

Those who are generous, will have their needs met and will also enjoy abundance as they fulfill their dream.

2 Corinthians 9:6 & 8 (NIV) "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows GENEROUSLY will also reap GENEROUSLY... And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

3. CULTIVATE _____

Hebrews 6:13-15 (NIV) "When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, 'I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.' And so after WAITING PATIENTLY, Abraham received what was promised."

Galatians 6:9(NIV) "Let us not become weary in doing good [sowing and reaping], for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Sowing and reaping is a process.

- A. You reap _____ you sow
- B. You reap _____ than you sow
- C. You reap _____ than you what you sow

SPECIAL DOUBLE BLESSING FOR NEW TESTAMENT

BELIEVERS: If I am committed to being a blessing to others... then God promises me a Double Portion!

In the Old Testament, the firstborn son was given a double portion because they were responsible for the whole family. At their birth, it was registered that they were the first.

But, in the New Testament, not only is Jesus the firstborn, but every believer shares the "firstborn" status with him.

Hebrews 12:22-23 "But you have come to Mount Zion... to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven..."

TO DREAM AGAIN:

**Opening My Heart To New
Doors & Opportunities**



WEEK 7: DREAMING OF A FUTURE FILLED WITH BLESSING & ABUNDANCE

EPHESIANS 3:20 (MSG)

"God can do anything, you know, far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest **DREAMS!**"

Definition of a DREAM: _____

ISAIAH 61:7 & 9 (NIV)

"Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs..."

Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has **BLESSED.**"

Definition of BLESSED: _____

JESUS SAID: "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in **ABUNDANCE** [to the full, till it overflows]." ~John 10:10 (AMP)

I have a right to dream about a life filled with _____ and
_____ because that is God's dream for me.

THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S BLESSING:

EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM

GENESIS 12:1-3 (NIV)

"The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'"

God gave Abraham a dream and then promised him blessings:

1. To become a great nation- _____
2. To have a great name- _____
3. God would bless those who bless Abraham- _____
4. God would defend Abraham from those who curse him- _____
5. **The purpose of God blessing Abraham is so that** _____

The same blessing that was given to Abraham, the father of our faith, is yours, if you will be committed to the purpose of the blessing.

Galatians 3:13-14 (NIV) "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.' He redeemed us in order that the BLESSING GIVEN TO ABRAHAM might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit."

Christ redeemed you from the curse of _____
so that you could _____ **God's blessings and** _____

HOW TO ENJOY GOD'S BLESSING

1. CULTIVATE _____

In the Bible, blessing is connected to obedience.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NIV) "**If** you fully OBEY the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these BLESSINGS will come upon you and accompany you **if** you OBEY the Lord your God."

Abraham obeyed God: "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." ~Hebrews 11:8

The first and greatest commandment is to love God

Mark 12:30 (NIV) "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Your obedience to this commandment to love God and put him first in your life is practically lived out by _____

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) "The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives."

2. CULTIVATE _____

John 10:10 (AMP) "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in ABUNDANCE [to the full, till it overflows]."

Satan is a _____ and God is a _____. My old sinful (selfish) nature made me a _____. As I become more like Jesus, I become more and more _____