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1. GOD'S MANDATE TO MAN.

- 1. **Definition of mandate.**
 - 1. A command or authorization to act in a particular way given by the electorate to its representative.
 - 2. Any authoritative order or command.
 - 3. To authorize or decree.
- 2. The mandate.
 - 1. Be fruitful.
 - 2. Multiply.
 - 3. Replenish the earth.
 - 4. Subdue the earth.
 - 5. Exercise dominion.

2. GOD'S WILL TO REPLENISH THE EARTH WITH RIGHTEOUS SEED.

- 1. God's command after the creation of man and after the flood.
 - 1. (Gen 1:28 KJV) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
 - 2. (Gen 9:1 KJV) And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
- 2. **Replenish.** 4390. male', maw-lay'; or mala' (Esth. 7 : 5), maw-law'; a prim. root, to fill or (intrans.) be full of, in a wide application (lit. and fig.):--accomplish, confirm, + consecrate, be at an end, be expired, be fenced, fill, fulfil, (be, become, X draw, give in, go) fully (-ly, -ly set, tale), [over-] flow, fulness, furnish, gather (selves, together), presume, replenish, satisfy, set, space, take a [hand-] full, + have wholly.
- 3. **To Abraham.** AAnd I will make a covenant between me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly. @
- 4. **To Jacob after becoming Israel.** ABe fruitful and multiply; a nation and company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins. @
- 5. *To His people.* (Lev. 26:9). AFor I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FRUITFUL, MULTIPLY, AND TO REPLENISH?

- 1. **To be fruitful.** God's blessing upon us; what is produced.
- 2. **To multiply.** Increasing what we have. The increase; what is left; what remains; what can be put to use.
- 3. **To replenish**. What we do with what we have as increase; giving forth.

4. BEING FRUITFUL.

- 1. The knowledge of Jesus is the key.
 - 1. (2 Pet 1:8 KJV) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 1. (2 Pet 1:2 KJV) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
 - 2. (2 Pet 1:3 KJV) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (2 Pet 1:4 KJV) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
 - 3. (2 Pet 1:5 KJV) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (2 Pet 1:6 KJV) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (2 Pet 1:7 KJV) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
 - (1) All begins with faith.
 - (2) After faith is virtue or character.
 - (3) Then knowledge.
 - (4) Temperance.
 - (5) Patience.
 - (6) Godliness.
 - (7) Brotherly kindness.
 - (8) Charity.
 - 2. (Col 1:10 KJV) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God:
- 2. *God's desire that we bring forth much fruit.* (John 15:8 KJV) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
- 3. Fruit produced regardless of circumstances--in all seasons.
 - 1. (Psa 1:3 KJV) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
 - 1. The man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly.
 - 2. That does not sit in seat of scornful (not critical).
 - 3. Delights in the law of the Lord (meditates day and night).
 - 2. (Jer 17:7 KJV) Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. (Jer 17:8 KJV) For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in

- the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
- 3. (Psa 92:13 KJV) Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psa 92:14 KJV) They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

4. In the land of affliction.

- 1. (Gen 41:52 KJV) And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.
- 2. (Exo 1:7 KJV) And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

5. A bad tree does not bring forth good fruit.

- 1. (Mat 7:17 KJV) Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 2. (Mat 7:18 KJV) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 3. (Mat 7:19 KJV) Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 4. (Mat 7:20 KJV) Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

5. MULTIPLY.

1. Multiply means to increase; become more than before.

- 1. (Exo 1:7 KJV) And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.
- 2. (Psa 105:24 KJV) And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
- 3. (Acts 6:7 KJV) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
- 4. (Acts 16:5 KJV) And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.
- 5. (2 Pet 1:2 KJV) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- 6. (Jude 1:2 KJV) Mercy unto you, and peace and love, be multiplied.

2. What you produce is not enough; it is what is left.

- 1. True prosperity is having more than enough.
- 2. True prosperity is having something left over.
- 3. **Devourer rebuked.** (Mal 3:11 KJV) And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

6. REPLENISHING.

1. Giving out; investing in others.

- 1. Give and it shall be given.
- 2. (Neh 8:10 KJV) Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.
- 2. Restoring what satan has destroyed.

7. SUBDUE THE EARTH.

- 1. Bring it under the control of God.
- 2. Taking rightful authority.
- 3. Taking charge.

8. HAVE DOMINION OVER THE EARTH.

- 1. Exercising authority over the earth.
- 2. Ruling over the earth.
- 3. Righteousness is authority.
 - 1. (Gen 49:10 KJV) The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.
 - 2. (Psa 45:6 KJV) Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
 - 3. (Heb 1:8 KJV) But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

4. Ruling in righteousness.

- 1. 77(Prov 29:2 KJV) When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
- 2. (Isa 32:1 KJV) Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.