



WHAT'S COMING OUT OF YOUR CONTAINER? - PT. 2

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Matthew 12:34-35 (NIV) 34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. 35 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

When it comes to the divine design of God involving our construct as mankind, God literally made us to be containers and the quality and quantity of the content stored within us and allowed to pour out of us will determine the **quality and the longevity of life** we live and ultimately the fulfillment of our divine purpose.
Proverbs 18:21

1. Mankind is the divine design of God.

Psalms 139:14 NLT - 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. Daniel 11:32 - those who know their God shall do exploits

God can get the glory out of our lives, no matter what the condition.

God is looking at your availability more than your capability.

2. Mankind was made a container.

Matthew 12:34-35 introduced terms such as "full of", "stored up in", and "bring ... things out of that relate to the language used for the container.

The summation of our life and purpose is primarily based upon what we store and what we pour - what goes in us and what comes out of us.

Our destination will align itself with our declaration. Whatever comes out of your mouth will serve as the compass for the course of your life.

God designed us with the ability to contain everything we would need to fulfill His purpose, which includes Himself. Mankind was designed with the ability to contain God within himself/herself.

Philippians 2:13 NIV - 13 for it is God who works in you (in your container) to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

John 17:23 NIV - 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

We must become God inside-minded.

Colossians 1:27 NIV - To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of

this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

When we come to the reality that God is in us, then we should live with the expectation that His glory will be revealed through us.

3. Mankind has the ability to obtain a quantity of content

We spoke of God creating us with the ability of Himself living inside us.

The capacity of the human brain. *Adam's brain before the fall operated at such a capacity that he named all the animals, including the insects.*

4. Mankind was created to contain quality content

In **Matthew 12:34-35** God defines quality content as good. **35 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.**

Most containers are designed for a designated purpose.

A container, even though it can contain things other than what it is designated for, is misused when the wrong thing is allowed to be placed in it.

Stickers are placed on a container to provide proper identification for its ownership, specifications, and compliance to regulations. When we were born again, a "sticker" was placed on us.

Ephesians 1:13 NKJV - In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise

This seal identifies God's ownership.

I Corinthians 6:20 - For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Let's look at God's divine design of us being a container. God created us with the capability and capacity to contain and display all three aspects of our human makeup (spirit, soul, and body) and He designed us to house all we would need to function in the earth to fulfill His purpose.

Even though we have the capability and capacity to contain what we need to fulfill God's purpose, we must provide the availability to attain what we need to fulfill our purpose.

It's our responsibility to be in the place and position to receive what we need in order to do what God's called us to do.

We are given a measure of faith to obtain the grace needed for salvation.

Romans 12:3 - God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith it is the gift of God

This faith acquires the gift (grace, empowerment) that brings the other gifts of the Spirit into our lives.

Romans 12:4-8 - 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us

I Corinthians 12:7-11 AMP - 11 All these things [the gifts, the achievements, the abilities, the

empowering] are brought about by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, distributing to each one individually just as He chooses.

These gifts are developed as:

1. We attend church and receive equipping from the ministry gifts. **Ephesians 4:11,12 AMP - 11 And [His gifts to the church were varied and] He Himself appointed 12 [and He did this] to fully equip and perfect the saints (God's people) for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church];**

2. Pray - commune with God daily on a personal basis like Jesus did. **John 14:12-14 NLT - 12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. 13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!**

3. Meditate on the Word.

II Timothy 2:15 - 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.,

4. Utilize the gifts God has given us as opportunities are presented.

I Peter 4:10 - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Our gifts require corporate and individual development. If we don't develop the gifts to fulfill the purpose of God in our lives, they will lie dormant.

Matthew 25:18 - went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

Start looking for and expecting opportunities to utilize your gifts.