



“Behold I will make you fruitful...” Genesis 48:4a

One of the Lord’s first commandments to Man was for him to be fruitful and multiply. (Genesis 1:28) The inner desire for fruitfulness and to experience increase and to be productive is not merely a selfish motivation. Rather, this inner drive has been initiated by none other than the Lord Himself. He wants us – no, commands us to be fruitful! To not experience the Lord’s fruitfulness is to experience the curse!

A subtle mistake so often seen in the lives of Christian workers is the inner pressure they feel to produce fruit by their own strength, or by their own plans and devices.

The fruitfulness that is pleasing to the Father is the fruit that has been born of the dependence and reliance upon Him and not upon human plan or strength. While the fruit of our own abilities may gratify us in the immediate, it is only that fruit which is birthed by the Spirit that gives lasting satisfaction.

Today let’s allow the Spirit to whisper to those inner longings and deep cries of our hearts, “Behold, I will make you fruitful!”