



## Blessed Are Your Baskets, Kneading Bowls And Nets!

Deut 28:5 (NKJV) *"Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl."*

### Words of Ministry

Beloved, God wants to bless your life. This is not some get-rich prosperity message. It is the message of the gospel of Jesus. *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich"* (2 Cor 8:9). The Lord has made us rich with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3) and when you walk in them they will show up in every manifested aspect of your living and livelihood. God says, *"Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl."*

In Bible times, workers who reaped the fields carried baskets on their backs to collect the harvest. They had to ensure that their baskets were strong and sturdy, so that what they collected would not fall out. The women of that day used kneading bowls to knead dough for making bread. If they used poor-quality bowls which broke easily, they would not be able to make bread. So baskets and kneading bowls in those days represented the means by which one got his tangible blessings. Beloved, your Father in heaven does not want you to worry about the means by which you get your blessings. Because of the sacrifice of Christ, He says to you, *"Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl."*

Times may have changed, but God's blessing has not. God is still in the business of revealing His blessing upon the livelihood of His people. Your means of earning an income may not depend upon a basket or a kneading bowl, but it does depend on something tangible and practical. Perhaps it is a laptop, a vehicle, a business or some other item, but whatever it is, God can set His blessing upon it so that your supply is blessed and you are able to be a giver and a contributor to the lives of others.

This means that if you are a truck driver, your truck will not break down on your rounds because God says to you, *"Blessed shall be your cab."* Perhaps if

you are a businessman, your business will not fail you because God says to you, *"Blessed shall be your business."* And if you are a salesman, your products will be looked upon favorably because God says to you, *"Blessed shall be your products."* You see, God cares about the "practicals" of your life. To Him there is no division between your spiritual life and your worldly occupation. His blessing is on your **life**, not just "spiritual" things. He wants to care for and provide for His own. He wants your life blessed in a practical way so that you, in turn, can be a blessing to others.

These blessings are yours because Jesus paid for them with His death and He enforced them with His resurrection. This is not about your own efforts to be "well off" but Jesus' finished effort on the cross to remove the curses of sin and to provide heaven's blessing.

We can see the Lord's "blessing" on our "baskets and kneading bowls" in His encounter with the disciples. On one occasion, Jesus told Peter to throw his nets into the water. When Peter threw one net down, he caught so much fish that the net "was breaking". To save the abundant catch, the other disciples quickly filled their boats with the fish, lest the net break apart completely.

After Jesus rose from the dead, a similar event took place. Once again, Jesus asked His disciples to cast their net out. They caught a multitude of fish. But *"although there were so many, the net was not broken"* (John 21:11). Notice that in the first case, the net was breaking but in the second case, it was not! Something supernatural happened to even their nets after Jesus' resurrection!

Beloved, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, not only are you blessed (Ephesians 1:3), but your nets, baskets and kneading bowls — the means by which you obtain your blessings — are also blessed! God wants you blessed so that you become an instrument of blessing to others: *"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Cor 9:10-11).

Beloved, do not any longer complain about your job or livelihood. Instead confess God's blessing upon it! Let it become in God's hands a blessing to you and everyone else. Believe for God's supernatural blessing upon your work and see what God can do to with whatever we place in His hands! Then get ready to spread the blessing!