

THE MAN DIMENSION OF GENEROSITY – Part 2**COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!****RECAP: IDENTIFY WHO YOU ARE CONNECTED TO**

Where you are planted and connected matters. Illustrated by the Parable of the Soils.

- Where you are COMMITTED.
- Where you are COMFORTED.
- Where you are CORRECTED.
- Where you are CHALLENGED.
- Where you are CROWNED.

ILLUSTRATION FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID

- Ahithophel – wise counselor, well respected in the land. Switched camps to Absalom. Later hanged himself. **2 SAMUEL 16, 17**
- Jonathan – son of King Saul, next in line to be King. Protected David and made a covenant with him. Secured the life of his children – Mephibosheth. **1 SAMUEL 18:3, 2 SAMUEL 9:3**

THE POWER OF GIVING [TO YOUR MAN OF PEACE]

PROVERBS 18:16 – A man's gift will make room for him.

GENESIS 27:1-4 – Isaac asks for food before blessing Esau.

ESTHER 5:1-5; 7:1-3 - Esther prepares a meal before the request.

[Repeated phrase: Found favor in your sight].

GENESIS 18:1-11 - Abraham cooks for angels before prophecy.

- The principle is in the Word of God. Though it has been abused,
- Critical to your faith because investing in the wrong soil will frustrate your harvest.
- IDENTIFY YOUR BROOK, CONNECT TO YOUR MAN OF PEACE, then GIVE.

7 Guidelines of Giving to Man – Honor

1. Give it as unto the Lord. **ACTS 5:1-5**

2. Give into covenant, not just to a good man. Sow to where you are covered.
3. Give it without stipulation, demands, or intention to manipulate. **GENESIS 14:15-24**
4. Give, not under compulsion, but with honor and a cheerful heart. **2 CORINTHIANS 9:5-8**
5. Give proactively and generously. **PHILIPPIANS 4:15-19** **1 KINGS 4:8-17**
6. Give without worshipping the man or making them God. **PSALM 62:5-7**
7. Give with expectation that your giving will provoke a blessing. **1 KINGS 17:10-15**
MATTHEW 10:40-41

The level and heart behind your giving will determine what dimension of the man, or of God, shows up.