

GOD WANTS A FAMILY 10 - HOW TO STAY FULL OF GOD

Ephesians 3:14-21 TPT

*So I kneel humbly in awe before the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, [15] the perfect Father of every father and child in heaven and on the earth. [16] And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until **supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power.** [17] Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life. [18-19] Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—**this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!** [20] Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest **request**, your most unbelievable **dream**, and exceed your wildest **imagination! He will outdo them all**, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you. [21] Now we offer up to God all the glorious praise that rises from every church in every generation through Jesus Christ—and all that will yet be manifest through time and eternity. Amen!*

I. STAYING FULL OF GOD

Rom. 8:18 *For I consider that the **sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory which shall be revealed in us.** 19 For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.***

A. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS HIS SONS TO STAY FULL

1. THE FULLNESS OF HIS GLORY IS REVEALED WHEN WE COME THROUGH OUR STRUGGLES VICTORIOUS (NOT AVOID THEM)
2. BEING FULL OF THE SPIRIT IS ABOUT HIS GLORY IN US, HIS POWER THROUGH US AND OUR PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION - WHICH IS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN US

Gal. 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. CHARACTER OF JESUS/ GOD*

3. WE ARE MADE COMPLETE IN CHRIST - WE HAVE ALL WE NEED!

COL. 2:10 NLT *So you also are **complete through your union with Christ...***

B. OBSTACLES TO FULLNESS are OBSTACLES TO FREEDOM, too

ISAIAH 61:1 *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach **good tidings to the poor**; He has sent Me to heal **the brokenhearted**, To proclaim liberty to **the captives**, And the opening of the prison to **those who are bound**;² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To **comfort all who mourn**,³ To console **those who mourn in Zion**, To give them **beauty for ashes**, The **oil of joy for mourning**, The **garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; That they may be called **trees of righteousness**, The **planting of the LORD**, that He may be glorified."*

1. SORROW AND LOSS - THE KEY IS TO NOT CAMP IN THAT VALLEY!

Psa. 23:4 *Yea, **though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

Psa. 84:6 *When they **walk through** the Valley of Weeping, (Baca) it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings.*

2. DISAPPOINTMENT - WE MISS OUR MEETING WITH GOD. *When we believe God for something, but are unable to hold onto Him in testing*

3. DEPRESSION -CHEMICAL, SPIRITUAL OR EMOTIONAL SUFFERING

4. UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS (Sin, but especially **acts committed from our brokenness can reinforce and deepen our brokenness) **WE ARE MEANT TO BE TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS****

5. UNBELIEF - FAITH AND BELIEF ARE NOT QUITE THE SAME. YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST AND STILL NOT BELIEVE ALL THAT HE HAS FOR YOU

6. DEFEAT - A CITY WITHOUT WALLS

Prov. 25:28 *Whoever has **no rule over his own spirit** is like a **city broken down, without walls. (DEFENSELESS)***

7. NEGLECT - ANY UNTENDED FIRE WILL EVENTUALLY GO OUT

II. HOW SONS OF GOD STAY FULL OF GOD - Pay attention to these areas

A. INWARD FULLNESS - ABIDING IN CHRIST - JOHN 15, JOHN 6:53-58

- 1. CULTIVATE HIS PRESENCE INSIDE** - *Worship, Holy Spirit Baptism, Tongues, The Word, Gratitude deepens God-Awareness in us, **Faith***
 - **Pray as a way to have fellowship, not just to get help.** Sing out loud (*our singing neighbor*). Use your imagination. Listen.
 - **Read, know and believe the Word of God.** Believing is like lifting weights. Maybe you can only lift two pounds when you start. But, if you keep at it, you will increase your lifting capacity and strength.
 - **Fullness begins with thirst and asking.** Do both regularly.

John 7:37 *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone thirsts**, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ **He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers** of living water.”*

- 2. THE DISCIPLINES OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE** - *Make room for invisible realities, Fill your eyes, ears and mouth with good things (YOUR Spiritual gates) **Righteousness and evil are both contagious**. Pursue freedom daily!*

3. LOVE GOD, YOURSELF AND OTHERS - LOVE IS A DECISION!

Self hatred, self harm, depression, insignificance and inferiority are all the exact opposite of how God feels about you

- 4. ACCEPT THAT YOU ARE CREATED IN HIS IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.** *PROXY, REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR, AGENT, REFLECTION, TREASURE, SPIRIT*

2 COR. 3:18 NLT *So all of us who have had that veil removed **can see and reflect** the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—**makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.***

2Cor. 4:7 NIV *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

B. OUTWARD FULLNESS - LOVE, GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION

- 1. MAKE IT A GOAL TO SHIFT ATMOSPHERES. YOU ARE POWERFUL**

2. **BE AN INTENTIONAL BLESSING TO OTHERS** (*do it on purpose!*)
 3. **BE MORE GENEROUS** (*Stinginess dries up the heart!*)
 4. **DO GOOD** *It will make you feel like mother Teresa while you are changing someone's life.*
- C. **FORWARD FULLNESS** - HAVE MISSION AND PURPOSE.

THE GOAL OF FREEDOM IS TO BE A TREE PLANTED BY THE LORD
ISAIAH 61:3

MAKE IT YOUR GOAL TO BECOME A RIGHTEOUS TREE OF LIFE!

III. TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (ISAIAH 61:3)

TREES ARE LEADERSHIP, RESOURCE, STABILITY AND (TREE OF) LIFE

Psa. 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ **He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water**, That brings forth its fruit in its season, **Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**

Jer. 17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. **8** For he shall be *like a tree* planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And **will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.**

Luke 13:19 It [THE KINGDOM] is *like a mustard seed*, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and **became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.** **HIS KINGDOM IS LIKE HIM!**

Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a **tree of life**

Prov. 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But when the desire comes, it is a **tree of life.**

OUR DECLARATION:

WE ARE FIRMLY ROOTED BY WATER. OUR BRANCHES PROVIDE SHADE AND NESTING PLACES FOR OTHERS. WE ARE A TREE OF LIFE - WE ARE FULL OF GOD!