

WHAT IS YOUR POTENTIAL?

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**“I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.”**

Ω Philippians 4:13

What is your potential? Have you thought about it lately? Well, it may surprise you to know that God thinks about it every day when He thinks about you! Most Christians, because they've been beaten down by the devil and demons so much in these last days and are under spiritual attack to keep them from reaching God's potential, don't even know that God is constantly thinking about you and encouraging you to reach your potential which is “the perfect man—the full stature of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13)

That's why He gave us the Bible and the Holy Spirit to help us reach this full potential. But unless you change your way of thinking and probably the discipline (or lack thereof) in your life you will never begin to think this way, i.e., the way God thinks (Isaiah 55), and see yourself the way God sees you and be able to do the things He wants you to do.

If you've not read our writings over the years, especially my books *The Prophetic Voice* and *Revelations from God*, then you may not know much about your potential and how God sees you. But there is a principle in the Scriptures that I've written about and will write about again this week that demonstrates what I've written about the prophetic, i.e., that God speaks to our potential when He gives us personal prophecies. We see it throughout the Bible. The *reason* God does this is because He sees us the way we truly are—through the Blood of Jesus in Christ and thus able to do “all things” as our key scripture demonstrates. We limit both ourselves and God when we don't believe the Scriptures and thus don't act in faith.

For example, in the Book of Judges we begin to get an idea of Israel's inability to follow the Lord over a period of hundreds of years after the death of Joshua and those elders who took the nation into the Promised Land. There is a pattern of “Rs” that God uses with His covenant people: rebellion (the people rebel against God and His leadership), retribution (or judgment), repentance (the people repent because of God's judgment) and finally restoration to God because of repentance.

The Lord has only had two covenant people in history and like Israel, most of the Church today is in rebellion to the Lord and is not following the Holy Spirit; therefore, we should expect to see God's “retribution” or judgment against the church or those churches that are not following the leading of the Holy Spirit. We see this pictured in Revelation 3—Jesus standing at the door of His own Church trying to

get back in because, as the Lord told me in 1991: “the Church is not being led by the Holy Spirit; it’s being led by religious spirits.”

Now, like in Judges, God raises up leaders and those who will follow Him; however, they are normally rejected like Moses was or Jesus because they are not who the people are looking for or because they are not Mr. or Miss “Big Name Ministry.” Gideon was such a man in his day and we pick up his story in Judges 6 where God found him during an ordinary day of “beating out wheat.” But notice what follows and you will see the principle I’ve been talking about:

“And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

And I always say when preaching about this principle either from this scripture or others: “At this point Gideon began his Robert DeNiro imitation, ‘Are you talking to me? (while he looks all around to see who this angel is *really* talking to because it certainly couldn’t be him, right?) Are you talking to me? Well, I’m the only one here!” (from the movie, *Taxi Driver*)

Most of us are like Gideon because we see his reaction to “being sent” on a mission from God, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” Wow! Gideon’s image of himself was entirely different than God’s because God was speaking to his potential!

Do you feel like you’re “the least in your Father’s house?” Well I’ve got good news for you; you’re right where God wants you. He can use you for His purposes and plans like He did Gideon **IF He can get you to understand that you “can do all things through Christ” and “with God all things are possible.”**

Yes, we all believe in the supernatural and the miracles of God. Apostle Evelyn and I have seen most of them including God raising the dead on several occasions and yes it’s easier to have faith for such

things when you've seen it a million times but just remember, God is only limited by your words—your confession—no matter what He calls you to do. Your part is not to doubt but to “speak the word only” and especially Ephesians 4:13 over the situation and God will bring it to pass through you. Remember, He has to use somebody to fulfill prophecy and His plans so it just might be you.

Just like Gideon or David with Goliath after Gideon, God uses common men and women to accomplish quite uncommon feats. It's not us doing it; is always the Spirit of Christ Jesus in us that “doeth the works” as Jesus said of Himself in John 14:10. And as long as you can believe and not allow pride or other sins to take over God will use you as well to accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God. I know that this message that the Lord gave me this morning is for quite a few people that are limiting what God has raised you up to do simply because of your thinking: “I can't do that.” The enemy has used this to stop the work of God in your life. Don't let the enemy be victorious.

The Lord has used my wife and I to prophesy many gifts into people's lives just like we see in the New Testament. Unfortunately, we've seen all too often those same people never take up those gifts and begin to use them to bless others, e.g., the Gift of Working of Miracles or other special gifts. I still have a recording from a church service back in 1996 when I prophesied a gift to a woman named Kathleen in the Portland area that had never happened before or since—God was sending her only to the terminally ill to pray over them and bring healing. And back in those days we were ministering quite a bit in the Portland area. When we would return to Portland we would see Kathleen from time to time but she never once moved out by faith and began ministering her gift.

Before you were created you were first a dream in the heart of the Father. He thought about you—who He wanted you to be and what He wanted to accomplish with your life. His dream was the tender dream

of a father for his child. He then inscribed you on the palms of His hands (Is. 49:16). When Jesus and the Holy Spirit were creating your spirit in Heaven they looked into the very heart of God and pulled that dream out. This is the blue print they used to create you. They placed within you every gift, the seeds of God's character (fruit of the Spirit), etc., all of the potential that you would ever need to bring that dream to pass. Hence the title of this article: What is your potential? You need to pray into this and discover your potential if you don't already know what it is.

Your potential or destiny for the kingdom of God is a finished dream—a Father's dream, a powerful dream born in the depth of God's heart for His child. That is why the Scripture speaks about "deep calling to deep." Often in the Scriptures we see God saying to His servants like He did to Joshua: "Fear not" or "Don't be afraid." He does that to remind us that although things may look impossible to our physical eyes, He is with us to accomplish what He sets our hands to do. So remember, when you feel the unction of the Holy Spirit, move out in faith like Gideon and David did; don't be afraid and God will use you to your full potential to shake the nations and raise the dead. Praise God!