

Wednesday Word
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Possess

Origin: Late Middle English: from Old French possessor, from Latin possess- 'occupied, held', from the verb possidere, from potis 'able, capable' + sedere 'sit'.

Definitions:

*Have as belonging to one; own

*(Law) Have possession of as distinct from ownership

*Have as an ability, quality, or characteristic

*(Of an emotion, idea, etc.) dominate the mind of; have an overpowering influence on

*(archaic) Maintain (oneself or one's mind or soul) in a state or condition of patience or quiet

{Example: I tried to possess my soul in patience and to forget how hungry I was

[Often with biblical allusion to Luke 21:19, the proper sense ('gain your souls') being misunderstood]}

Does anyone know what the phrase "Possession is 9/10 of the law" means? I don't and never have. All I know is it's a phrase usually describing America's legal system. No one could ever explain it to me but I used to hear a lot of people say it. Those that used to say were usually people that did not follow the law.

In the past few years this phrase has been rattling around in my brain but not in regards to the American justice system but rather God Almighty's justice system. Laws are in place (for every territory-whether morally correct or not) in order to avoid chaos and anarchy.

Before I write out the Bible verses I feel Holy Spirit wants us to meditate on, let us first review the Ten Commandments. As you read them, keep in your mind the phrase "Possession is 9/10 of the law". I also must note that my personal opinion is that the Ten Commandments are not the entirety of God's law but my opinion is that they are the core foundation of His complete law. I will also place the Beatitudes under each commandment. There is a correlation between them and the Ten Commandments. I call the Beatitudes the "Be-attitudes" because they lay out how we are supposed to be in a specific order for each and every walk to be more like Jesus Himself just as the Ten Commandments do.

[Exodus 20:1-17] [Matthew 5:1-12]

1) You shall have no other gods before Me.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2) You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

3) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

4) Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

5) Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

6) You shall not murder.

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

7) You shall not commit adultery.

Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

8) You shall not steal.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

10) You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes are laws set forth for us to possess the land and occupy it. We are Ambassadors of Heaven and soldiers for God's Army. Jesus Christ is our General by the Spirit of God. We follow His command to take over and control territories. These territories are within ourselves; our minds, bodies, and souls. Once we gain control over these local territories we can then expand to help others take control of their local territories thus expanding the Kingdom of Heaven which dwells within each and every one of us.

It is time to possess the land which is ours to possess.

Hear what Holy Spirit is saying:

"I have given each of you the map to go and possess the territory which I am the owner of. This map is written plainly but some cannot read it because you have allowed the enemy to cloud your mind. Blow away the fog that obscures the land. Blow away the fog by My breath which is My Spirit. Do not give anymore ground to the enemy. Go and take what is your rightful inheritance. Stand and occupy it for others to find and stand with you. There is strength in numbers. Go forth and take what I have already given you. When you are confused, come to Me and I will make it plain for you. Your land has been bought and paid for by the blood of My Son, Jesus Christ. Go and possess the land and drive out the enemy."

Let us each go forth and take the land (our minds, bodies, and soul) and help others come into the land that has been bought for us. We have the map and Jesus marks the spot.

Bible Verses:

Joshua 1:10-18 - Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days

you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.”

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, 13 “Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, ‘The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.’ 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, 15 until the Lord has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord’s servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

16 So they answered Joshua, saying, “All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God be with you, as He was with Moses. 18 Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.”

Isaiah 61:1-3 - “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

Isaiah 9:3-7 - You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior’s sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us

a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have and to pray for and with you. None of us are in this alone. We are all part of one body (the Body of Jesus Christ).

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