

OWNERSHIP

Philippians 3:12 (ESV)

There are many promises from God in the Bible: Fruitfulness, Favor, Blessing, Protection, Dominion, etc.

These are God's intended purposes for our lives, but there is a part of it where we have to make these our own... Take OWNERSHIP of it!

That's what I want to look at, in our passage Paul speaks to this idea of ownership that we can learn from.

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I IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC:

A- Doing any work for God takes work!

1. It requires time, it requires discipline, it requires labors. ITS NOT AUTOMATIC

a. **Matthew 13:24** "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field"

i. Sowing seed in a field for a crop takes a lot of work!

B- Now, Establishing the will of God in **your** life will take work!

1. **Galatians 6:7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

a. What you plant in life will produce a harvest... But what you plant will either be the *harder right* or the *easy wrong*

2. God's plans, purposes, & promises have to be established BY YOU!

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i. I am not there yet, but I am everyday working towards.

II OWNERSHIP:

A- So, we have to take some ownership in this.

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a. What does that look like?

2. Daily Surrender: I will do what God wants me to do!

a. Bible reading, Prayer, Church faithfulness, Outreach, Ministry...

3. I am going to take ownership and responsibility!

a. I am going to do what God challenges ME to do-

b. Part of ownership means we stop comparison, we stop finding the excuses, and start becoming the examples.

i. When I started taking ownership of my salvation, marriage, finances, fruitfulness, etc...

ii My life changed! My Salvation changed!

III THE FRUIT OF OWNERSHIP:

A- The fruit of ownership is-

1. Revelation: You begin to see things clearly

2. Dominion: You begin to gain influence and control

3. Conversions: Your evangelism shifts!

B- You can have God's best in your life-