SINGLE ALLIANCE 05/18/08 WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

I. Introduction

A. Last week we talked about the roots of offence B. This week I will give the second message I had last week but did not give

C. I want to talk about key principles that brings us into the things we want in our future- Keys to increase D. What do you have?

II. The principle of use

A. Matthew 13:12

B. Jesus gives a principle that governs life. Whoever has more will be given. Has is present tense- is having or using what they have.

C. Matthew 25:15- The Lord gives upon the principle of capacity

1. Two servants used what was given- they valued it, esteemed it, and used it

2. One servant did not value, esteem, or used it. He buried it out of sight.

3. The first two servants increased what they had through use. Their capacity increased. The last one lost what he had. His capacity decreased with no use!

4. The last servant was called lazy and wicked- We do not use what we have because of laziness and wickedness.

5. Matthew 13:12- This is true with everything even the revelations you have heard but do not use now! All that is left is the shell of the doctrine is left but the revelation and life are gone!

D. We can apply this principle in every area of our spiritual life- So often we focus on what we do not have. In focsing

on what do not have we bury what we do have and it becomes unfruitful and is in danger of being lost! E. The more we focus on what we do not have the more we give the enemy an opportunity to take from us. F. The more we focus on the what we do not have the less we have capacity to appreciate and use what you do have

G. The things you do not have now are found in the seeds of what you already have right now!

III. What do you have?

A. Moses- Exodus 4:2- What is in your hand? - A rod was used to do great miracles of deliverance.

B. Widow- 2 Kings 4:1-2- What is in your house?- a little jar of oil brought her out of debt and into prosperityC. David- 1 Samuel 17:40- A sling was in his hand- It killed a giant

D. Jesus and disciples- Matthew 15:34- How many loaves DO you have? These were broken and fed a multitude E. Great things are found in the small things you already possess!

IV. Keys to abundance

A. Key #1- Appreciate what you do have!

1. Thankfulness is a master key to abundance and increase

2. Thankfulness is tied to the anointing

- 4. 1 Thess. 5:18-19- do not quench the spirit
- 5. 1 Cor. 14:17- you give thanks well
- 6. Ephesians 5:18-20- thanksgiving is tied to being full of the Spirit

7. 2 Cor. 9:12- abounding

8. Col. 2:7- abounding

9. When we complain it shuts out faith and repels the anointing.

10. Thanksgiving stimulates faith and draws upon the anointing of God

- B. Key #2- Offer what you do have to God for Him to bless
- C. Key #3- Use what you got and more will be given!
 - 1. Matthew 25:21