

## Strategically positioned

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message

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- Determines what we are able to access / receive and what we are able to give / sow
- Determines from who we can receive and to whom we can give / sow to
- **Prov 18:16** "A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men."

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## Sower & the seed

**Mat 13:3-5** "And he spoke many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

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## Sower & the seed

**Mat 13:6-9** "And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

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## Spiritual position (1)

- **John 5:24** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

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## Spiritual position (2)

- **Rom 5:1-2** "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

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### Spiritual position (3)

- **Deut 10:12** "And now, Israel, what does the LORD thy God require of thee, but to **fear** the LORD thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to **love** him, and to **serve** the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul..."

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### Spiritual position (4)

- **Act 9:31** "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the **fear** of the Lord, and in the **comfort** of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."
- **Prov 1:7, Prov 9:10**

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### Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction.(KJV)

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### Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy [is] understanding.(KJV)

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### Spiritual position (5)

- Yielding spirit, meekness, lay down pride
- **1Pet 5:5** "Likewise, ye younger, **submit** yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be **subject one to another**, and be clothed with **humility**: for God **resists** the **proud**, and gives grace to the humble."

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### Spiritual position (6)

- Sowing and reaping
- **2Cor 9:6** "But this I say, He which **sows sparingly** shall **reap also sparingly**; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully."
- **Gal 6:7** "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man **sows**, that shall he also **reap**."

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### Position in the Body of Christ

- Relationships, team (placed each in local body, country, culture) – purpose (**1Cor 12:18**)
- Accountability, light shine in all areas of life, transparency
- Submission, protection
- How do we relate to those around us and those in authority
- Wise & faithful servants (**Mat 24:45**)

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### Position in the world

- **1John 2:16** “For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”
- **Prov 18:16** “A man's **gift** makes **room for him**, and brings him before great men.”

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### Positioned to see the bigger picture

- Vision, seeking God's purposes for us (collectively, individually)
- **Prov 29:18** “Where *there is* no **vision**, the people perish...”

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### Positioned to grow and mature

- **Acts 20:35** “...It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
- Grow to **maturity** (doing basics right continuously, positioned to grow) (**Heb. 6:1**)

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