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Increase Thinking: The Spirit of Increase Part II

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Matthew 19:16-22 (New Living Translation, NLT)

16 Someone came to Jesus with this question: “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” 17 “Why ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.” 18 “Which ones?” the man asked. And Jesus replied: “You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. 19 Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 “I’ve obeyed all these commandments,” the young man replied. “What else must I do?” 21 Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

- **Spiritual Increase will not make sense to the natural mind.**
- **The payment for future increase is current possessions (time-talent-treasure).**

You were born for Increase

Genesis 1:26-28 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And **God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man];** and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

- **Question...What is increase for?**
- **Answer...To serve God and Man.**

This is how God responds to a spirit of increase

1 Kings 3:5-14 (AMPC)

5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night. And **God said, Ask what I shall give you.** 6 Solomon said, You have shown to Your servant David my father great mercy *and* loving-kindness, according as he walked before You in faithfulness, righteousness, and uprightness of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great kindness *and* steadfast love, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father, and I am but a lad [in wisdom and experience]; I know not how to go out (begin) or come in (finish). 8 Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people who cannot be counted for multitude. 9 So **give Your servant an understanding mind *and* a hearing heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad. For who is able to judge *and* rule this Your great people?** 10 **It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.** 11 God said to him, Because you have asked this and have not asked for long life or for riches, nor for the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to recognize what is just and right, 12 Behold, I have done as you asked. I have given you a wise, discerning mind, so that no one before you was your equal, nor shall any arise after you equal to you. 13 I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings equal to you all your days. 14 And if you will go My way, keep My statutes and My commandments as your father David did, then I will lengthen your days.

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- **God wants us to do our ABC's**
- **When we ask God for increase He wants us to be good stewards over it. So we go through a faith process to build our ABC's...**
- **Ability - Matthew 25:15**
- **Belief - Mark 9:23-25**
- **Character - Acts 5:1-11 - Who are you when no one is looking?**
- **Deliverance - Joel 2:32 - You cannot conquer what you don't know or HATE**
- **Expectation - Experience**
- **Faith - 2 Corinthians 5:7**

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- **The enemy will attempt to give you what looks like increase that will appeal to your flesh.**

Luke 4:1-13 (New King James Version, NKJV)

1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" 5 **Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.** 6 **And the**

devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” 9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’ 11 and, ‘In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ ” 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

- **When God gives you increase it is designed for your purpose not your flesh**

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- **God will not make something as powerful as increase without giving us what we need to access it.**
- **God has given us all we need to increase!**

2 Peter 1:2-4 (NLT)

2 May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. 3 By his divine power, **God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.** We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.

God Gives Us

- **power, love, discipline – 2 Timothy 1:7**
- **grace/favor – James 4:6**
- **wisdom – James 1:5**
- **faith – Romans 12:3**
- **freewill/choice – Deuteronomy 30:19**
- **seed – 2 Corinthians 9:10**
- **increase – 1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

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- **Many times we ask/pray for things or situations; however, God gave us love, grace, faith, SEED, etc. to grow what we need.**
- **God has given us what we need to get what we need!**

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

22 “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”

- **What am I doing with what God has given me?**
- **How do I maximize what God has given me?**