

What Size is Your Basket?

KJV Deuteronomy 28:1-5 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed will be our stocks, bonds and investments

*5 **Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.***

In the bible **baskets** were made to carry important things; from fruit, to bricks to bread and even people once in scripture!

So it's safe to assume that life would be very difficult for people who had no basket!

Baskets were made of twigs, sticks or thin strips of wood woven together so everyone had access to a basket!

Baskets have a prominent role in scripture mention some 38 times—they represent ***blessing, provision, harvest and protection!***

The weaving of a basket is applying faith with the expectation of more!

*KJV Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please **God!***

❖If all we expect is what we can carry in your hand—we really don't expect much out of life!

Baskets are meant to carry the necessities of life, the things we need in abundance—not just a few!

Today in our society women don't carry baskets they carry purses and men carry wallets.

There's a popular commercial on TV that asks "what's in your wallet"? Suggesting that if you don't carry their credit card you're lacking power.

God promised His people He would bless their basket and their store!

The basket is synonymous with what we carry the store what's extra!

*^{KJV} **Luke 9:12-17** And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.*

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. (probably in one small basket)

14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.

15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

➤ **There were 12 baskets left over not 12 hands full!**

Because somebody was willing to give that 1 basket to Jesus He blessed it used it to feed 5K people it turned into 12 full baskets!

➤ **12 is the number of Divine completion, growth and government!**

The cycle of Divine reciprocity is completed in this transaction—the basket is given to God, He takes it blesses it then multiplies it and gives it back to the giver.

*^{KJV} **Galatians 6:7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

A very large basket saved Paul's life when he was still being called Saul!

The disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket. (Acts 9:25).

Thank God somebody had a basket large enough for a man of God to fit in that saved his life!

*KJV **Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

God's supply is carried in our basket to our store house so we can have abundance!

So the question is: ***“What Size is Your Basket?”***

2 Cor 9:6... Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

➤ Those who give little need only small baskets, yet those who give much need larger baskets.

*YLT **Psalms 126:6** Whoso goeth on and weepeth, Bearing the basket of seed, Surely cometh in with singing, bearing his sheaves!*

The revelation is this: A poor farmer had a bad season and harvested only a small crop.

He had enough to sustain his family and have a small amount of seed leftover.

But now seedtime has returned and it's time to plant again; he goes out weeping with his little basket of precious little seed and plants them.

And because he was not fearful and held on to his seed, he will at harvest time come home with large baskets of fruit.

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