

Month: August 2012

Scripture: *Mathew 13:8* “*Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!*”

Food for thought: 30 fold mentalities never excel to 100 fold opportunities!



We probably don't think a lot about how we automatically measure everything that we hear. When I hear the Word regarding my situation, I determine whether it is received or not, and to what level it is received. I personally measure everything that I hear because I have learnt that the Word of God responds to my measuring device. Mark 4:24 says, “The way “you” hear it, the way “you” measure and respond to it is the measure that it works in your life. God is not measuring this for you. One person can get 30 fold because that is what they have heard and responded to yet another person can get 60 fold because that is what he heard and responded to.

How do you respond to everything that you hear? Maybe you have developed a habit of saying I doubt I can do this or that. Well, “I doubt it” is a measure. “I believe that”, is also a measure. The point is that everything that comes to us is measured. It is then accepted or rejected based on that measurement. Remember the story of the woman with the issue of blood? She pressed her way through the crowd to get to Jesus and said, “If I can but touch the hem of his garment I will be healed”. She saw it on the inside. Her faith responded to that measurement. Jesus confirmed that. He said, “Your faith has made you whole”. Everything responds to how you measure your circumstances.

Remember the Centurion soldier who asked Jesus to come and heal his servant? He said, “Speak the Word only”. He did not need to touch the garment. He measured it differently. Remember the example of the twelve spies' when Israel came out of Egypt. Ten measured it to be impossible. Two measured it differently. They said “We are well able to take the land”. The ten said “I know there are grapes, but did you see the size of the giants?” Joshua and Caleb said, “I know that there are giants, but did you see the size of the grapes?” Both sides addressed the same challenge, but they both measured it differently. **The way you measure it is the way that you are going to get it!!**

When you say “I can’t do that”, that becomes your measurement. You draw boundaries around yourself and your potential. The truth is 30 fold mentalities never excel to 100 fold opportunities. Being negative is a measurement. Saying i was born on the wrong side of the track is a measurement. Saying I wasn’t born with the right ethnic or social back ground is a measurement. And they become the water mark for your life.

That is why Jesus said, “Take heed what you hear, because the way you hear is the way it is going to be measured back to you. When we measure something, God operates within the boundaries of that measurement. If you have a grass hopper mentality, that will become the boundary that affects everything that you do. Avoid people who can never see a way out. Stay away from complainers. They will destroy your dream and bring you into captivity.

One woman says the tank is half full, the other one says it is half empty. They both said the same thing but they measured it differently. Maybe this is your problem. Maybe you only see the tank as half empty. Maybe you have been disappointed so many times that you are afraid to stretch your faith out there. I want to encourage you to begin to dream again, to pursue your dreams. Let the weak say “I am strong”. Let the poor say “I am rich”.

What you measure allows or disallows opportunities in your life. For the month of August try to apply 2 Corinthians 10:5 to your life “Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and brings into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”.

Change what you see, change what you say and you will turn the direction of your life toward fullness and 100 fold!

Love

Mercy