

In Gen 1:26-28 and Gen 2:14,15 we come across five key words that tell how God looks at man.

Keyword 2. DNA

God blesses men and commands them to multiply and populate the earth. The DNA in men multiplies the same kind.

These two keywords give us insight into who we really are in His eyes.

DNA

DNA can be seen as the basis of your life. We all have different DNA. Your DNA contains all the information necessary for your body to function. It also determines how you look.

As a human you are made in the image of God. With that you receive His DNA. He wants you to be well. Blessing is His passion. Giving is in His being. You receive these characteristics from the Father with His DNA. He gives you the opportunity to multiply.

You have also inherited gifts and talents in His DNA. God created this in your being so that you can give to others what you have received from God. Using those gifts and talents in your life to bless others brings tremendous fulfillment and joy. It is the meaning of your life.

Old Testament

In the OT we see many examples of how talents and gifts are used to bless God's people. One such example is in the design of the tabernacle and the construction of the ark and the temple. You see that men are filled with the Spirit of God and their specific talents are used to make something special.

In the OT we see prophets and schools of prophets who practice spiritual gifts. They are used by the Spirit of God to give direction to the people.

Samuel was called as a child. It was a dark time for the people, there was no longer a ray of hope. God spoke to Samuel with His word at that time. God awakened in Samuel what He had put in him. The moment God spoke to Samuel with His word, what He had already put in him was activated. He learned to hear the voice of God. He had to grow in it first, but as he served in the temple, he became familiar with understanding God's voice. He used his gifts and became a prophet who led the people out of the darkness.

Joshua was also a leader who led the people to freedom. He served the people under the leadership of Moses. When Moses sought God's face in the tent, Joshua was there too. He often stayed in that tent to meet God. Here his spirit was impregnated by the Spirit of God. His inner gift was empowered here. Joshua led the fight for the freedom of his people. It is not until he enters the new land of Canaan as a spy to scout the land that we see that Joshua's faith has grown. As a strong leader, he continues to believe in the promise of God and pass it on to the new generation of Israelites. He shows the people that the enemy seems great, but that God can be trusted. The people are beginning to see that God has a hopeful future ahead of them. They are no longer slaves, but heirs. Joshua succeeds Moses and brings the people to the place that God had shown.

In the story of Elijah, you also see an example of how the word of God stimulates others to give which leads to multiplication. Elijah lived in a time of great drought. There is almost no food. God's Spirit leads him to a poor woman who only has food for one more day. Elijah here uses his gift as a prophet and asks her to fetch bread for him. The woman struggles but ends up giving everything she had left to stay alive. She bakes bread, apparently a "normal" talent. But through her obedience to share against all her feelings, a miracle happens. The prophet heard well from God; the woman shared what she had. A miracle happened. Everyone in the family and the prophet had enough to eat since the flour and oil didn't run out.



New Testament

The NT is full of examples of men and women who use their gifts and talents. Jesus Himself tells a story that accurately reflects His view of using your gifts and talents.

There was an entrepreneur who gave his managers some of his assets. One gets a million, the other half a million and the last gets a hundred thousand. The entrepreneur instructed his managers to work with this to do business. Then the entrepreneur left.

After a while he came back and asked the three managers how they had fared. The manager with a million and the other with a half million had both doubled their assets. The manager with a hundred thousand had not done anything with what he was given.. He had only put it in the ground.

The entrepreneur praises the two who have worked hard and puts them in charge of important matters because they had been faithful to what was entrusted to them.

The person who had taken no action, everything was taken away. The entrepreneur said: "Those who have a lot get more, but those who have almost nothing will also lose the latter."

The principle that Jesus shows is that He uses and deploys what He has received from God the Father. When Jesus passes on what He has received, it will multiply. Jesus first gives to His followers which are many. But in the end He chooses twelve men and invests even more in these guys. Here we see how Jesus enters the next circle of life through the baptism in the Holy Spirit; new life! He grows in His strength and multiplies His knowledge and His power of the Kingdom. God transfers the gifts that Jesus has to His disciples. For them He is first of all a leader who shows the way, but also a teacher who shows how it works in the Kingdom. An encouragement who releases and empowers His disciples to do the same. Only after His death do you see the real growth and multiplication. The disciples of Jesus become the apostles and leaders of the Church. The Kingdom is expanding to many countries and cultures.

Finally, there is an important principle about blessing. When God has spoken to you and you hear the word, believe, trust and take action, because fruitfulness always follows. The blessing God wants to give you comes in working with you. When the Kingdom of God comes, because you receive and pass on God's words in faith, the curse on your family, business and country will be broken. The blessing is going to flow through you. As a result, others are given the freedom to "see". Tracking new births and blessings will come to your family and the country.

EXERCISE

Is it clear to you what gifts and talents you have received? Have you started developing these?

Do you use your gifts and talents, your DNA to bless others?

What steps do you want to take to further develop this and to achieve multiplication?

PRINCIPLE 5

The DNA in you is meant to bless your family and other relationships. If you recognize it and receive it as a blessing to use, it will bear much fruit.