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5 Keys to Abundance

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John 10:10

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.” (NKJV)

I. Hold On To The Promises

- The opposite of holding on is letting go.
- Do we focus on the negatives OR God's promises/prophetic word?

I. Hold On To The Promises

- Exodus 1:7
“But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased **abundantly**, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.” (NKJV)
- Exodus 1:21
“And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.” (NKJV)
- The midwives obeyed God and God blessed them abundantly with households.

I. Hold On To The Promises

- Pharaoh tried to stop the abundance of the Israelites by:

- I. **Killing** the baby boys

V 22 “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.” (NKJV)

2. **Stole** their abundance/inheritance by making them slaves and work physically hard.

V 14 “And they (Egyptians) made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field.” (NKJV)

1. Hold On To The Promises

3. Chasing after them to the Red Sea to **destroy** their freedom and enslave them again.
Exodus 14

- Moses had to hold on to the promises God had given him.

Exodus 3:8

“So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”

v10 “Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” (NKJV)

2. Don't Look Back

Exodus 16:3

“If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” (NIV)

- The windscreen
- There is a difference between looking back and **learning** from the past compared to looking back and **longing** for the past.

2. Don't Look Back

Philippians 3:13-14

¹³ ... but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (NASB)

- To run the race you have to look forward.
- If you look back too much you will stumble and fall.

3. Fight

- Things of value are worth fighting for.

2 Timothy 1:14

“Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you — guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.” (NIV)

3. Fight

- What do you fight for?
 - Intimacy with God
 - Relationships – courtship, marriage, friendship
 - Time
 - Freedom
 - Peace, joy
 - Health, sleep

4. Allow The Word To Form

- How?
 - Recognising the prophet and the Word
 - Discipline
 - Discipleship – CTD, MC, Armour Bearing
 - Reflecting upon God's Word
 - Allow others to speak into your life / Mentors
 - Spirit rising above flesh

4. Allow The Word To Form

- What Word are we allowing to form in our lives?
 - Promises of God / spoken word
 - Written Word of God
 - Christ “The Word”

John 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (NIV)

5. Step Into Abundance

- An act of faith
- Holy Spirit goes before us.

Romans 8:26

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” (NIV)

5. Step Into Abundance

- God is abundant and all He is, is abundant:
 - Governance
 - Authority
 - Love
 - Forgiveness
 - Grace
 - Blessings

5. Step Into Abundance

- Embrace it
- Declare it
- If we don't step into God's abundance, then the Word just remains a promise.
- Today, step into God's abundance!