

The 8th Key To The Kingdom (AND 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th)

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You may want to know right off what Key 8 is, and I expect that that anticipation is growing within you as you have progressed in the first 7 Keys. But, it behooves me to begin by reminding you of what the first 7 Keys are and consist of:

Key 1:
FAITH!

Remind yourself that God's Word declares to us that GOD IS THE AUTHOR...OF OUR FAITH!!!!!!! (Hebrews 12:2).

Key 2:
FAITHFULNESS!

Remind yourself that God's Word declares to us that GOD IS THE... FINISHER OF OUR FAITH!!!!!!! (Hebrews 12:2).

We mustn't think that INITIAL Faith is the WHOLE process, but only the very BEGINNING OF A JOURNEY OF FAITH. THAT JOURNEY IS FAITHFULNESS!

IT IS ACTING IN FAITH CONSISTENTLY, AND TURNING TO GOD AS THE AUTHOR OF THAT FAITH TO HELP US TO CONTINUE IN THAT FAITH AND TO OVERCOME ALL DOUBT, FEAR, ANXIETY, TREPIDATION, CONCERN, WORRY, AND UNBELIEF!!!

IF we could do THAT on our own, THEN CHRIST DIED FOR NOTHING!!!!!!!

FAITHFULNESS IS ACTUALLY REPEATED, CONSISTENT, FAITH THAT IS TAKEN HOLD OF BY PRESSING INTO GOD FOR THE SOURCE OF THAT FAITH TO RENEW OUR FAITH!!!

Key 3:
OBEDIENCE!

We must realize that we must PRACTICE what we PREACH!!!

There is the DOING of what is necessary TO BELIEVE: And that is in maintaining our vigilance in prayer, and constancy in attentiveness to the Voice of God, by those means directing us, by His Spirit, in BELIEVING FAITHFULNESS!!!

We MUST DO THE WORKS OF BELIEVING, FOR FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD!!! (James 2:17,20,26)

Key 4:
TRUST!

We must trust in God for the ENTIRE process of fulfilling His Promises to us!

What IS the ENTIRE PROCESS?

Accepting that HE has a Plan that WE cannot yet see the WHOLE picture of;

Trusting that HE WILL bring HIS PLAN to fruition, IN HIS TIMING, IN HIS WAY, AND THAT IT WILL BE FOR THE BEST RESULT IN OUR LIVES – FOR HIS PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES TO BE FULFILLED, NOT MERELY FOR OUR FEELINGS!!!

We MUST realize that LOSS IS GAIN at times, and that sometimes there is a LOSS that comes BEFORE THERE IS A GAIN!!!

But here is an awesome revelation in that same vein of thinking, one that God gave me a couple nights ago, and I am going to go on “a rabbit trail” right now, before going to the next Key, to share this “hidden nugget” in God’s Perspective:

First, realize there is this principle taught by Solomon, son of King David, in the Book of Proverbs:

Proverbs 6:30-31

(30) *Men* do not despise **a thief, if he steal** to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
(31) But *if* he be found, **he shall restore sevenfold**; he shall give all the substance of his house.

So, we are made to see that the recompense of God for a thief stealing is that he will have to pay back 7 times over what he had stolen... simple math, simple truth, right?!

Well, let’s consider that in THIS light:

When God takes away from our lives by some loss, **HE** becomes “The Thief” that “stole” from us what was ours – it may even be someone that is near and dear to us!

THAT MEANS THAT HE WILL PROVIDE 7 TIMES THE BLESSINGS THAT HE REMOVED FROM OUR LIVES!!!!!!!

Think THAT is cool? Wait... there’s MORE!!!

When Christ died, He went to Hell (Acts 2:27, 31) and when there, He preached the righteousness of God that comes by faith to them that were in the prison of Hell:

1Peter 3:18-20

- (18) For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**
(19) **By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;**
(20) **Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved** by water.

We can see by these verses that Jesus went into Hell itself to preach righteousness by faith to those that were in Hell. I guess this is why the Catholic Faith believes in there being a “Purgatory” (thus being “PURGED” from our sins and given a second chance, which is being insinuated by that word, I presume)!

Well, let’s consider this accurately, in the context of what these verses tell us:

First, let’s see that these souls, that are in the prison of Hell, itself, were there because of disobedience;

Second, let’s realize that it was those who were disobedient DURING THE TIME OF THE PREPARATION OF THE ARK (NOAH’S ARK)!

These were NOT “sinners” that **despised** God’s Word in **normal** times, but those that had never seen rain before, and were being told that there was a flood coming to destroy the earth and all on it! **THEY MOCKED NOAH, NOT MERELY GOD’S WORDS TO THEM!!! THEY DID NOT BELIEVE, BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT CAME BY FAITH LIVING WITHIN THEM!!!**

JESUS CAME TO GIVE THEM THEIR PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE BY FAITH!!!

They were there in Hell because of their unbelief, but God had not given THEM the Covenant of FAITH yet!!!!!!!

Christ was giving them the promise that, although they had already died in the flood and were in Hell for their **DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD’S WARNING BY NOAH, THEY WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SPEND ETERNITY IN HELL, BUT WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO BELIEVE, UNTO SALVATION SPIRITUALLY!!!!!!!**

So then, what does all of THAT have to do with “A THIEF?!!”

Let’s consider this:

GOD “STOLE” THE BODIES OF MEN BY THE WATERS OF A FLOOD BEFORE THERE WAS A COVENANT TO BELIEVE IN HIM!!!

SO THEN, HE WAS NOT ONLY GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO BE RELEASED FROM HELL AND TO BE GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE IN HIS PRESENCE, BUT HE IS, RESULTANTLY, GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE BACK SEVENFOLD OF ALL OF HUMANITY FOR THAT ONE ACTION!!!!!!! **7 TIMES THAT NUMBER THAT WENT TO HELL WILL BE GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST!!!!!!!**

BUT WAIT, THERE'S STILL MORE!!!

Realize that God is **Eternal!** THAT MEANS THAT JESUS – WHO IS, AND WHO WAS, AND WHO IS YET TO BE (Revelation 1:8) – DIED IN THE FLESH TO RESURRECT FOREVER THOSE WHO DWELT IN THE SILENCE AND ABSENCE OF HIS PRESENCE BECAUSE OF THEIR SINFULNESS AND LACK OF FAITH... NOT THOSE DURING NOAH'S ARK'S PREPARATION, BUT THOSE IN ALL OF THE CENTURIES AND MILLENIA THAT OCCURRED **AFTER** THE FLOOD!!!

HE IS ETERNAL; **THUS**, HE WAS ABLE TO SPAN 7,000 YEARS OF "HIS STORY" (that is, HISTORY) – 6,000 YEARS OF MANKIND AND THEIR LIVES, PLUS A 7th THOUSAND YEARS, WHEREIN HE WOULD YET REST WITH THOSE OF THEM WHO WERE TO BE SAVED – AND HE WENT TO EVERY ONE OF THEM THAT WERE AND WILL YET BE CAST INTO HELL, FOR THEIR REFUSAL OF HIM AND HIS WORDS, AS LOOKING UNTO THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT AND TO THOSE WHO WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN HELLFIRE, AND, ULTIMATELY, IN THE LAKE OF FIRE (Revelation 20:11-15), **AND THUS, THOSE HE'D "STOLEN" FROM HUMANITY AND PLACED IN HELL WILL HAVE HAD TO BE REPLACED WITH 7 TIMES AS MANY THAT ARE FINALLY TO BE SAVED AND GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE, WHEN THAT DAY OF THE LORD IS FINALLY MANIFESTED!!!!!!!!!!**

NOW, IS THAT COOL, OR WHAT?????!!!!!!!!!!

Therefore, getting back to Key 4, the reason for this "rabbit trail" revelation was to reiterate that LOSS IS GAIN in God's Purposes, at times, and that is even confirmed by the Word:

Philippians 3:7-11

- (7) But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- (8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,
- (9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- (10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

THE END OF GOD'S PURPOSE IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN JESUS RETURNS TO BRING US TO MEET HIM IN THE AIR, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL RAISE THE DEAD (1 Thessalonians 4:16; John 5:29; 11:24-25; Luke 20:33-36). HE IS ALWAYS LOOKING TO THE END OF THE PURPOSE, BECAUSE HE IS THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH – NOT ONLY THE AUTHOR!!!!!!

So, we must TRUST that which He is directing us to BELIEVE Him for! THAT TRUST COMES ABOUT BY CONTINUING IN FAITHFULNESS AND OBEDIENCE... THIS ACCOMPANIES BOTH CONSISTENCY OF FAITH AND DEPENDENCE ON HIM FOR THAT FAITH NOT TO WAVER!!!

BY THIS TRUST, WE BEGIN TO BE ABLE ALSO TO TRUST THAT THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE TRUE, AND THAT WE CAN RELY ON THAT TRUTH WITH ABSOLUTE FAITH IN HIS WORD!!!

**Key 5:
RECEIVE!**

The next step that is so critical for our Faith Journey is to RECEIVE the Promises that God has spoken (in His written Word – the Logos) or will yet speak to us (by His Voice, via His Spirit speaking to us – the Rhema).

WE MUST BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE WORDS THAT GOD SPEAKS TO US, AS BECOMING PERSONAL PROMISES FOR US!!! (PERSONAL PROMISES... NOT JUST GENERIC WORDS FOR ANYONE!!!)

**Key 6:
“WORKS OF FAITH!” (WHICH ARE “WORKS OF OBEDIENCE!”)**

When we have finally come to receive the Promises as our own, AND HAVE AGREED WITH GOD THAT HE IS ABLE TO BRING THEM TO PASS IN OUR LIVES, THEN we have to WALK THAT OUT IN OBEDIENCE, “Works of Faith” ACCOMPANYING our Testimony that we have professed that which we've chosen to believe!

THIS IS WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD!!!!!!!

We gain traction in our Promises when we respond to God as He instructs us to step out of our comfort zones and do little things that accompany our Faith in His Promise(s); this may be as simple as waking up and choosing, “TODAY, I AM GOING TO BELIEVE YOUR PROMISE, LORD!!!”

Or, it may be something more concrete, an action that He instructs you to take that will solidify your choice to believe...it is part of His Test of the MATURITY of your Faith!!!

THIS IS GROWTH!!!!!!!

Key 7:
PERSEVERANCE!

When all of the other Keys have been hurdled, there is then the next step, which is to BELIEVE CONSISTENTLY, PERSISTENTLY, AND UNABATEDLY – THROUGH EVERY OBSTACLE, EVERY DISCOURAGEMENT, EVERY DISAPPOINTMENT, AND EVERY DOUBT AND FEAR – TO PRESS INTO THE PROMISE, AND TO PRESS TOWARD THE BREAKTHROUGH OF IT, WITHOUT WAVERING!!!

THIS IS BEYOND GROWTH: IT IS STEADFASTNESS!!!

THIS IS TANGIBLE FAITH THAT IS TESTED WITH TIME!!!!!!!

THIS IS TRUE MATURITY IN FOLLOWING GOD’S PURPOSE FOR ONE’S LIFE!!!

We must see that, when hardship, or persecution, comes, or when doubts and fears arise, we are SIMPLY CHOOSING THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BREAK WHEN WE BEND UNDER THE STRAINS OF THE WINDS THAT BLOW AGAINST US!!!

We must see that OUR ANCHOR IS GOD’S WORD – And, IN THAT VEIN OF REASONING, THERE IS THIS WORD OF INSPIRATION FOR US:

Hebrews 12:1-3

- (1) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and ***let us run with patience the race that is set before us,***
- (2) ***Looking unto Jesus*** the author and finisher of *our* faith; ***who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,*** despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- (3) ***For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.***

Hebrews 6:18

- (18) That by two immutable things, in which ***it was impossible for God to lie,*** we ***might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:***

Finally, we have arrived at Key 8 (and that is NOT the last Key, but it is the most important of all of them!):

Key 8:
ALIGNMENT!

What, exactly, IS Alignment?

Let's consider a vehicle:

When the car is out of alignment, the whole vehicle shakes and shimmies as we try to navigate with it!

Let's consider a spinal column:

When one goes to the Chiropractor, it is because he or she is in pain or discomfort, simply because the vertebrae are misaligned, that which is the causation of that pain!

When we become ALIGNED, we are like that car, and like that body's spinal column, being made to function well and to be entirely steadfast in our obedient faithfulness and commitment to believe GOD!!!

We don't just believe TO BELIEVE SOMETHING! "Faith" is not an end of itself!!!!!!!!!!

We don't have Faith in "Faith," except wherein it has a **GOAL – AN END TO THAT MEANS!!!**

And so it is such that we walk by Faith, not by Sight, right?

But what are we looking at in the Unseen realm when we walk by Faith?

Alignment is being taught to look to GOD, NOT to signs and signals and confirmations that the Promise is coming to pass! It is ALIGNING WITH GOD!!!!!!!!!!

WITH GOD, HIMSELF!!!!!!!!!!

THAT IS THE GOAL OF THE PROMISE!!!!!!!!!! GOD'S PURPOSE!!!!!!!!!!

GOD WANTS US TO BE ALIGNED WITH HIM!!!!!!!!!!

He wants us to be aligned when we have Faith to be Saved, and to be Healed, and then to receive the Promises He lays out for us to take hold of!!

Alignment doesn't happen at the end of the process... at "Step 8," that is:

Alignment is THE ENTIRE PROCESS!!!

Just like FAITHFULNESS IS THE ENTIRE PROCESS!!!!!!!!!!

JUST LIKE OBEDIENT COMMITMENT IS THE ENTIRE PROCESS!!!!!!!!!!

JUST LIKE PERSEVERANCE AND STEADFASTNESS COMPRISE THE ENTIRE PROCESS!!!!!!!!!!

ALIGNMENT WITH GOD IS AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL!!!!!!!

So, what then does “Alignment with God” look like, you may ask?

Well, to answer that query, there are many aspects of this, so I am breaking them down to you in Categories to further illustrate what Alignment appears as in our individual lives, in our Journeys with God by Faith:

Alignment Classifications:

Character;

Relationship;

Growth;

Responsibility;

Heart Attitudes;

Wisdom.

Let’s look at each of these with relevance to each of our **RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD!!!**

(Understand that ALL THE OTHER KEYS BEGIN, CONTINUE, AND END, WITH **THAT BEING AT THE HEART AND CENTRAL FOCUS OF EACH STEP!!!**)

The following constitutes various attributes of “Alignment with God”:

Character Alignment:

Walking in Forgiveness;

Not grumbling or complaining much (we all do, but doing it consistently is called “muttering” or “murmuring” [see 1Corinthians 10:6,10-11], and is looking at the problem and the trial rather than the goal... and not at the goal’s Author and Perfecter);

Overcoming discouragement and disappointment;

Being cheerful and uplifting, even when you are hurting and breaking (being strong for others is considering them “better than yourself,” according to Philippians 2:3-4)

Being a person of honesty, truth, and integrity;

Having and demonstrating compassion on and for others;

Wanting to reach out to help others in various ways (time, energies, talents, money);

Having a pure heart before God (i.e., goodness and honorableness of intention);

AND THERE ARE MANY MORE THE LIKE...JUST TO NAME A FEW!!!

Relational Alignment:

I will repeat this, because it applies to both:

Being of a pure heart before the eyes of God (goodness and honorableness of intention);

Being of a willing spirit and a right mind to serve God;

Reverencing God (in little ways, especially, but in big things, too);

Seeking PEACE with God as your “compass” of life (Philippians 4:6-7);

Seeking to follow the discretion of His Word and of wisdom;

Striving to refuse bitterness, anger, hatred, discord, jealousy, envy, selfish ambition, and resentment;

Spending **quality** time with God, allowing Him to direct your days’ moments;

Seeking His righteousness (by faith), and to live it out in a changed lifestyle of godliness and holiness;

Spending time in His Word... daily (“manna from Heaven,” daily);

Listening to God’s Voice – truly **listening!** AND **HEEDING** WHAT HE SAYS!!!

ALL OF THAT IS BEING ALIGNED WITH GOD, AND IS BEING SUBJECT TO HIM!!!

Growth Alignment:

Seeking peace with men as much as is possible with you;

Seeking God’s face (that is, His **Heart**), and **NOT His Hand!**

Obedying His instructions, and walking in heavenly wisdom as much as possible;

Being submissive to those who are in divine and civil authority; and being humble, not arrogant;

Learning the truth by studying God's Word, to show yourself "approved UNTO GOD," A WORTHY "WORKMAN" NOT NEEDING TO BE ASHAMED, BUT CORRECTLY INTERPRETING HIS WORD!!!

BEING INTIMATE WITH GOD: Baring your heart *and* letting Him speak into it!

Accepting God's and others' godly correction and discipline, without complaining or resenting it;

Encouraging oneself in the Lord

(even as David did when they wanted to stone him... after his whole city and his own family were all taken captive and led away – see 1Samuel, Chapter 30);

When you fall, you don't break, you just bend, and you get back up and try again – this is RESILIENCE! (*More on that subject later!*)

Walking uprightly consistently;

When you have sinned, **you make your repentance, both with God and with man** (inasmuch as that is possible or feasible), **and then you go on walking uprightly again** (see "the Parable of the Lost Son" in Luke, Chapter 15, citing verse 18, specifically);

You accept grace and mercy, and you give the same grace and mercy to others, even when they don't deserve it
(accounting that you didn't deserve mercy from God yourself, except for Jesus having gone to the cross for you – simply because He loves you, and all of us, unconditionally);

And that leads to this one:

Showing **unconditional** love to others;

Forsaking darkness in your life, but seeking God to overcome evil and darkness, not trying to do it in your own strength
(as Christ died for nothing, if you could do it all on your own strength and ability!);

Looking for the good in every person, and in every situation and trial that you face;

Believing that God will bring good out of negative situations in your life, and letting Him show you why they were there, not saying, "Why Me God?" but rather, "What are You trying to teach me or reveal to me by this, God?"

Realizing that not one iota of one thing has occurred in your life without God's awareness, and that He intends to reward you for every secret and hidden thing you have done that gives Glory, Honour, and Reverence to Him;

Praising and worshipping in the midst of your trials and struggles;

Living a life of Praise and Worship – it is a lifestyle, not merely words or melodies;

Being **grateful** for every little and big thing! **GRATITUDE OPENS THE DOOR TO MORE!!!**

Being faithful to those to whom you have made commitments, especially to oversight;

Maintaining job or ministry: faithfully, dependably, and responsibly;

Being responsible to admit when you've done wrong to someone, and asking their forgiveness (and, perhaps, making restitution for that wrong, when that is feasible or practicable);

Living sacrificially, especially with caring for your family – and with caring for the needs of the family of God, inasmuch as the Lord would direct;

Being responsible to and dependable unto God whenever you give Him your word that you will do something you've promised Him (i.e., fulfilling your vows) (remember that He honors **your** word when you follow through on it, even as He expects us to honor **His** Word to us by doing what HE says!)

Being courteous and respectful;

Showing kindness, tenderness, and sensitivity, but all the while maintaining proper boundaries;

Not being too proud to seek help when you NEED it, when you've done all you CAN do to help yourself, responsibly: not constantly seeking "a hand-out," but rather, looking for "a hand up";

Growing in the grace AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!!!

Being trained by the Word of God in how to live out God's righteousness by faith!

Doing your best not to offend anyone except to tell them the truth, in love, that will set them free – always trying to build people up rather than tear them down;

Being faithful in little things, as well as the significant things;

Not condemning ANYONE!!!!!!!

Having faith for EVERYONE, AT ALL TIMES!!!!!!!!!!

Trying to lead others to the cross, and unto repentance, for **this is the heart of God** for **all men** (2Peter 3:9);

Being available to God when He calls, **and even when He doesn't**, and just **presenting yourself to Him** – as being available to Him **for whatever He would use you for (in accomplishing His purposes...** for His Kingdom, including for yourself);

Not being greedy, yet knowing what you are worthy of because of Christ's offering of Himself, and being bold in those things!

Responsibility Alignment:

Reiterating what overlapped in the last Category:

Being faithful to those to whom you have made commitments, especially to oversight;

Maintaining job or ministry: faithfully, dependably, and responsibly;

Being responsible to admit when you've done wrong to someone, and asking their forgiveness (and, perhaps, making restitution for that wrong, when that is feasible or practicable);

Living sacrificially, especially with caring for your family – and with caring for the needs of the family of God, inasmuch as the Lord would direct;

Being responsible to and dependable unto God whenever you give Him your word that you will do something you've promised Him (i.e., fulfilling your vows) (remember that He honors **your** word when you follow through on it, even as He expects us to honor **His** Word to us by doing what HE says!)

Additionally:

Evangelizing;

Teaching the word and preaching the word – especially by living it!

Protecting family (especially by Prayer & Godly Covering);

Providing for family needs (especially Ephesians 5:25-27);

Providing for the House of God, and blessing His servants, when you are able to!

Paying your taxes, and your bills, responsibly, inasmuch as you are able to;

Obedying the law, and respecting authority, as long as that law doesn't conflict with living unto God and HIS law (Romans Chapter 13:3-6);

Knowing that grace is a 2-way street: God reaches to us, and we have to reach back and take His hand, then follow Him where He leads, leading us out of our crises and into peace, prosperity, and blessing;

ALWAYS SEEKING TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS, TO GOD'S PEOPLE ESPECIALLY, AS WELL AS TO YOUR OWN FAMILY, WITH THOSE THINGS THAT GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH!!!

Heart Attitude Alignment:

Realizing that you are worthy of Superabundance from the kingdom of God in ALL things, great and small;

Realizing that you are the head and not the tail;

Realizing that you are to lend unto many and to borrow from none – that **that** is the **ultimate goal** for **your** life and timeline, and for **your** legacy for **your** bloodline;

Wanting to leave an inheritance for the ones that come after you;

Not turning a deaf ear to the cries of those who are hurting, especially widows, orphans and the fatherless, and to those who are destitute and cannot help themselves!

MANY MORE ATTITUDINAL PERSPECTIVES ARE WRITTEN IN THE OTHER CATEGORIES!!!

Wisdom Alignment:

Seeking wisdom from others who live righteously and who also walk in faith and virtue;

Teaching those who are **faithful** how to **do** what they need to be trained in (2Timothy 2:2);

Letting go of things that drain your energy and time, that take away from your time with God, and from serving Him, and from fellowshiping with godly people, and from being influenced by godly inspiration;

Letting go of things that rob your peace;

Being a good steward with your finances, and especially with other people's money and property;

Not stealing ANYTHING that doesn't belong to you, or that you don't have the right to have, that belongs to others, or that belongs to the Church (i.e., GOD'S PEOPLE!!!).

(Remember the Message about the Thief retributing SEVENFOLD of what he stole!!! THAT is a DIVINE LAW – AND GOD WILL EXACT THAT SEVENFOLD FROM YOUR LIFE IF YOU DO NOT HEED THAT DIVINE PRINCIPLE – EXCEPTING FOR HIS MERCY NOT REQUITING IT!!!)

THAT, MY FELLOW BELIEVERS, IS ALIGNMENT!!!

AND IT BEGINS, CONTINUES, AND ENDS WITH ALIGNMENT WITH GOD, HIMSELF!!!!!!!

NOTE:

Many of these Categories, or Classifications, have aspects and concepts of Alignment that overlap other Categories, as they are integral to our Faith! I am not trying to say that one Classification is devoid of another, but am merely attempting to classify what is important for us to be aware of **in our walks with Almighty God!**

HE IS THE REASON FOR ALL OF IT!!!!!!!

Key 9:

RESILIENCE!

When things are out of Alignment, it is a call from the Spirit of God within you to get back up, shake the dust off, and get back in the race!!!

“Resilience” is simply “NOT TAKING ‘NO’ FOR AN ANSWER!!!!!!!”

“THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE MINE...AND THAT IS FINAL!!!!!!!”

“GOD SAID IT, I BELIEVE IT, I RECEIVE IT, AND THAT SETTLES IT!!!!!!!”

Key 10:
REST!

When all is said and done, there is a place and time to just REST IN GOD – that your Trust in Him, coupled with your obedient, persistent, consistent Faith, and in maintaining your Alignment with Him, is sufficient to bring to pass that which He has spoken, and suffices to convince you that the Promise SHALL be accomplished...albeit in His Timing!!!

REST IN YOUR FAITH IN “THE SOURCE” OF THE PROMISE’S FULFILLMENT!!!

THE ONE WHO HOLDS GALAXIES IN PERFECT PLACE & TIMING HAS YOU!!!

Key 11:
SURRENDERING!

This is where “walking out the Promise” gets complicated!

We must surrender to all of our own devices and machinations to try to bring the Promise to pass on our own merits, and by our own ingenuity, or by fulfilling it with our own wisdom, talents, or abilities!

In short, “LET GO, AND LET GOD!!!!!!!!!!”

Key 12:
RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE PROMISE!

Keeping **responsible Alignment with God AFTER you have received** the awaited Promise!!!!!!!!!!

There is one responsibility that comes with every blessing from God, and it requires maintenance of all of the Keys that we have applied so as to have received the Promise’s goal:

TO OBSERVE AND ALIGN WITH GOD’S PURPOSE IN IT!!!!!!!!!!

We must look not to our own needs as much as to look for what GOD wants out of us when He has stooped down to make us great and to bless us with authority, clarity, power, and prosperity, and has healed us from our wounds, and delivered us from our fears, worries, and anxieties!

He wants DEPENDENCE ON HIM – NOT ON THE PROMISE!!!!!!!!!!

REMEMBER THAT WHEN GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISE IN YOUR LIFE!!!!!!

(And I assure you that, while I speak those words with one finger pointing to you, I have
4 others on my hand **pointing back at ME!!!**)

Blessings2u!!

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