not for selfish desire.

The principles for money and its multiplication are deeply entrenched in doing what the Word says:

Prov 3:5

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

9 Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. NKJV

Our trust is in the Lord and not on our understanding. In all our ways including the handling of money we must acknowledge Him. This brings direction to our money. Our fear for the Lord causes us to depart from evil. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

1 Tim 6:10

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. NKJV

The foundation of handling money is HONOR. We honor the Lord with our substance meaning wealth or riches. We must tithe and give offerings from our wealth. We also honor with our firstfruits, which is to seek first the kingdom of God so that all things can be added unto us. If the foundation of our lives is not in the word our barns will not have grain and our vats will not have wine.

To have grain and wine is to have the word and spirit. It is to have bread and the cup. We must have an overflow of it in our lives. To access the deep and secret things in God we must know how to handle money on the foundation of the word of God. Our eye must be full of light so that the body is full of light. This light comes from the word of God. In this light we serve God with money and not mammon.

Mat 6:22

22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

Mat 6:24

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

We must let the word be the foundation of money. This foundation is to give in obedience to the word:

- Tithe from all your increase to the one who is the storehouse
- Give offerings liberally and daily
- Offer firstfruits to the Father of the House yearly
- Sow sacrificially in times of difficulty into good ground
- Give to the poor because you are lending to the Lord
- Give to your enemies
- Sow to the nations
- Sow into those who carry grace
- Sow to the Body of Christ

Although we practice these principles we NEVER MAKE THE PRINCIPLE THE PRIORITY. The HEAVENLY FATHER is always the PRIORITY in our lives and not the principles we live by. If He remains the focus there will have an abundance of grain and money. Joseph wanted to see his father again. It was his priority.

Gen 44:2

2 Also put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his grain money." So he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. NKJV

6. MY CUP

Joseph wanted the servant to put his cup in the bag of Benjamin the youngest of the brothers or the last born in the family. This cup has many applications.

It is a cup that can restore like the cup of the butler that restored him to his position

Gen 40:13

13 Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. NKJV

It is the cup that causes the burden to be fulfilled like Nehemiah who received resource as a cupbearer to re-build the walls of Jerusalem

Neh 1:11

11 O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

For I was the king's cupbearer. NKJV

It is a cup of the Lord's fury

Jer 25:15

15 For thus says the Lord God of Israel to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. NKJV

It is the cup that overflows

Psalms 23:5

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over. NKJV

Most importantly as the sons of God it is a cup that contains the will of the Father

Luke 22:42

saying, " Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." NKJV

Our priority must be the will of the Father and not our own will. The cup symbolizes our sacrifice. It will become a cup that overflows when we allow the will of the Father to be perfected in our lives. It is the Father's good pleasure to bless us but we must drink His cup. We must not drink from the cup of Babylon, which is confusion, but we must have the cup of The Lord. In the cup of The Lord there is a blessing.

In the mouth of the sack are the money and the cup. The foundation of the money and the cup is the grain. Grain is the word of God. The resource must be connected to the will of God and the foundation of His will is the Word of the Lord. That word comes through one who stores grain. The storehouse is the Father of the house that releases grain that becomes the principles by which we live. The will of the Father in Heaven controls how the money is used.

Resource is always released when His will is present.

David never lacked resource to build the House of God because it was in the will of God.

1 Chron 29:16

16 "O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. 17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You. NKJV

When His will is present the people offer willingly

Nehemiah never lacked resource because it was in the will of God to re-build the walls of Jerusalem.

Neh 2:7

7 Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, 8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me. NKJV

The disciples of Jesus never lacked resource because they were obedient to the words of Jesus Christ
Luke 10:4

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. NKJV

Resource is within the house

We lack resource because we have no foundation in the word and we are not connected to the will of the Father. We must let the course of our money be determined by the will of God.

The cup contains the Father's will but always comes with great sacrifice. Abraham in obedience was willing to sacrifice his son. He accepted that it was the will of God. This sacrifice positioned Abraham to be the Father of many nations. It is God's will that we inherit nations but it is always connected to sacrifice. While Abraham was climbing the mountain in obedience a ram was climbing the mountain as provision. Our sonship in Christ must be filled with sacrifice. To see the glory that Solomon saw in the temple like Solomon and the assembly there must be great sacrifice.

2 Chron 5:6

6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. NKJV

7. YOUNGEST – FIRST AND LAST

The cup was put into Benjamin's sack and he is the youngest or the last born in the family. Benjamin means "son of the right hand" – This is where Christ is seated and we are in Christ. As gentiles we entered the kingdom of God last but it is in God's plan that the last will be first. Benjamin throughout this encounter never speaks. Therefore it is reference to a spiritual position in Christ.

We must know where we are and from whom we are living from.

Acts 17:28

28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' NKJV

To handle everything in our journey in life we must begin to live and move and exist from Christ. We are in Him before the foundation of the world.

Eph 1:4-6

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

We are not waiting for the end we are living from the future. The kingdom of God is within us and we live from that kingdom but also look forward to the kingdom that Christ will establish at His return. It is Benjamin that receives five times more than His brothers.

Gen 43:34

34 Then he took servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him. NKJV

This is to receive grace. It is only in our understanding of our life in Christ that we live by grace and dispense grace. Grace is what will empower us for the journey. Our divine sonship makes His grace sufficient for all things in life. Christ is full of grace and truth and we are in Him. The fullness of who we

are is evident by the grace distribution that takes place from our lives. This is what creation is groaning for and we who are the created must arise to answer the call of creation.

We must know how to partake of grace so that we can finish the good work that is in us.

Phil 1:6-7

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: 7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. NKJV

Paul was a dispenser of grace as an Apostle of the Lord. The good work that lies in each will be complete as we partake of grace.

Gen 44:4-6

4 When they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, "Get up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5 Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and with which he indeed practices divination? You have done evil in so doing.' " 6 So he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words. 7 And they said to him, "Why does my lord say these words? Far be it from us that your servants should do such a thing. NKJV

8. THE CUP IS A SETUP

Joseph had setup the situation so that his brothers would come back. Many times we do not understand the ways and the plans of God but when His cup is in our bag it reveals a divine purpose.

The cup is there but it is unknown. Many times we partake of the cup without knowing that it is in our sack. It is not our cup but His cup for us. This cup contains suffering but its ultimate agenda is to reveal Christ. The cup makes you a slave to His will.

Gen 44:10

10 And he said, Now also let it be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and you shall be blameless. NKJV

When we submit to the cup that is in our sack we submit to the will of God for our lives. In essence we become slaves to the will of God. We truly become sons of the kingdom when we are slaves to the will of the Father for our lives. Jesus became a bondservant

Phil 2:7-8

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. NKJV

Jesus submitted to the will of the Father, which was His death on the cross.

Paul also became a bondservant

Titus 1:1

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, NKJV

Paul was bondservant who functioned as an Apostle.

The cup sets us up to die to ourselves but to live for His will. Joseph also partook of the cup of suffering but he understood that it had a higher purpose.

Gen 45:4-5

4 And Joseph said to his brothers, Please come near to me. So they came near. Then he said: I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. NKJV

Although it was his brothers who hated him and sold him, Joseph concluded that God had sent him to Egypt. He had partaken of a cup that eventually revealed the setup for him to be governor of Egypt. This cup revealed Christ who would preserve his brothers through the famine and save the nation that God called His Son (Ex 4:22)

This setup also reveals the Head and the Body. It is only when all twelve brothers are together that Joseph reveals his identity. In the sack are the grain (bread) and the cup (wine). This is the table of the Lord. We are the Lord's table from which He dispenses grace.

Isa 66:1

1 Thus saith the Lord,

The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool:

where is the house that ye build unto me?

and where is the place of my rest? NKJV

Throne means to be "covered". Heaven is what God is clothed or covered with. The earth is His footstool meaning the place where He walks or journeys. God chooses us His house to make His abode so that He can journey on this earth. He lives through us because we live in Him. God resources His house with grain, money and His cup so that He can journey through our lives.

Christ wants to reveal Himself just like Joseph revealed himself to His brothers. He puts grain, money and his cup in their sack so that he can unveil himself as Joseph to them. This unveiling, revealing, making known, communicating, manifestation takes place only when all his brothers are present. Christ reveals Himself when the Body gathers.

We are all journeying in life. It has many situations, tribulations, memories, victories, losses etc. We must know how to resource ourselves for the journey in life. We must have food that is connected to the will of the Father so that we can finish the work.

John 4:34

34 Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. NKJV

The grain in our sack is food that must be connected to the will of the Father who is "perfect" so that we can finish – "complete" the work that the Father has for us. Joseph realized that his work was only complete when he brought his family into Egypt to become a great nation.

Paul had a single agenda. It was to labor till Christ is formed.

Gal 4:19

19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, NKJV

Paul went on many journeys in life but it culminated in this one mission of forming Christ in individuals. We can only form in others what has already been formed in us. We can only reveal Christ to the measure that He has revealed Himself to us.

His GRAIN, His MONEY and His CUP is in our sack so that it can reveal His WILL and ultimately reveal HIMSELF.