

“BROKENNESS - A KEY TO KINGDOM FRUITFULNESS [Part 2]”

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INTRO: As followers of Jesus, we have amazing potential to bear much kingdom fruit. One of the primary reasons we are not living up to our kingdom potential is because of not being sufficiently broken, like a grain of wheat (John 12:24).

I. THE BREAKING OF AN ALABASTER FLASK (Mk. 14:3).

- A. A woman broke an alabaster flask of a very costly perfume so it could be poured out on Jesus.
- B. Our outward man (soul & body) is the flask and Jesus’ Spirit in us is the costly perfume (2Cor. 4:7).
 - 1. Our outward man must be broken so Jesus’ Spirit can flow out of us as a sweet-smelling fragrance.
- C. Which do you value most – the flask or the perfume?
- D. The outward man shouldn’t just contain the fragrance; it should also release the fragrance!

II. THE BREAKING OF A HORSE (Ps. 32:9; Ja. 3:3).

- A. In order for a horse’s strength to be harnessed for good, the horse must first be broke.
- B. For our outward man to be broken, it isn’t a destruction of the outward man, but a taming – a bringing in- to submission to the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Even a horse that’s been broke must be controlled with external controls - a bit and bridle (Ps. 32:9; Prov. 26:3).
 - 2. We should be controlled by the inner work of the Spirit rather than needing external controls (Ja. 3:3).
- C. What directs your body? It’s desires? Your soul? The Word of God and the Spirit of God?
- D. The Spirit should flow out of a broken soul and a body submitted to God’s purposes (Rom. 6:13, 19).

III. THE BREAKING OF A SOUL.

- A. Like the alabaster flask and the horse, our soul must be broken (tamed) so that the inner fragrance and power of the Holy Spirit can be released from our life to bless others.
 - 1. This breaking is a choice.
 - 2. We can’t shorten the breaking, but we can delay!
- B. The Soulful Life – led more by our intellect, will, and/or emotions, rather than God’s Word & Spirit.
 - 1. Our personality becomes more dominant than the fruit of the Spirit in our life.
 - 2. We put our trust more in ourselves – our outward man – than in the Holy Spirit in us.
 - 3. The soulful life doesn’t produce spiritual results.
- C. The Breaking of the Soulful Life – God can use anything He chooses, including unbelievers, circumstances and adversity (1Pet. 4:12-13; Prov. 25:28; Lk. 21:19; 1Pet. 1:22).

IV. THE TROUBLED SOUL (Ps. 143:3-4; Matt. 26:38; Heb. 12:3; 1Pet. 2:11; 2Pet. 2:7-8).

V. PRESENTING & YIELDING YOUR SOUL TO THE LORD

(Ps. 25:1; 86:4; 143:8; Prov. 15:32; Matt. 16:26; 22:37; 1Pet. 4:19).

CONCLUSION: Let’s yield to the Lord’s breaking of our soul so we can bear much kingdom fruit. Let’s present our soul to God and yield it to His Lordship (Matt. 11:28-30).