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## Last Week

- Declare and stir an expectation for great fruitfulness.
- Despite your circumstances.
- You are fruitful because God blessed you and said so.
- Genesis 1:26-28 ESV *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (28) And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*
- There was an interruption – the fall of man – and then Christ came to earth as a man to represent God to us and us to God – redeemed us by dying on a cross paying for the sin of the world once and for all - restored our fallen state back to its original design and pattern – all by grace – and those who believe may actualise what is already given and made available – that is the Good News Jesus and the Apostles preached – the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom is at hand, in your reach – we have the same mandate – pass this Good News on to all people.
- What does God want from us? Fruit! - that is what he designed and purposed us to do!
- What Fruit?
  - Godly Children – both in the natural and the spiritual.
  - God Ideas, inventions, solutions and creations – that is fruitful work.
  - Products and Services – Buildings, songs, designs...
  - Fruit of the Spirit displaying the nature of God...
  - Endurance, patience and godly character through hardships...
  - Every Good Work...
  - That is how God will fill the earth with His glory – that is our worship – the fruit we bear!
- **Paul - Fruitful Labour** - Philippians 1:21-22 ESV *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (22) If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me.*
- Stir your faith and hope in your potential... you are a fruit bearer by design...

- That it is not by your own striving, but by the Spirit of God that abides within you...
- As Paul calls it "Fruitful Labour"
- John 15:1-2 ESV *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. (2) Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away (lifts up) , and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit..."*

### **Prophetic Word – Stephen Herzig – 17 Feb 2019**

*Now is not the time to look to the hills. Do not look down as a people. Do not look at your feet. Do not look around you.*

*Now is the time to look above the hills to look to the Deliverer.*

*God wants to pour out in this house a spirit of joy and a spirit of celebration.*

*Many good things will be launched from this house, this place, this hill, and as you look to Me I will release hope, I will release My joy and I will bring a spirit of celebration into this place that no man can stand against, no demon can quench and no power of the enemy can assail.*

See the Picture:

As an individual: You are a plant that came from a seed that bears fruit, the fruit has seed that produces multiple plants that bears fruit, and so on...

As a collective, we need to ask: **How can we provide an environment as a church that will maximise each one's fruitfulness?**

SEED AND PLANTS NEED GOOD SOIL TO BEAR GOOD FRUIT

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## The Power of the Soil

- Parable of the Sower – to give Kingdom insight - seed fell on 4 types of places – good soil – 30, 60 or 100-fold
- Man is made from soil and returns to soil.
- Soil - Mind, Heart, Marriage, Family, Work, Church...

Let me tell you how God led me and brought me to putting the focus on the soil...

- Declare Fruitfulness
- Gave 5 things that we need to focus on to provide an environment conducive for great fruitfulness... They all ended with the suffix "...ship".
- So, I was going to present my series of messages for 2020 as "The 5 Ships"
- I could not settle with it. Apart from being super "cheesy", how does ships and the ocean relate to seed, plants and fruit?
- I heard a voice saying: "Why don't you have a look at the 5 components of soil?" I thought, how do you know soil has 5 components? I googled and there it was: Soil has 5 components.
- Now my message makes sense!

## 5 Components of the Soil

The five components of soil feed the world's plant life. All parts of soil are essential to plant development, and each is necessary for plants to survive. The composition of the components inside soil varies to create different soil types.

Rich garden soil is approximately 45 percent rocks and minerals, 5 percent organic matter and 25 percent each water and air. All soils have some mixture of the five basic components, and most soils may be amended to improve that composition so it will be more suitable for plant life.

Let's have a closer look.

### 1. Minerals

It is the largest component of the soil and makes about 45% of the soil. It consists of sand, silt and clay. You might say it is decomposed rock. It retains the soil's ability to retain important nutrients.

### 2. Water

Water is the second basic component of soil. Water can make up approximately 2% to 50% of the soil volume. Water is important for transporting nutrients to growing plants and soil organisms and for facilitating both biological and chemical decomposition.

### 3. Air/Gases

Gases or air is the next basic component of soil. Because air can occupy the same spaces as water, it can make up approximately 2% to 50% of the soil volume. The air found in the Earth or soil is very different from the air found in the atmosphere. Oxygen is essential for root and microbe respiration, which helps support plant growth. Carbon dioxide and nitrogen also are important for belowground plant functions.

### 4. Organic Matter

It is the next basic component found in levels of approximately 1% to 5%. It has a very high water-holding capacity and thus it can increase the fertility of the soil. Decayed plants and animals provide the organic materials found in soil. Through decomposition, organic materials are broken down and turned into nutrients that plants can use. The percentage of decomposed organic matter in or on soils is often used as an indicator of a productive and fertile soil.

### 5. Micro-organisms

Microorganisms are the final basic element of soils, and they are found in the soil in very high numbers but make up much less than 1% of the soil volume. These are the primary decomposers of the raw materials present in the soil. They eat (consume) water, air and

organic matter to recycle raw materials into humus. The largest of these organisms are earthworms and nematodes and the smallest are bacteria, actinomycetes, algae, and fungi.

So, let me reveal the 5 components we need as a church to provide a healthy environment that will maximise each member's fruitfulness..

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1. **Worship**
2. **Stewardship**
3. **Fellowship**
4. **Discipleship**
5. **Hardship**

- **Deal with clichés**

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##### 5 Ships

- **State of being or condition**
- **Position**
- **Skill**

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##### 5 Components of the Soil

1. **Air/Gases – Worship**
2. **Micro-organisms – Stewardship**
3. **Water – Fellowship**
4. **Organic Matter – Discipleship**
5. **Minerals – Hardship**

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##### The Power of the Soil – Genesis - Blueprint

1. **Worship – “*in our image and likeness...*”**
2. **Stewardship – “*govern it, and reign...*”**
3. **Fellowship – “*Lets us make man...*”**
4. **Discipleship – “*multiply and fill...*”**
5. **Hardship – *enmity and pain***