

## Chapter One

...Oh my afflicted, tempest tossed and troubled, I will rebuild you on a foundation of sapphires and make the walls of your house from precious jewels. You shall establish yourself in rightness, in conformity with God's will and order: you shall be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear... Peace, righteousness, security, and triumph over opposition are the heritage of those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced. This is the rightness or the vindication they receive from me says the Lord...Isaiah 54:11, 13, and 17.

How many of us have come to a place in our life where we need a rebuild? Everything we have tried no matter how much effort we have given turns less than expected and we subtly begin to feel the cold mantle of mediocrity. The question raises itself, what exactly does it mean to be mediocre? According to Webster the word mediocre means something of medium and unimpressable qualities. So to be mediocre means to be average.

It means to be typical or usual. And if you are a person who wants to be typical, then this book is probably not for you. But if you are someone who wants to make a difference, to be more than what you thought you could be, then this read is for you. Is it within us to truly rise above accepting the mediocre? Do we blithely accept what life doles to us? Are you a receptacle or are you a protagonist? Are you a victor in your circumstances or are you a victim? Ask yourself if you have lowered your standards over the course of time to irresolutely accept a lack of truth and fulfillment in your life's purpose. Have you resigned yourself to a perceived reality that lasting happiness is employed elsewhere?

Are you in a relationship or job you don't like? Maybe you think you don't have the skills to go forward with something else? You try your best and all things remain a compromise, a second best, or a lie? Do you say to yourself that this type of lifestyle is okay because the Universe must somehow want it that way otherwise it would be different. Things are how they are for a reason. We may not have what we want, but then, who does?

We must learn to see through and navigate our circumstances. We must understand that we are more than what we or anyone else sees. Why did God give us a lifetime if we were not meant to do something with our lives that is truly full of meaning and depth." Are envy, wistfulness, and lust really meant to be our shrouded keepers and companions?

I do not believe that anyone really thinks that life is only about outward appearances, money, and man's standard of beauty. We must never abdicate our rightful place of peace and acceptance to concur that because we do not meet some unnamed someone's criteria we are second-class. God made each of us a unique and special jewel. We are who we are for a reason and no one else can fulfill your purpose.

Well then, how can you throw off what the world has put on you, or what you have allowed the world to enshroud? How can you unleash the truth that is inside? How can we live above mediocrity when all that was hoped for has turned out to be less than the best, a disappointment, even a disillusion?

Is it possible to be more than our natural, regular self? Can we really be all that we are created for and meant to be when life itself seems to have blocked us? How can we not become depressed and discouraged after trying vainly for so long with nothing to show except age and debt? Are we really supposed to make a difference with a purpose that gives us renewed strength? The answer is, yes, we are.

Your spirit is capable of real life, full of truth and fruition. Your soul (which is not your spirit) is not capable of real life, truth, or fruition, if left to its own track and volition. As humans we are truly lacking the ability to wield any type of real power. We were created this way for a reason. It is not a mistake that we are in need in our lives. We must come to a place of realization that anything we do is basically flawed, no matter how brilliant or astute, if it is void of the creator. We were all made for a special purpose.

There is a gift from God Almighty inside of you. You may not know what it is yet, but it is there. And if you allow the true power and cleansing of the spirit into your life, you will begin to walk the path of your destiny.

But your purpose to have purpose must be given away. It all seems a paradox, but if we choose our wants and needs above everything else, our thoughts will be simply that, our thoughts. And as a result, our life's outcome can and will be only mediocre at best. Now God loves you so much that He gave you a free will to choose that which seems best to you. And He will not stop you from going your own way. But most humanity who choose their own will and way at the end of their lives will dolefully admit that they gave their efforts to tasks and travels which lacked appointment.

So how can we be all that we are supposed to be? Are there any clues or maps to lead us in the right direction?

Can your natural self-become what it must? No. Flesh is born of flesh. Spirit is born of spirit. Only pure, cleansed, spirits can do real might of valor. These same might of valor if attempted by the strictly natural, unspiritual man would absolutely fail. So how do we, how can we leave the natural and impotent behind while we live here on earth? How do we become someone assisted daily by the Almighty, to begin to see what He sees? The answer very simply is to be in a relationship with the Creator Himself.

This is your first step to power in the world.

Now let's say you have a television set sitting in your living room but you just cannot get it to show pictures or movies or anything. The screen is completely blank. You try everything and it just won't work. After becoming thoroughly frustrated you finally ask your friends why you have no signal. They tell you that you need to plug the unit into the wall socket. Well after some hemming and hawing you finally plug it in and voila - there is picture and sound. We are all like that TV set in the living room. We have no ability or power to light up without current. Our faith is the plug. The electrical socket is the divine current. Our faith must believe that what Jesus did over 2000 years ago at a place called Calvary is the nuclear power available for our lives now. We need connection with the Divine. He alone can release to you the power to become what you are meant to be. He only through the Holy Ghost can supply the circuit to your life. If you turn off and remain disconnected from this power, you will refuse the picture of your life. You personally will never turn on with the scope you are meant for.

What you can do in no way compares to what God has for you. It is only by Christ and the Holy Spirit, the divine circuit working within us that we can become full stature to what we are created for.

We all have a body, soul, and spirit. Each part is distinct in function. The soul is our mind, our will, and our emotions. The spirit is a helper sent from the Father because of the Son's work at Calvary to guide us on our life's journey. He is freely given to us from God as an agent of cleansing and purifying. It is only through purity of thought and action that real power becomes available to our daily life. The spirit and the soul are not the same. The spirit is perfect. The soul is not. This is the reason we are given a lifetime because our souls is at stake. Do we choose power and relationship or impotence and a separated self?

Many people are turned off as soon as they hear the word, "Jesus" and the phrase, "being born again." And I have to wonder why.

This is a guy (God become man) who did more for humanity than anyone ever has. So why are people offended?

I believe it is they want to do "life" on their own and simply because the purifying and cleansing force of power and truth cannot be seen. It is simply like the wind or the electrical current. You can feel it but you cannot see it. You can feel its force and presence but you cannot behold it.

People have seen so much impotence and have experienced such a lack of understanding for so long that even in the Christian community, in neighbors and friends and colleagues much hope and belief has waned. Regeneration in the spirit is a difficult task due to a subliminal arrogance present within our natural self.

We fight within our own being, speaking one way one minute and another way the next. Natural man wants control, but to achieve freedom and power and truth, you have to allow your soul to be acted upon by the Holy Spirit. Many people want to be in charge of their own life. And they say they want to just simply live a good honest life. But your life can neither be simple, honest, or good without Divine power.

Do we let go and let God or do we hang on tight and diminish the more we cling to the eroding cliff?

Fear is a powerful mode of control. And this world is here to unleash full rampage on the soul, if we allow it. So many are so afraid, afraid of things that have not even happened, scared of imaginations. They are terrified of the inexplicable. I cannot imagine going through life battling at phantoms. That is a mortifying thought, but we have a choice. As sons and daughters here on earth, we actually have the privilege of being co-creators with God Almighty in our life's endeavors. We were created by God as unique beings that have been given the challenge of accountability for our choices. It is a daunting thing to be accountable to a greater power for our actions, but this is how it is and was designed by the Creator in order for our growth to continue. Discipline and tenacity will guide us as we work through to our truth.

The question arises, was religion (not spirituality) invented by man to keep everyone under control? Did all the great kings and high-ups one day just say,

"Let's keep all our servants afraid and they will be too full of fear to do too much damage for we need order in the land. Has religion really been the opiate of the masses? Or is something else going on here? Are we really going to miss out on a great something or someone due to this all being one big fairy tale? Oddly enough, religion may have been invented and created of man's device.

Religion can be constraining and used to self-serving purposes, but religion can also be a stepping up to a natural, moral and better self but religion is not spirituality. We cannot change the laws of creation. We cannot change the laws of the universe. It is not within our ability to even try. We must accept how things are otherwise we are going to be quite miserable. When left to our natural ways, many of us choose exactly the opposite of what God would have for us. Scripture says that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways. Often we choose people as our companions because we have not even thought to ask about it. It is just something that happens. But nothing really just happens. We are on one track or the other. We are either on the track with life or we are on the track to an outcome of nowhere. Oh, we may like how so and so looks.

Or we may like what they can do for us. But are we really looking at the core that drives them? Do we even care? If we do not think it matters, this will be one of the first lessons in your spiritual education. You will experience the innate selfishness of an unregenerate person with a back slap where it hurts. And hurt it will. You may feel the back slap of abuse. You may feel the sting of hatred. You may experience the pounding of lies? You may encounter insurmountable problems. You may experience the terrible hurt of Infidelity. You may walk with double mindedness. You name it and the natural man can harbor any number of emotional infirmities.

You and I must be connected with the divine. If we are not connected then we are at disconnect with humanity. Our physical body is simply a container for our spirit. Prettiness does not necessarily mean goodness. Handsomeness does not obligatorily mean courage. Choosing anything based on a carnal (natural) mind will bring a harvest of less than desired outcomes. You will gather thorns and thistles and desert places in your life, things such as disease, addiction, job dissatisfaction, and the list goes on ad infinitum.

But the flip side of the coin is that God has everything in store for you that you could ever imagine or want. Scripture says that God by His mighty power has given us more than we could ever dream of, infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. The only catch is that we have to put our foot in the water and then and only then will God's Holy Ghost current take you along. You must make the first effort. The divine in the universe is waiting for you. Go ahead. Don't be shy or timid. Give your efforts a try. If there is something you want to do and you are a born again child of God, go for it. And if there is something that you are doing that you are missing the mark on, you will know, as your efforts will be met with difficulty and you will not experience the kind of growth that goes with living by the spirit.

We are not under the letter of the law which deals hardship to its adherents, rather we are under grace. And this check is a litmus test to discern if you are on the path God has created you for.

So the question remains, why do many turn from being born again? The natural man's question arises, isn't there more than one way to divine enablement? Isn't this Jesus just a very approach narrow? And the answer is, yes, but the choice is yours. You could choose other paths if deep in your soul you desire less than the best and you want less than the true power which comes from a relationship with Christ. If you desire full truth, then being born again of the spirit is the only way to receive pure power from on High. Natural man or natural man's sayings, dead or alive cannot help you the way you need help. Scripture says that a Pharisee named Nicodemus came to Jesus by night to ask how a man could be born a second time. Nicodemus realized that crawling back into the womb was not an option. He queried Jesus, "What does it mean to be born again?" Jesus answered him, "that which is born of flesh is flesh. And that which is born of the spirit is spirit." These are two separate entities, two separate events. You must be born again, not by blood and water but by the Holy Ghost.

It is a long road from the cleaned and freely given born-again spirit to a cleansed and purified soul (mind will, and emotions). As our

relationship with Jesus and the Holy Ghost grows, our soul and its resulting actions grow. The Holy Spirit is here to see you through life. And this is where it starts to get good. When you allow Jesus to be your divine intercessor, your divine enabler, your divine provider, He will go before you and be your rear guard. You then are on the road to the most real excitement you will ever experience. God will bring people and circumstances to your life that you never dreamed of. Coincidences will somehow avail themselves to you. Scripture says "Eye has not seen nor ear heard all that God has planned for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." I Corinthians 2:9. The growth of our soul in relationship to Christ is life's journey. Our job is to love Jesus and work at our salvation - the cleansing of our soul with much ardor. The scriptures say to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. The soul's journey is not easy. But nothing worth having or doing comes without effort.

## Baptism – with Water

I beseech you as a prisoner of the Lord that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called with all lowliness, meekness, and longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling. There is One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Ephesians 4: 1-5.

The second condition to your empowerment is baptism. This is a very important step in the process of your soul becoming whole and one with the Creator. Baptism is an outward expression of that which has already happened in your heart. Baptism is a lot like a marriage ceremony. People do not fall in love at the marriage ceremony. They have already founded their relationship. The event itself is a public statement of faith made to commit stability through all life's highs and lows until the end. A man and woman have decided that together they are better than separate. Together they are stronger. And so it is with baptism. It is a realization that you are nowhere

without Christ. It is an understanding that together with Him you are stronger and will have the promise that He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will

be with you in every situation and be your finest confidante for all eternity. Baptism is simply an outward proclamation that you are now a new creation in Christ and that you are a project in relationship. Baptism is an outward acknowledgement that you are laying aside old habits and ways that are no longer in alignment for a life of power. Baptism does not mean you are now perfect and will never make a mistake. If that were the case, we had all better hang it up. Rather, baptism acknowledges the relationship we now have with the divine. If we falter or stumble, we are no longer under condemnation. We are now the righteousness of God in Christ. We may mess up but there is someone to help us back on the track, dust us off and send us on our way. We no longer have to let the world, the devil, or ourselves beat on our psyche...

Baptism does not save you or your soul. It is simply a starting point on your journey. It is a public confession that you have begun

your life's work and walk with Christ. And this will in time hold for you your true purpose which in turn will completely fill you and give you what you long for – truth and happiness and fulfillment – that

which we all seek but so few of us find. According to scripture the things that are seen were made by things that are not seen.

All things in the natural have had their creation first in the spiritual realm. And so it is with baptism. We first accept Christ as Lord and Savior, then we publicly step up for Baptism.

### ...And Fire

And there came a sound from heaven as a mighty rushing wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:2-4.

In order to walk with any type of truth and power here on earth, we must receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Scripture says, "Ask

and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7." We must ask for this gift of the Holy Spirit. It will not automatically be knighted you. Yes, it's there

for you, but you must open the package, you must take the step. This is how you begin to learn to actively ask God for His blessings in your life. We walk by faith and not by sight. This is the beginning of the way, the beginning of how you learn to begin to become co-creator with Him, to be accountable, yet dependent for how events play out in your life, the power in your walk and the effect you have on those around you.

You must ask God for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is always a gentleman. He will not force His will on you. You must want Him to be the center of your life. Say a prayer such as, "Holy Spirit, please come into my life in a new way. Holy Spirit please fill me until I am overflowing with the evidence of prayer language. You may or may not get the gift upon saying this prayer. God knows our hearts and minds. He will lead us and guide us in the way we need to go in order to develop spiritually. Unfortunately, from a human point of view,

most of us do not receive this blessing immediately. Surprised? Don't be. Jehovah may have you wait just a small amount of time to receive the anointing from on high with the evidence of speaking in tongues

You are absolutely saved, you are absolutely baptized, and you are absolutely a child of God. Do not worry or become discouraged. This is a natural part of the walk of faith. While some rare people receive the anointing directly, that is not usual. Waiting is a step in learning the virtues or fruit of patience.

Under no circumstances do you give up. Keep going forward with vibrant expectation. Believe and know that you will receive. It is a promise in scripture. God is not a man that He should lie, neither will His word return to Him void. But it will accomplish that which He pleases. The divine is not a magic genie. He is not some magician out there who is just waiting to make things happen for you. Rather, you are now in a relationship with Him, and He is the head. He will lead you in the way that will work best for your soul's growth, and that may mean to wait just a bit...just start praising God. Start saying

Hallelujah again and again. Finally, while saying hallelujah, just let go. Go beyond the page, if you will, see beyond the notes and words, and let God take over your mouth. And He will. Shanda kia samma tia.

When you finally receive your prayer language, do you believe your daily speech is now perfect? Well in prayer language it is, but not in the natural... Sorry. Once again, it is a long, long road from a spirit with prayer language to a soul with its natural speech made perfect by relationship with Christ in the natural realm. Real love needs divine enablement. We need the gifts of the spirit in order to facilitate the development of the fruits. These virtues for which we all seek cannot manifest without divine intervention. The gifts of the spirit realm are Miracle-gro for your soul. It is sometimes said that tongues and the gifts were for a long time ago and not today. This is a lie and it is often perpetrated by those who call themselves harbingers of truth.

At this point it would be a good idea to ask God, the giver and maker of all things for His gifts for you in the spirit realm. These gifts are not to be discounted or trifled. They are active and ready for you.

We all want the ability to truly love and have the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. But this must be facilitated with the working of the gifts of the Spirit in your life. They are what enable you to produce fruit to overflowing - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Love itself cannot

divest of light yet all of us are not enlightened in all areas. We all come short even with good intentions. Sometimes the gifts of the spirit have been attributed to the dark side. But there are always two aspects to every consideration. The very same people who would deride the supernatural gifts of the Spirit will themselves go to séances, mediums, psychics and all kinds of occult practices just to see some type of power and know the future, albeit obscurely. These things are only shadows that most of the time are simply hulls without substance - like an exoskeleton with no insides. By contrast, God's gifts are real and meant for our edification and betterment. They are operative and powerful.

Ask Him now for knowledge, wisdom, healing, miracles, prophecy, and the gifting of discernment.

You may receive more than one of the gifts. And they may also come to you similarly to speaking in tongues. In other words, you may have to wait again - but just for a short while. In this book, a major focus will be on the gift of Discernment. Very early in your walk, you will notice that when you get around a group of believers who are

praising the Lord especially in a church setting, you will feel cold chills or goose bumps. Do not dismiss this. This is one of the beginning stages of this developing gift. You may also feel this sensation when you listen to pure music - maybe a solo flute player or a gifted violinist. Another early manifestation to you of this gifting is when you feel a kick in your upper stomach. This one is usually a sign to you from the Holy Ghost that something is not right - a damage to the core pertaining to you, something you are involved with, or someone else close to the matter at hand, or a situation you may be in at the moment.

The Old and New Testament is bread, meat, and water for your soul. Just as you have a natural body which needs food, so too your

spirit needs nourishment to grow and thrive. Scripture is the great mitigator. This is what begins to change and shape you from the inside out. With the presence of the Holy Ghost in your life in conjunction with your daily efforts at holiness, you and others about you will begin to be able to see something never realized before. Read the Word, listen to it, and memorize it. Just get it inside. As you do this, these morsels of scripture will sink into your soul. Once they are planted, they cannot help but yield a harvest at some point in your life. It is good to speak the Word audibly every day so your mind, will, and emotions can hear the transforming catalyst. This is your cleansing power. Yes, we are already saved. But our goal here on earth is not just to escape hell when we die. It is to be able to live this life to the fullest measure possible while we are here, to make a difference...As a person who aligns themselves with Christ; our greatest aim should be to do great and mighty things with God, for God, through God, and to God for the betterment of all. And this can only be possible when we are in sync with the Holy Ghost's purpose.

The Psalmist David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin against thee." The word sin simply means missing the

mark. Sin is a loss of power; sin is a blocking of the flow of current in whatever area of life has caused the short circuit. Sin is not just a word that makes us recoil or snicker. It is a wound to your soul. It is actually a very grievous infirmity. So then how can we relieve ourselves? The answer is simple. We have to ask God to forgive us and help us and strengthen us. The way He may strengthen us may be different from

how we believe He should strengthen us. But again, His thoughts are not our thoughts. His ways are not our ways.

The soul and the spirit are two separate aspects of ourselves. Our soul is natural. We are born with it. Our spirit is from God. The spirit is clean from the beginning. The soul is on a journey to become like the spirit. It is not clean from the beginning. In fact it is full of a lot of things that are in need of a cleanup. The soul is in a process of becoming. The spirit is already perfect. We are created in the image of God. In each of us there is someone walking on the water, riding the wings of the wind, stilling the storm, making miracles happen and healing those around us who need wholeness.

But how do we get from natural ability to enhanced ability? Is this something that can be conjured on our own recognizance? The path is narrow that leads to life. Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. If we think we have it all, we will never be able to taste the truth ourselves and the power of which we can partake. We must allow the Holy Spirit freedom to work in every area of our life. He must have access to our very core

in order to transform the fibers, cells, and molecules of our being into true sons and daughters of the most high...

How can we open ourselves to the kingdom of heaven and its resultant power? God wants our praise. Praise is a conduit for power. Music is praise. Music is a part of the unseen realm - it is a part of the spirit world. God desires praise from our heart for all the things He has done and will do. The Psalmist David was called a man after God's own heart. All the Psalms were a part of a musical background. This was not music that was written, it was music that was felt and created. God wants us to make melody to Him. He wants us to play a new

song. We are to worship in spirit and truth. True spirit is just that. Truth. Truth releases power. Power breaks the bands which hold us back, which constrain us, which limit us. The praise you generate in the spirit realm will have untold positive impact for you in the natural realm. We must learn to understand, to differentiate, and to discern the difference between soul and spirit. Scripture says God's word is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, of joint and marrow and is a discerner of the

thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12. Spirit music is a part of the full armor of God.

Even if you have taken music lessons for many years, God wants to show you a new way to play and praise, not of notes already written down or the listening to of a CD in order to copy the chords and lyrics. The Almighty does not have struggle in His ways. His ways are not arduous. They are not tedious. They are free-flowing. Spirit music is real expression and creativity from the spirit realm to

you and through you. It is an honor of which we cannot yet fully fathom.

You may be saying to yourself right now that you can't sing much less play an instrument. Stop. Never speak negative words over yourself. Begin to develop an attitude of praise and adoration. Music releases praise and adoration of the heart into and from the spirit realm. And this is exactly where miracles can occur which in turn effect the natural course of events. God wants to hear your praises. A simple step in beginning to practice playing spirit music is to remember to let go and let God. Ask for help when you start to praise Him with sound. This is probably a new asking point for most Christians. But this is the

beginning of life transformation for you from being weak and ineffective to becoming strong and effective.

If you have faith as of a grain of mustard seed you shall say to your mountain remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible to you. Matthew 17:20. If praise is a

mountain, you have to ask God to help you climb the edifice. Simply place your hands on a keyboard - electronic or acoustic or any instrument to which you feel drawn and just begin to press notes. Don't worry what it sounds like. It may not sound the greatest at first. But these are your baby steps. God the Father is smiling in heaven. You are learning to walk in the spirit with power. This type of playing and praising is similar to speaking in tongues on an instrument by using your hands and fingers. As many of us have probably already figured out, life is warfare here on earth against your soul. All things that are hateful would like to stop your steady progress. But God knows when to release His power to combat the darkness. He is teaching your hands to war in the spirit realm...

Old Testament scriptures tell how musicians went before the soldiers into the various battles. This is what God wants us to bring to our remembrance and begin to continue today. What happens triumphant in the spirit will bring victory in the natural. This manner of praise brings healing and growth to your soul - your mind, your

will, your emotions. Spirit music is not something you learn. It is impressed on you. It is something you tactilely experience and feel.

This will aid in the rebuke of the devourer in your life. And while you may not be experiencing an actual physical war, without a doubt we will all go through the battles of life itself with its own and unique post traumatic stresses and the attenuating scars. We need the going forth of praise. Praise becomes a virtual shield around us.

As a Christian on the road to holiness, we must begin to understand the fact that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Everything we have comes from Him. Everything that we have ever owned or had in any way has come from Him. And everything that we will ever glean or accumulate in the future also will come from His hand and storehouse. Scripture tells us how we are to acknowledge and

acquiesce this power truth. We are to acknowledge this promise by our tithing - a giving of 10% of what you have to give, be it time, money, or talent to God. The Old Testament prophet Malachi wrote to his contemporaries and to us today with a great heavenly truth.

He wrote words inspired of the spirit to tell and admonish us to bring all of our tithes into the storehouse and to prove God herewith. We are to prove God and watch if He will not open the windows of heaven in our behalf and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10.

God wants to bless you. He wants you to learn to bless others. By blessing others you not only open a conduit of good for yourself, you are allowing others to see Christ at work here on earth and this in turn blesses God. Who would ever dream that we could be a blessing to God? God wants us to work together as co-creators with Him. He wants to be actively involved in every aspect of your life and that includes finances. Tithing is a spiritual promise and principal of protection and divine enablement in your life. You will only be able to access truth and power in your walk as a Christian as you put yourself into obedience in the word of God.

As we read the word we find there are many references to farmers and times of planting and times of harvest. Our lives can be compared to the farmer's plantings with God as the farmer and our lives likened to a field. Our souls all start with nothing but maybe

weeds and rocks, and briars. The only way to change the topography of the field is to work it. The farmer brings his equipment to the site to begin his task. Weeds need to be eradicated, the soil needs to be ploughed, the clods need to be disked, and the rows have to be harrowed in with seed. So it is with our lives. The farmer then must wait. He must wait for the wind and the sun and the rain to bring the harvest to fruition. And so it is with the efforts of God's labor in our lives.

God is teaching us in small steps how to begin to work in kingdom principles. He wants us to begin to invest in our own lives the principle of the harvest. When we sow we reap. The law of the harvest is immutable as gravity. The type of seed we plant is the kind of fruit we will gather in.