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The Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity

We have noted the importance of our mental attitude, and how mental attitude sins hinder the believer from taking advantage of the equal privilege and equal opportunity that God has given in order to execute the spiritual life. We noted in Deu 28:1-14 the many blessings that come from positive volition toward doctrine. Then we have a list of curses in Deu 28:16-27 for those who reject God's word or Bible doctrine. The result of rejecting or ignoring the intake of doctrine is given in Deu 28:28 The Lord will afflict you with [shigaon] madness and with blindness [blackout of the soul] and with confusion of heart [split personality]. Deu 28:34 says to those believers who are negative, And you shall be driven mad [shigaon] by the sight of what you see.

The Hebrew noun shigaon was originally used by Moses to describe the Exodus generation. The verb shaga means to be insane, to be psychotic. The noun and verb are used to describe what happened to Israel when they went negative toward doctrine. The Jews rejected the teaching of Moses just like many individuals reject the teaching of their pastor today. It didn't matter how good the teaching was because they were too wrapped up in the details of life. The Lord said in Mat 13:22, "they hear the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful." Worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it. Mat 6:24 says, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Luk 12:15, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not {even} when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot. The apostle Paul said in 2Ti 2:4, No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. 1Jo 2:15 says, Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

So adversity put great pressure on the Jews, but instead of applying the problem solving devices, they allowed the adversity to become stress in their souls. The inside pressure of stress in the soul and the function of the sin nature combined to destroy the spiritual life of these believers in the face of the greatest Bible teaching that existed in the O.T.

Shigaon or a deceived mental attitude took over the lives of these Jewish believers, and Moses observed this and warned future generations of Israel, Deu 28:28 The Lord will afflict you with [shigaon] madness and with blindness [blackout of the soul] and with confusion of heart [split personality]. Deu 28:34, And you shall be driven mad by the sight of what you see. The Lord permitted the outside pressure of adversity

for their spiritual growth, but without Bible doctrine, they took that adversity and converted it into stress in the soul, driving themselves insane. We also saw that many believers withdraw from doctrine when the doctrine gets difficult, Joh 6:66, As a result of this many of his disciples withdrew, and were not walking with him anymore. This is why you need to be very careful with the kind of people you hang around. Remember 1Co 15:33, Do not be deceived: bad company corrupts good morals. Psa 1:1, How blessed [happy] is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked [or those influenced by evil]. Pro 13:20, He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. Become wise by walking with the wise or hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.

So, the problem among many believers is simply that there is no longer any spiritual motivation in life, and they do not take advantage of their equal privilege and equal opportunity. This means that people do not enjoy what they are doing, be it their job, business, social life, married life, or even their so-called spiritual life. In the spiritual realm, proper motivation comes from Bible doctrine. God's laws of prosperity require us to trust in Him instead of trusting in riches. The world's way is to trust in material assets and continually accumulate more of them, and the more of these assets we accumulate, the harder it is for us to enter into God's kingdom. It is foolish to think that the world's prosperity satisfies; the more we get the more we want. Ecc 5:10, He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance {with its} income. This too is vanity.

What gives us proper motivation in the Christian life is doctrine resident in the soul, Psa 40:8, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God; your doctrine is within my heart."

We are told that it is the motives that the Lord weighs in Pro 16:2, All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives. 1Co 4:5, Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, {but wait} until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of {men's} hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. The apostle Paul even tells us that if we do something great, but with the wrong motives, it is absolutely useless in 1Co 15:32, He said, "If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me?" We are even warned about pastors or men in the position of pastors who do not have the gift; Paul says in Phi 1:17, The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. One can be a teacher of the Bible and have wrong motives! Even our prayers can be hindered because of the wrong motivation in Jam 4:3, You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend {it} on your pleasures. The apostle also tells us how the message of grace motivated him in 1Co 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me."

This is why he said in Tit 2:11, For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men. Notice that salvation is brought to all men through common grace! And then notice what grace does, Tit 2:12, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires

and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age. It is grace that motivates us and instructs us!

In 2Co 5:14, personal love for TLJC motivates us as well, For the love for Christ motivates us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

We are even told that no matter what we do, we had better be motivated from a willing heart or a desire to do so. In Phm 1:14, Paul said to Philemon after asking him to forgive Onesimus, "But without your consent I did not want to do anything, that your goodness should not be as it were by compulsion, but of your own free will."

Today there are many people who find themselves without proper motivation, and as a substitute for motivation they accept some form of human stimulation. They look for some form of self-gratification to take up the slack for no motivation in life. A person who loves his job, enjoys what he is doing, always has a better social life because motivation from one area flows into motivation in other areas.

All of us have to have interests which serve as motivation in life. God wants us to enjoy life. Ecc 9:9 says, Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your passing life which [woman] He [God] has given to you under the sun [in this life]; for this is your reward in life, and [enjoy life] in your work in which you have labored under the sun. When people enjoy what they're doing in life, they are going to have a wonderful spiritual life, and they are going to have that great character trait of contentment which is the basis for all happiness.

We live in a time when there is dissatisfaction in the souls of people. People are unhappy, constantly complaining, miserable, critical, judgmental, scared about the present and even more fearful of the future. This is because they have no motivation and no progressive changes, no enthusiasm, no vision in their life. Pro 29:18, Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps Your law [in the N.T., doctrine].

Our subject of motivation calls for a strong foundation based on knowledge. This is far more important than natural motivation; it is spiritual motivation, something all of us should have. Our subject of motivation calls for something much higher than the normal enthusiasms of life. This spiritual enthusiasm is something that will carry you in time of disaster as you take advantage of your equal privileges and equal opportunities. It is the word of God and occupation with TLJC that motivates and sustains the believer in time of disaster. As believers in TLJC, there has to be something that carries us which is far greater than anything we have enjoyed in life! That's what 2Pe 1:10 says, Therefore, brethren, be motivated even more to make certain about His calling and election;

The execution of your equal privilege and equal opportunity comes from making your calling and election a spiritual reality, and in order to do that you need to make sure that you do not allow anything to take you away from the PPOG. When we talk about shigaon and the mental disorder that believers fall into we need to note how the Jews in the O.T. entered into idolatry. By the way, the word idolatry actually has two meanings that are

important to note: 1) The worship of a physical object or objects as God. 2) Inordinate attachment or extreme devotion to something or someone. This second meaning, of course, would be more applicable in our day and age.

Let's note what the Scriptures have to say concerning idolatry. The commandments of the Lord are against idolatry; they are related to the fact that Israel was appointed as a client nation to God, Exo 19:4-6. The first commandment prohibits mental idolatry, and the second commandment prohibits overt idolatry, Exo 20:1-6. Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate me." Idolatry was also specifically forbidden in Exo 20:23; Deu 5:7; 6:14; 7:16, 8:19. Idolatry is also analogous to spiritual adultery. Idolatry is an attack on category one love or love for God, Jer 3:8-10; Eze 16:23-43; 23:24-30; Rev 17:1-5.

So, if you want to make your calling and election a spiritual reality, you need to make sure that you do not allow anything to take you away from the PPOG. When TLJC went to the cross on our behalf that act was the underlying foundation of equal privilege, equal opportunity for the human race. He took out all the obstacles related to our status, race, IQ, and created a level playing field for everyone; now the human must decide which way to choose. The analogy to the Pastor-teacher is that in his assignment to believers his job is to disseminate Bible doctrine, and the believer must decide whether to perceive, metabolize, and apply or not. The pastor teacher is responsible in his gift to point out and potentially remove obstacles that impact believers from the execution of their equal privilege and equal opportunity. If a local assembly is subject to gossip, jealousy, conspiracy, etc., the "equal privilege, equal opportunity" is in jeopardy; the mature believer in the assembly may be able to deal with it, while the new spiritually immature believer is at risk because he is now in a place where the playing field is unlevelled. The inability of a pastor to deal with these issues in a congregation contributes to de-emphasis of the work on the cross. Remember that there are three ways in which believers reject Bible doctrine: 1) Refusing to hear the teaching of the word of God on a consistent basis, which is sin, called sinning willfully in Heb 10:23-27, Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near. For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. 2) Hearing the teaching of Bible doctrine but refusing to metabolize it; hence, the failure to convert gnosis [knowledge in the Greek] into epignosis [wisdom in the Greek]. Heb 4:2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. 3) Metabolizing doctrine so that it exists in the soul but refusing to apply it

when necessary. Jam 1:22-25 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

When the believer continues under one or more of these three conditions, he has rejected Bible doctrine and two things happen: First, there is the accumulation of scar tissue formed in the soul. This means that soon doctrine you have learned is forgotten or set aside, so that when stress and adversity occurs, you fall flat on your face. Secondly, withdrawal occurs resulting in the accumulation of trash or garbage in the soul. This is when the soul becomes filled with blackness or the blackout of the soul. When a believer has too much garbage or trash in the soul and maximum scar tissue of the soul, that believer is extremely vulnerable to the function of his old sin nature, and he enters into a state of confusion. This state of confusion comes from the cosmos diabolicus [the devil's world system], so that the thinking of the believer involved cannot be distinguished from the thinking of the human viewpoint of the unbeliever. Such believers add the emotional complex of sins plus the arrogance complex of sins to their state of confusion.

The Bible teaches that we have three basic enemies Satan will use to continually hinder us: the world, the flesh, and the devil. The world attacks us through people and presents to us temptations on every side to try to discourage us from following the plan of God and frustrate our pursuit of seeking the things above and setting our mind on those things (Col 3:1). The flesh also strives and fights against us for gratification and in Gal 5:17 The flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. Remember that the old sin nature is always present with us and is always ready to betray us into the hands of our enemies and to bring us into subjection to its lusts and desires.

If we overcome the world and the flesh, we will get personal attention from Satan and the kingdom of darkness which will try to destroy our fellowship with God (Eph 6:12). Satan of course is very subtle and powerful in his opposition and all other enemies together are nothing in comparison with him. Satan has many schemes and nothing short of omniscience can guard us against them, and nothing but omnipotence can enable us to have victory over him. Therefore, not only do we overcome Satan because of the doctrine applied by means of our testimony, but we also overcome all of our enemies. Application of Bible doctrine is the only way to handle people. When believers have too much garbage in the soul and maximum scar tissue of the soul, there is nothing you can do to satisfy them. From the emotional complex of sins, such a believer may become irrational and confused. From the arrogance complex of sins, such a believer becomes bitter, implacable, jealous, vindictive, and self-righteous. There is nothing you can do to please them. However, implacable believers must still be treated in grace. You cannot argue with an irrational person.

So, beware that you do not lose your own integrity or spiritual strength in interacting with such persons. Do not let people with mental attitude and verbal sins drag you down with them. Do not let them hinder your equal privilege and equal opportunity.

The Portfolio of Invisible Assets.

We have now completed three forms of mystery doctrine pertaining to the Church-age only: 1) The baptism of the Spirit and its results. 2) The unique pre-designed plan of God taking its precedence from the dispensation of the Hypostatic union. 3) The unique equality factor of the Church-age manifested by the calling of God, election, and predestination.

We are now ready for the fourth category of mystery doctrine which is our very own portfolio of invisible assets, prepared for us by God the Father in eternity past.

Portfolio is a word which originated in English from the flat portable case or briefcase used for carrying documents. The word is now used for the securities held by an investor; “portfolio investment” has come to denote investment by the purchase of securities in contrast to direct investment. The analogy in the spiritual realm is that you can purchase certain securities which in turn can be used for divine investment. Our Lord said in Mat 6:19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.” Mat 6:20-21 says, “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be and will end up being. Or in Mat 12:35, “The good man out of {his} good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of {his} evil treasure brings forth what is evil.”

So, we will use the word portfolio for the work of God on behalf of the believer in eternity past, the securities and the invisible assets which God the Father has provided for each member of the Royal Family of God before creation. You have securities and invisible assets that stagger the imagination; however, before these assets are usable, they must be understood. The portfolio of invisible assets connotes the grace work of God the Father on your behalf in eternity past. God the Father found the way for His justice to provide perfect and fantastic blessing to His righteousness in us without any compromise of His essence. In your portfolio of invisible assets God provided everything necessary for us in life, in dying, in eternity, growing in grace, and the execution and fulfillment of the PPOG. This is why the apostle Paul said in Eph 2:10, For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. God has not only prepared beforehand good works for us to walk in, but He also has provided us with the assets and ability to perform these good works. We are His “workmanship,” the Greek noun *poiema* referring to the achievement and creation of God.

So, the portfolio of invisible assets provides everything necessary for you to have a fantastic life through receiving your escrow blessings which glorify God. Remember, if

you do not have a fantastic life, it's your fault, not God's. All you need is positive volition, and God will direct you to the place where you can get the information. The very existence of escrow blessings implies the conditions for the transfer of those greater blessings from their present place of deposit in Christ to us, from the escrow officer to the grantee. Our portfolio of invisible assets only becomes apparent when living in the PPOG under the ministry of the Spirit, and by hearing correct and accurate Bible teaching so that we become inculcated with the PPOG as in Eph 1:3-14, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. There are two characteristics of these assets that we must understand: 1) The assets are invisible; we can only come to know and use them by the metabolization of doctrine. 2) These assets are usable in any category of life.

The grace principle of the portfolio of invisible assets.

On the cross, our Lord Jesus Christ finished His work of salvation (tetelestai). This perfect tense of teleo means salvation was finished in the past with the result that it stands finished forever. Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. That means the judgment of all your sins is finished, so that now the door of salvation is open to anyone, through which door you walk by faith in Christ; there is nothing you can add. Eph 2:8-9, For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. The work was accomplished in eternity past for your Christian life; all you can do is utilize the assets in your portfolio of invisible assets, by making right decisions which are non-meritorious. No human works from mankind can be added to the saving work of Christ on the cross just like no human works from mankind can be added to the Christian way of life. Tit 3:5 says, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. Grace is both the policy of God and the work of God on our behalf totally apart from any human ability or merit. This is why you must start thinking of yourself in terms of your portfolio of invisible assets. You are a person for whom Christ died; you have believed in Him, so now you are a person

with a portfolio. Your portfolio is completely encompassed in a policy called grace, and in all the grace works of God. Both God's policy and God's works are working for you right now.

So, God the Father in eternity past made His declaration of tetelestai, because in eternity past, God the Father completed your portfolio of invisible assets, and it was finished before you lived. The Holy Spirit says tetelestai at the end of time when His work is finished. Regarding the Church, His work is finished at the Rapture of the Church. God the Holy Spirit provides the power for the Church-age believer. We are told that the Holy Spirit would be given in a special way to every believer after TLJC was glorified. Joh 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great {day} of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet {given,} because Jesus was not yet glorified. Or Joh 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

This is the only dispensation in which every believer is indwelt by the Spirit and mandated to be filled with the Spirit. So the Holy Spirit cannot say it is finished regarding us until we die or the Rapture occurs. The fact that the work of the Christian way of life was accomplished by God in eternity past is not only a matter of grace, but it is the basis for the fact that each one of us as a believer has his very own portfolio of invisible assets. Grace is the only miracle God provides that involves non-meritorious volition. Each member of the Godhead has certain responsibilities related to the function and policy of grace. Each member of the Godhead performs certain works which are grace, meaning we don't earn or deserve or work for them. The apostle Paul said to the Galatians; Gal 3:1-3 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? No human works can be added to salvation or the spiritual life. God the Father not only provided fantastic grace blessings for every believer, but He also has provided the means to receive these blessings; 1Th 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and he also will bring it to pass. Or, Job 23:14 For He performs what is appointed for me, and many such decrees are with Him. Or Phi 2:13 For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Psa 138:8 "The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Thy lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Thy hands." 1Co 1:4-9 "I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who [God] shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Phi 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

It is the utilization of your invisible assets which is the basis for you receiving your escrow blessings for time and eternity. God desires to bless you, and He has providing blessing for you. This is why we all need to be taught how to pray as the disciples asked the Lord in Luk 11:1 “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.” He said in Luk 11:9, “And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.” Is there something you need? Ask for it! Is there something you want? Ask for it! Our Lord used this passage to indicate a stronger tie between God and man than between friend and friend, and this is part of your portfolio of invisible assets. Luk 11:5-8 And He said to them, “Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him; and from inside he shall answer and say, Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you {anything.} I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him {anything} because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.’”

Many misinterpret Luk 11:5-8 by confusing the throne of grace and making God's throne a place where we must persuade Him. They teach: keep talking, keep knocking, try to convince Him by repetition, but that is not what this passage is teaching. The biggest enemy in prayer is the lack of knowledge of what we are in Christ, and of what He is in us, and understanding our portfolio of invisible assets. What does this persistence mean? Look at Luk 11:9-10 again, “And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.” What's the seeking? Many say it's the extension of asking, but seeking deals with others! I ask bread for myself, and then I seek blessings for others. I ask for myself; I seek for others. You see, God wants our prayers to go beyond our personal needs. What's the seeking then? It is for those around us! Therefore, Luk 11:5-8 means, because he was seeking for someone else, and did not stop seeking for someone else, the man who was resting came down to give him bread. He didn't do it because he was a friend, but because the man loved others more than himself, manifested by his continual knocking. Seeking means that because of our love toward others we keep seeking until we find what we're asking for! So we ask for ourselves, and we seek for others! Then there's the knocking! “Knock and it shall be opened unto you.” Knocking means a specific door we want God to open up, as the apostle Paul said in Col 4:3 Praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word. The knocking is asking God to open up the doors; we don't have to beg God; it's all about grace. We have a portfolio of invisible assets. He is a gracious God who is listening, and the door opening is the gracious answer from asking.

So, Luk 11:9 means that if we ask, we will get an answer from heaven. If we seek, we will get exactly what is best for those we are seeking for. If we knock, the door will take us into the place where we should be. God is our Father and bestows His gifts not just because man is persistent, but because He loves His children and has provided for

them a portfolio of invisible assets. He will do no less for them than any earthly father would do for his family. Luk 11:10 “For everyone [Our Lord promised a complete answer to everyone; He made no exceptions] who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.” Remember Jam 4:2 You do not have because you do not ask. It is the very essence of prayer to ask, and answers are the rewards of those who live in Heb 11:6, He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. We must continue in asking, seeking, and knocking because God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. For example, in our passage Luk 11:13, God promises to give good things to them that ask Him, “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall {your} heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” Those good things are necessities such as bread and luxuries such as fish. The point is that God encourages us to ask for more than the bare necessities of life, but to be precise. This is all a part of your portfolio of invisible assets.

Point 3. Moses' use of his portfolio of invisible assets.

The Old Testament saints also had their own corresponding assets, though they were different from ours. Moses utilized his portfolio of invisible assets in a magnificent way. He moved through the different stages of spiritual adulthood and became a mature believer. Heb 3:1-5 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling [a call from heaven], consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all his house. For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Now Moses was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;

Let's note a few principles about this passage: In verse 2, Moses is said to be faithful to the Lord Who had appointed him, and in verse 4, Moses was faithful in all his house even as a servant. Now, go forward to Heb 11. Heb 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; Considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is unseen. However that's not what it says in the original language! Actually Heb 11:27 looks like this; By means of doctrine [pistis], he [Prince Moses] forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king [Thutmose III], he persevered; he saw the invisible [assets].

Moses made a decision for God by which he gave up the greatest wealth, prosperity, human influence, and romance, all at one time. Not being afraid of anything in life, Moses saw his invisible assets. Therefore, he departed from the Egyptian court, spent forty years in the desert, after which he returned to bring out the Jews from slavery and to do one of the greatest jobs of leadership in all of human history. That job of leadership was based on seeing his invisible assets. In living, Moses was not afraid of anyone or anything. In dying, Moses was not afraid; living and dying go together. Moses was one of

the three greatest geniuses in history (the other two being Paul and Gaius Julius Caesar). Moses was a multiple genius in many areas: he had great and rare beauty, a body of fantastic strength, and a fantastic personality. His areas of genius included engineering, music, military, and administration. He had prepared the 18th dynasty to become the greatest of all the empires of Egypt. But the time came when he discovered his Jewish heritage and personally accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior (who was about to become the God of Israel). He advanced to spiritual independence and made this greatest of all decisions. Moses left the court and refused the rulership of Egypt. Moses persevered in undeserved suffering: forty years in the desert where he completed both momentum testing and evidence testing.

The man who came back to the Egyptian court forty years later was not only spiritually mature, but a mature believer who had passed evidence testing. Note that Moses didn't see Him who was invisible; he saw the invisible assets. He wasn't seeing God; he was seeing the invisible assets that God provided.

Point 4. Three attributes of God are the source of our portfolio of invisible assets: sovereignty, love, and omniscience.

First, the sovereignty of God, which is His eternal, infinite, and perfect divine volition. The sovereignty of God is His eternal and infinite will expressed in the divine decrees, manifest in the comprehensive divine interpretation of history called dispensations, and the unique plan regarding the Church-age. When God makes a decision, it is permanent and irrefutable. For example, God made a decision in eternity past to bless you; there is nothing you can do to reverse that decision. You may not receive the blessings, but that's not because God took them back! Rom 11:29 For the gifts [escrow blessings for time and eternity] and the calling of God [God electing you] are irrevocable. Eph 1:11 In Whom also we have received an allotment [escrow blessings], having been predestined for a predetermined plan from Him.

So, the sovereignty of God made a decision to create a counterpart to His sovereignty, a free will in every person for function during human history as a part of the angelic conflict. In His perfection, He has provided a magnificent plan and magnificent assets. Along with the sovereignty of God, His divine love is related to our invisible assets and predestination, Eph 1:5, By means of love He has predestined us. God is sovereign; therefore, His love is self-motivating and totally compatible with His divine essence. God is infinite and eternal; His love is infinite and eternal. God is holy; therefore, His love possess perfect integrity and perfect virtue, for its source is His justice and righteousness. The love of God the Father is perfect. When it is directed toward His own perfect virtue and perfect righteousness, it becomes the pattern for our spiritual self-esteem. When it is directed toward the perfect virtue of God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, it is perfect personal love. Therefore, His love does not increase or diminish; it exists with or without an object. Divine love is not sustained by rapport or merit or attractiveness. Human worthiness is not the basis for divine love; just as human merit is not the basis for eternal salvation. This means that God's love is totally free from any patronizing influence.

There are three categories to God's love: 1) Personal. The object of God's personal love is perfect righteousness, both toward the other members of the Godhead, and toward all believers to whom He imputes His perfect righteousness. 2) Spiritual self-esteem is His love directed toward His own perfect righteousness. 3) Impersonal. Impersonal love is reserved for creatures after they fail. It is directed toward mankind who is spiritually dead in total depravity. The highest expression of God's impersonal love occurred when God imputed to His Son all our sins, and when Jesus Christ was willing to be judged for all our sins. This all means that you cannot bribe God or make deals with God to receive your escrow blessings. God is not a respecter of persons; as Peter said in Act 10:34, "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality.

The third attribute of God which is the source of our portfolio of invisible assets is the omniscience of God. Omniscience means that God knows perfectly, eternally, and simultaneously all that is knowable whether it is actual or possible. Since God is sovereign, His knowledge about creatures is superior and in control at all times. When you're out of control, God is still in control.

God is infinite and has infinite and eternal knowledge. God is truth and His knowledge is totally and perfectly accurate. The omniscience of God knows all the facts about every person in human history. In knowing all about us, God still provided for each one of us a portfolio of invisible assets, resulting in our equal privilege and equal opportunity in this unique dispensation.