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Renewed Mind & Receptive Heart: The Spirit of Increase

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Increase Thinking: The Spirit of Increase

> 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
- 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 (New Living Translation, 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)

"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?

The Spirit of Increase

- > Natural increase affects only the natural environments.
- > Spiritual increase affects all environments; natural and spiritual.
- > Natural Increase can be destroyed or taken.
- Spiritual Increase cannot be taken, it must be given away.

Matthew 6:19-25 (NLT)

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. 22 "Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when your eye is

unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! 24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. 25 "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

> We have gotten clear instructions on how to receive in the Spirit, yet we ignore it; leaving us in a position of wanting when we already have.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

- > The natural habitat of The Spirit of Increase is in the Kingdom.
- When you receive Jesus as your Savior and asked for His Spirit (Holy) to live in you, access was given into spiritual environments called The Kingdom of God.
- > The benefits of the Kingdom are available to all but accessed by few; it takes faith!

Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)

13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.