

A tropical beach scene with palm trees and a blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Lord, I pray your perfect will be done!**

## **Christ-Driven Livin' Conference**

**God allow your anointing to permeate  
all environments & atmospheres  
this morning. Nothing is too hard for you.**

**Ladies & Gents, surrender to Christ,  
His anointing, His power, His grace,  
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**I'm LaVerne Norman and I'm humbled  
and honored to bring you this  
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# Excellence Through Pressure

Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



Press – Greek Dioko -  
Means *pursue with all haste, chase, earnestly* desiring to overtake or apprehend.  
Zealously persecute.

Pressure moves us out of inertia (inactivity, lethargy, unwillingness, apathy).

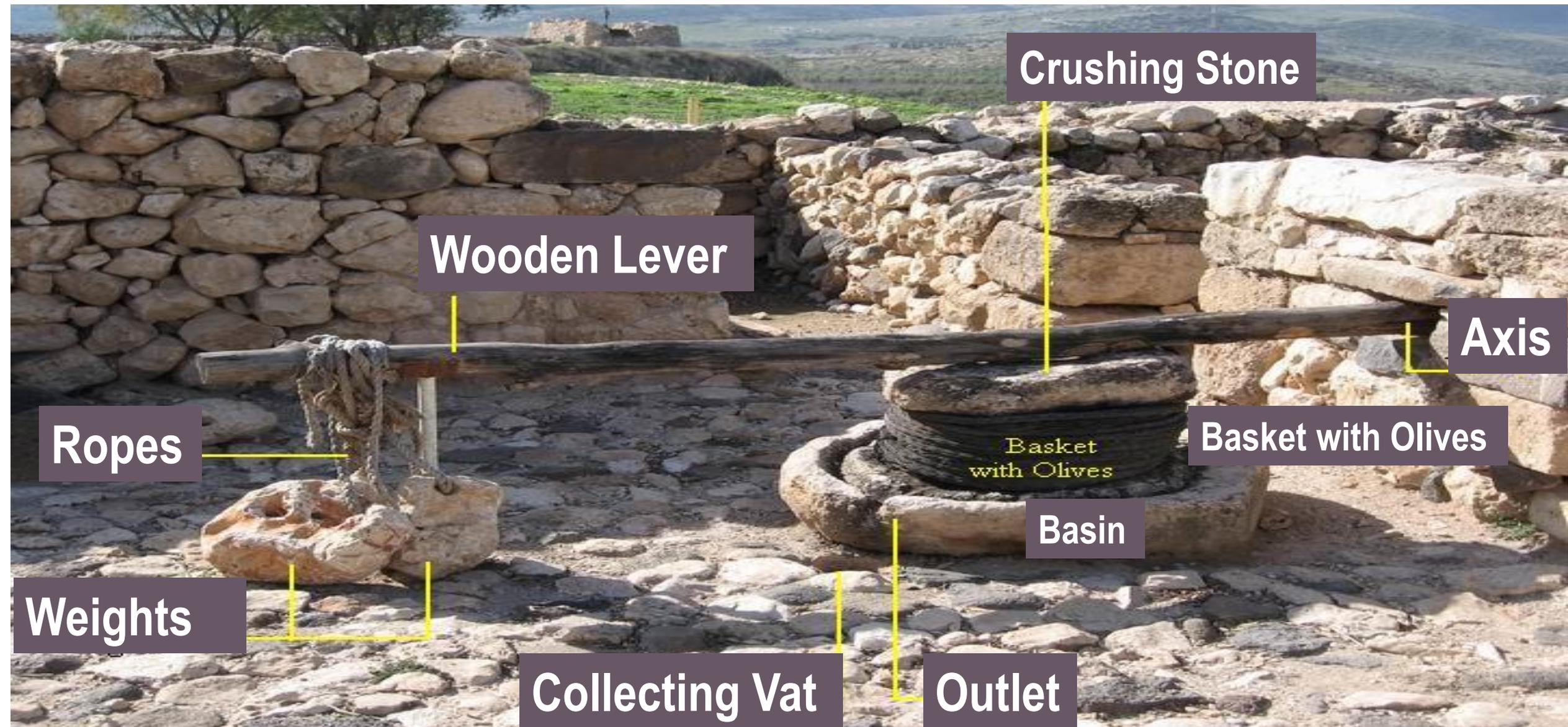
Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> law of motion: In a state of inertia an object will remain in the same place unless force is exerted.

1. Begin with the picked grapes in baskets
2. The grapes were pressed by being trodden underfoot in a treading floor.
3. The juice would pour through a channel.
4. It would go into a vat.
5. The juice would then be stored for fermentation.

# The Wine Press



**Exodus 27:20 Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually.**



It was critical that the oil for the lamps was not of inferior quality. The highest quality oil is from olives beaten or pounded with a mortar and pestle. The clear and colorless oil produces a nearly smokeless flame with a bright pure light. Oil of this type was made from unripe, mature fruit. The olives were pounded in a mortar and the pulp poured into a wicker like basket. This acted as a strainer, allowing the liquid to drain into a container beneath. The beaten oil would float to the top and was skimmed off.



**God wants to extract that which is pure, the life of Jesus Christ, from us. We often resist the Christ-Driven life so God allows persecution that is difficult and perplexing, but we're never crushed, forsaken nor destroyed. Afterward, the world is able to see that which is pure, the Holy Spirit that lives inside our earthen vessels.**



## **2 Corinthians 4:6-10**

**6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

**8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;**

**9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;**

**10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body**

**Sometimes I face this:**

**Troubled on every side**

**Perplexed**

**Persecuted**

**Cast down**

**But Never This:**

**Yet not distressed**

**But not in despair**

**But not forsaken**

**But not destroyed**

# Before you can 'DO' you must 'BECOME'

2 Peter 1:5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.

Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence,  
and moral excellence with knowledge, → (self-control, endurance, godliness,  
brotherly affection)

Definition of moral excellence - virtue, the energetic excellency of God which is righteousness.

Peter wrote to Believers in (Asia Minor and to us today) to pursue spiritual maturity through the Word of God as a remedy for false teaching, dissension, and conflicts.

Besides your renouncing the corruption that is in the world, you must increase in all the graces of God's Spirit, and in the virtues to which they naturally lead. Does your Godly, moral excellence stand out and apart from the excellence of the world?

## Genesis 1:1-5

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**Right now, God is calling you out of a dark situation.**

**He is dividing the situation for you and  
He is labeling that which He has divided.**

**The best decision you'll ever make is coming to Jesus. The second best is working out your salvation, discipleship & transformation into HIS image daily.**

**Now is the Time; Today is the Day**

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