

"2026, THE YEAR OF INCREASE"

PRAYER AND FASTING OVERVIEW 2026 (see handout)

A KEY FOR THE DOOR

A YEAR OF INCREASE!

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

⁹ But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰ and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. *But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more*; ¹¹ that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

Paul Understood Increase

Philippians 3:7-11 (Msg) ⁷⁻⁹ The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. ***Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life.*** Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—*God's* righteousness.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself. If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it.

3 WAYS TO INCREASE *Giving* *Loving* *Serving*

KEY #1 Let GIVING Increase

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Acts 6:35

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'

2 Corinthians 9:10

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

Psalms 37:25, 26

I have been young, and *now* am old;

Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

²⁶ *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed.

- Giving is initially a discipline
- Giving defeats the self nature
- Giving releases miracles!
- Giving reflects God's Nature
- Giving may be God's miracle for someone else!

-Find ways to give

-Be mindful of having a giving nature

Key #2 Let LOVE Increase

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

The "How To" of Love

- Love is patient
- Love is kind.
- Love is not jealous
- Love is not boastful
- Love is not proud
- Love is not rude.
- Love does not demand its own way.
- Love is not irritable,
- Love keeps no record of being wronged.
- Love does not rejoice about injustice
- Love rejoices whenever the truth wins out
- Love never gives up,
- Love never loses faith
- Love is always hopeful
- Love endures through every circumstance.

14:1 *"Let love be your highest goal"*

Make This Confession:

"I have the NATURE of God"

"I can LOVE like God"

"I GIVE MYSELF to loving like Him"

"I will INCREASE in His love through me"

Key #3 Let SERVING Increase

Mark 10:35-45³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

³⁷ They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

³⁹ They said to Him, “We are able.”

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared.”

⁴¹ And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Rebekah Genesis 24:1-48

Elisha 2 Kings 3:11, 12

Jesus John 13:12-17

GIVE, LOVE AND SERVE!!!