

## Called To Reign Lesson 7 **“Inheritance – Heirs of God”**

### What do I have?

“Only those with the right identity as sons and daughters, who are living in intimacy with the Father in His home, can experience the inheritance that is available to them.”

There was a man who was a millionaire but spent his life scavenging in the streets because he was constantly afraid he might not have enough. He could have enjoyed a life of abundance, but his fear would not let him.

That’s how many Christians live:

**We hope to step into our inheritance without realizing we already have it.**

**We live toward our inheritance rather than living from it.**

**We look forward to the inheritance we will receive in heaven without any awareness of heaven’s resources that are available to us now.**

It really is possible to receive a kingdom inheritance now and draw on the resource of heaven, but HOW?

- By knowing who we are and whose we are: Identity and Intimacy,

When we experience the inheritance that is available to us – we become a resting place where heaven is attracted to the Christ who is at home in us.

### Many believers don’t know the fullness of their inheritance:

- God has poured the spirit of son-ship into our hearts – Gal. 4:4-6 “When that era came to an end and the time of fulfillment had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the written law. Yet all of this was so that He would redeem and set free all those held hostage to the written law so that we would receive our freedom and a full legal adoption as his children. So that we would know for sure that we are His true children, God released the Spirit of Son ship into our hearts – moving us to cry out intimately, My Father, You’re our true Father.”
- He has assured us, as the father of the Prodigal son in Luke 15:31 “All that I have is yours.”
- We are in the family and have the family inheritance – Luke 12:32 “It’s the Fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
- Jesus is the Son who inherits the nations – Psa. 2:8 “Ask Me to give You the nations and I will do it, and they shall become Your legacy...”

- Jesus is He for whom all things are made – Col. 1:16 “For in Him was created the universe of things, both in the heavenly realm and on the earth, all that is seen and all that is unseen. Every seat of power, realm of government, principality and authority it all exists through Him and for His purpose.”
- Jesus inherits every bit of it and with Him, we are co-heirs – Rom.8:17 “Since we are His true children, we qualify to share all His treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God Himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that He is and all that He has.”
- God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ – Eph. 1:3 “Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful Heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus – all because He sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate Him with all our hearts.”
- There is no lack, no limit in these promises. Rooted and grounded in love, we can know the love of Christ and be filled with the fullness of the Father, who can do exceedingly beyond all that we ask or think - Eph. 3:14-21.

This inheritance is already yours, but your access to it comes through intimacy with the Father.

Being intimate with Him reveals His heart toward you.

You received this not by doing something but by being, knowing who you are and who He is.

As you learn the family business, the family inheritance is released to you in increasing measure.

### **Learn to value your inheritance:**

When we value something in the kingdom of God, we steward it.

When we steward what God has given us, we can multiply it.

There was a wealthy business man who purchased his wife an incredibly gorgeous diamond ring. It looked like she was wearing a massive thing on her finger.

They had several guests to their home for a dinner and the wife was a great cook also.

They were entertaining the guests with the art collection and she thought of showing them the beautiful ring. But she had taken it off to do the cooking and now, she could not find it.

They searched everywhere, the trash, under things, drawers, but could not find the ring.

After the guests left, they did an exhaustive search and finally found it.

Why did they search so diligently and why the focus and energy to find it?

It had value and they were willing to do anything to recapture this ring that had such value to it.

We must understand what the Lord has made available to us. It is worth our focus and energy to access what His Son paid such a high price to obtain for us.

God has provided a heaven full of resources that He wants to see His sons and daughters to bring to earth.

We wonder why we have so little of what He wants for us now, it's because we do not know how to value it.

One of the reasons we write such small checks for our heavenly account is that we don't know the value of what we have been given.

### **What we have:**

Many believers jump from church to church looking for signs of their inheritance while never finding their identity in the Lord or going deep with Him in intimacy.

The estate of God's Kingdom does not look like the estate of this world:

- Many not realizing their inheritance think in terms of profit and loss – what's in it for me.
- Others, who do realize what the Lord has done for them think in terms of inheritance.

We recognize the importance of inheritance in the stories in Luke 15:

1. The shepherd left the 99 to find the 1.

People who realize the importance of inheritance say: "That's good economy, go after the lost one. We are family and can't lose even one."

People who don't know the importance of inheritance say: "Why are you leaving us to go after a stray? We need you."

One thinks in terms of inheritance, the other in terms of profit and loss.

2. The woman who lost one of ten coins searches until she finds the one lost.

She goes to great effort to find the one lost.

Jesus is showing us how God thinks and is a steward and takes care of things.

3. The prodigal son – both are sons and they are focused on themselves and their share of the estate – inheritance.

Orphan hearts value people – spouse, family, friends, for what that person can give to them and how that person can bless them rather than for who that person is.

Churches are filled with a “bless me, give me, fill me” attitude today – consumer mentality of what they can get and what’s in it for them rather than how they can bless and be a blessing to others and the Kingdom of God.

The father did not give these sons their total inheritance – he gave them a share of the estate – a portion of his livelihood– Luke 15:13.

An inheritance is tied to maturity – so the father did not give the son everything – he gave him a portion to steward.

An orphan spirit lives **toward** inheritance – a spirit of adoption lives **from** inheritance.

### **Honor:**

Something was missing from the younger son – honor of his father.

This is one of the greatest missing components in peoples live today – honor.

This is also known as maturity.

It’s an attitude in business, the home/family, governments, even ministry.

“One day I’m going to be the boss,” “Someday, I’ll replace the president or leader.”

**When we value God, we value people!**

When a father or mother has worked hard for something, a leader has built the way for others to be blessed and prosper; there needs to be honor for that person.

Honor is what love looks like

Our sense of valuing what others have done will result in our stewardship,

That stewardship will result in multiplication,

That multiplication will result in authority.

Many of us today have received gifts and blessings from the Lord.

How we deal with them will determine how we will be entrusted with heavenly riches.

The rebellious son of Luke 15 mishandled his inheritance and dishonored his father and his culture.

- He didn’t have a right to take what belonged to his father and waste it.
- He always was thinking only of himself, like the heroin addict who has run out of money, drugs – a basement apartment with a little food and basics looks good.
- He wasn’t sorry about wasting everything – he simply felt the consequences of his sin.

The father ran to greet him upon his return home.

He wasn't hiding anything from his wayward son, the inheritance was there all along; the father was waiting for the son to become mature enough to move into his inheritance.

### **The Ring:**

You will get to heaven with the robe,  
but you will not bring heaven to yourself until you've got the ring.

Many who sense their value system is God-centered are people who are involved in ministry; or have done their best to live up to God's standards in marriage, family and work – may be focused on self.

It is subtle if we value God and others for what they do for us rather than who they are.

This is orphan thinking.

The Father wants to give us His signature ring which moves us into a new level of inheritance.

Many believers have the robe in place: they are righteous, a son/daughter and co-heir with Jesus; but until you have the ring, you do not have the inheritance.

The robe transfers you from a sinner to a saint; the signature ring allows you to represent your Father and His Kingdom.

### **Covenant not Contract:**

In the end of the story of the Prodigal son, we find a celebration that father gives to his returning son.

It is the covenant meal of the fattened calf – reserved for making covenants between people.

It is a covenant meal because **inheritance** comes from a **covenant** not a **contract**.

- A contract is conditional based on the performance of the parties contracting with each other.
- A covenant is based on who we are, it implies an unconditional relationship.
- We are one with the Father in covenant with Him, not based on our performance but on our identity.
- Once we become one with Him, the invitation is there for us to enter into the covenant, where we live not from measure but from fullness.

The older brother mentality still have a core value of doing in order to have and then to become: “We are out there working, they are achievers and not receivers.”

But the Fathers value system is we are not defined by what we do, but by whose we are – HIS.

Older brothers always see lack in themselves and others.  
Someone is always getting something they deserve or need.  
They never realize the Father owns the bakery or the bank or whatever is needed.

They tend to live from limitations rather than from abundance.  
They always question: “Why did that person get blessed and I didn’t, they were awarded and I was overlooked, they were healed and I wasn’t, what’s wrong with me or what’s wrong with God, I’ve believed and been a believer for years and they are new and waltz right in here and get noticed and blessed.”

God has prepared a wealth of inheritance for those who love Him.  
We did nothing to achieve it and we can truly only receive it from the Father.

This is the way it works in the Kingdom of God.  
Many believers are achievers, so they try to get an inheritance.  
The truth is, inheritance has already got you.  
It is available without measure for those who will learn how to steward it.

Paul wrote: 1Cor. 2:12 “we don’t have the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”

There are NO limits to what we have been freely given:  
1Cor. 2:9 “Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

These are amazing promises that we can experience as we enter into the Identity of who we are – the Intimacy of our Father’s love and the Heirship with Himself and co-heirs with Jesus Christ.