

“BROKENNESS - A KEY TO KINGDOM FRUITFULNESS [Part 4]” (Ephesians 3:16-20; 4:29-32)

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INTRO: One of the primary reasons we are not living up to our kingdom potential is because of not being sufficiently broken.

I. MINISTRY TO OTHERS THROUGH BROKENNESS.

- A. We need to be strengthened by God’s Spirit in our inner man (Eph. 3:16-17).
- B. We are to become rooted and grounded in love, which then flows through us to others.
- C. God wants to fill us with His fullness so His power can work powerfully in and through us (Eph. 3:18-20).
- D. God wants to flow grace, edification and kindness through us (Eph. 4:29-32; 2Cor. 5:16).
- E. Ministering out of our soulish realm will produce soulish rather than transformational results.
- F. It is difficult to minister to others in areas where we’re not yet broken. (Matt. 7:3-5).

II. THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD (Heb. 12:5-11).

- A. God chastens (disciplines, trains) those He loves and considers His children, so don’t resist it or be discouraged (vv. 5-8; Prov. 3:11-12).
 - 1. Endure rather than trying to avoid or take shortcuts (vv. 7-8)
- B. Yield to God’s chastening because it is for your own good so that you become more like Him (vv. 9-10).
- C. Chastening is painful, but the results (the peaceable fruit of righteousness) are well worth it (v. 11).

D. Proverbs 3:11-18

- 1. Same as “A” above (vv. 11-12).
- 2. Yielding to God’s chastening leads to wisdom, understanding, & happiness and is more valuable than precious metals (vv. 13-14).
- 3. Responding appropriately to God’s chastening leads to a longer, more prosperous, respectful life (vv. 15-16), and also causes life in general to go better – to be more pleasant, peaceful, lifegiving and fulfilling/satisfying (vv. 17-18).

CONCLUSION: To what degree have you yielded to God’s process of leading you to brokenness? Is there a plank in your eye?