



## ARE YOU A SURVIVOR OR A THRIVER?

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### ***A Thriver's decree according to Deuteronomy 28:***

- the blessings come upon me and overtake me
- blessed in the city and the field
- blessed is the fruit of my body
- blessed is my work-place
- blessed when I come in and go out
- my enemies are defeated before my face, they flee in seven ways
- the blessing is on my storehouse
- I am established as a Kingdom ambassador, called by the Name of the Lord
- I have a surplus of prosperity
- I am the lender and not the borrower
- I live under the rain of God's provision and not in the desert
- all the work of my hands are blessed
- I am the head and not the tail
- I am above and never beneath
- I am blessed and not cursed
- I listen to the voice of my Saviour and do not go after any other gods
- I am set high above the nations of the earth

### **What are the prerequisites to THRIVE?**

We have moved into a *post-basic* phase in the Body of Christ where we definitely *know all the stuff*, but we do not necessarily EXPERIENCE it to THRIVE, but are rather stuck in SURVIVOR-mode.

### **Empowered to Prosper!**

*And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high.*

**Luke 24:49**

**AND WHEN** the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place, When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.

And they were all *filled (diffused throughout their souls)* with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].

Now there were then residing in Jerusalem Jews, devout and God- fearing men from every country under heaven.

And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together and they were astonished and bewildered, because each one heard them [the apostles] speaking in his own [particular] dialect.

And they were beside themselves with *amazement*, saying, Are not all these who are talking Galileans?

Then how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own (particular) dialect to which we were born?

Parthians and Medes and Elamites and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and [the province of] Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and the transient residents from Rome, both Jews and the proselytes [to Judaism from other religions],

Cretans and Arabians too—we all hear them speaking in our own native tongues [and telling of] the mighty works of God!

*And all were beside themselves with amazement and were puzzled and bewildered, saying one to another, What can this mean?*

*But others made a joke of it and derisively said, They are simply drunk and full of sweet [intoxicating] wine.*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: You Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be [explained] to you so that you will know and understand; listen closely to what I have to say.

*For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is [only] the third hour (about 9:00 a. m.) of the day;*

*But [instead] this is [the beginning of] what was spoken through the prophet Joel:*

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams.*

**Acts 2:1-17**

Do you use your POWER? Do you DO something with it, channel it into something?

Are you busy with the counterfeits of TRUE power?

***NOW AFTER this the Lord chose and appointed seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come (visit).***

**Luke 10: 1**

Never as individuals, always the corporate!

### **How is COUNTERFEIT POWER defined?**

According to Acts 2 must be the total opposite of what happened there:

- something orderly
- something with time limits
- not in one accord, thus disunity, rebellion
- individual anointing, not the corporate- all about me, mine and I, my position and my ambitions
- “own mind” or partial agreement (agreement only on certain levels)

***I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]***

**John 16:33**

***Thus you are nullifying and making void and of no effect [the authority of] the Word of God through your tradition, which you [in turn] hand on. And many things of this kind you are doing.***

**Mark 7: 13**

***Woe to you, scribes and pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)!...***

***You are like tombs that have been white-washed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside you are full of dead men's bones and everything impure.***

***Just so, you also outwardly seem to people to be just and upright but inside you are full of pretense and lawlessness and iniquity.***

**Matthew 23:23-28**



This elephant was emotionally tormented to the place where he was willing to give up his inherent identity, and thus his authority. He still had the inherent power, authority or dunamis, but in his mind did not have what it takes. In his mind he has become a SURVIVOR! But in his heart he will always be a THRIVER!

*For they failed to consider or understand [the teaching and meaning of the miracle of] the loaves; [in fact] their hearts had grown callous [had become dull and had lost the power of understanding].*

**Mark 6: 52**

*So [as the result of the Messiah's intervention] they shall [reverently] fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in, like a flood the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives].*

**Isaiah 59:19**

**Your Power has just taken a Quantum Leap right there!**