

A GREATER CAPACITY

Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

In order to see more and have more in life, we need a greater capacity! An ability to manage more, handle more, deal with more. But how do we enlarge our own capacity? Our scripture reveals a practical way to do this, and the great thing is you can start today!

Colossians 2:7 (NLT) Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

I CAPACITY AND FOUNDATION:

A- Capacity starts with your foundations: What are you building your life on?

1. Money, Career, Status, Influence, Charisma, Ability, Looks...

a. These things are either temporary or insufficient!

2. What we need to build on is GOD-

a. **Colossians 2:7 (NLT)** Let your roots grow down into him... Roots: Are the foundation for life-

b. **Matthew 7:24** Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock... ROCK is firm, stable, strong!

3. So WHAT we build life on may not be enough to enlarge us for more... but WHO we build our life on is enough-

B- The ability to grow and continue to grow must be rooted in God first. That is the foundation for more!

1. Why? Because God can handle it all! He is Omnipotent: All powerful...

a. So, if I make my foundation the one who can handle everything... That's going to be favorable for ME!

2. If your struggling to enlarge your capacity; Ask yourself: What is my foundation?

II CAPACITY AND BUILDING:

A- When the foundation is set, now you can begin building: **Colossians 2:7 (NLT)** Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.

1. When Foundations are secure, now we can start to build capacity for life-

a. Structures don't start with the roof... they start from the foundation.

2. Then as we begin to grow in capacity, really we are growing in HIM

a. My capacity actually comes from a clearer revelation of God!

b. The more I know Him, the more I know me... The more I know about Him the more I know what to ask for!

3. IOW: I build up from the firm foundation. But when I build up I build on Christ-

a. **Philippians 4:13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength... Through Christ...

i. Again he already has the capacity... I need His capacity!

B- The great thing here is that its not just up to you, its you in partnership with God.

1. **Philippians 2:13** For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

a. When He works in you, he gives you what you need!

III A GREATER CAPACITY:

A- Colossians 2:7 (NLT) Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. **Then** your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught...

1. Foundation in God, building on Christ, THEN you will have the strength you need (or the capacity)

2. Life will throw things at you... you can count on that... Life will force you into uncomfortable situations

a. But the hope is; You can be equipped for it... you can grow by it... you can gain a capacity because the roots are right, and your building up on Jesus!

3. When I look back on life and ministry: My revelation of God has grown tremendously, which has given me an enlargement: Heart; for people, for responsibilities, for greater ministry, greater influence, greater platform-

a. It doesn't get easier... but I have learned to tend the foundation with God and tend the building with Jesus... which enables me to handle the load God has entrusted to me.

i. For that I am Grateful: I Trust God!

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