

# *Principle of Sowing & Reaping*

For the redemptive gift of Exhorter

## **PRINCIPLE - A Universal, Non-optional Cause and Effect Relationship**

**Exhorter** – (Motivated to urge people to reach their full maturity in Yeshua HaMashiach)

The redemptive gift of Exhorter is the fourth of the redemptive gifts: Prophet (principle of design), Servant (principle of authority), Teacher (principle of responsibility), Exhorter (principle of sowing & reaping), Giver (principle of stewardship), Ruler (principle of freedom), and Mercy (principle of fulfillment).

The redemptive gift of Exhorter parallels the principle of sowing & reaping so as to produce long-term cumulative life change.

The call is:

- To know Yahweh!
- To know His nature.
- To weave together Yahweh's principles in a richly textured package and use them in community to build, not just to transpire; to transform, not to just inform. Yahweh created the sun, moon and the stars on the fourth day to govern the day and night. The promise of Yahweh's light will always be here.

The demonic stronghold for the redemptive gift of Exhorter is the cult of comfort. This breeds a false identity mindset of:

- People want and need to be around you. This is a need to be needed mentality and the truth is that Yahweh loves you even when no one likes you.

Walking in this false identity causes the Exhorter to not want to leave their comfort zone to invest in their own growth so as to possess their birthright. It is in the cult of comfort where either one or both Strongmen of Haughtiness and Heaviness can enter. They usually work together.

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Haughtiness being Pride. Fruits of Pride can be arrogant-smug, idleness, scornful, strife, obstinate, self-deception, false humility, contentious, self-righteous, rebellion, rejection of Yeshua. It is the “I did it my way” mentality.

***“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” Proverbs 16:18***

The Strongman of Haughtiness would like to keep us from becoming the creation God wants to make of us. The deception manifests in a person appearing to be successful, but when you dig down below the outward appearance, you usually find an alcohol, drug, or health problem, a string of broken marriages/relationships, and an extremely unhappy, lonely person. Why? Because there is no true success apart from the Will of Yahweh.

The Strongman of Heaviness tries to take our joy of living by loading us down with heaviness. It attempts to move in when we are mourning and keep us in an abnormal state of perpetual grief. Fruits of Heaviness can be excessive mourning, sorrow-grief, self-pity, insomnia, broken heart, rejection, despair/hopelessness, suicidal thoughts, depression, inner hurts/torn spirit, heaviness.

***“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.”***

***Isaiah 61:3***

The essential virtue of the redemptive gift of Exhorter is incarnated wisdom. It doesn't matter what else is done well in life, the Exhorter will not have near the impact as they will have with sowing and reaping. The opposite is the cult of comfort where they have not sown into anything.

The root iniquity for the redemptive gift of Exhorter is denial which brings upon what is called the Canaanite curse (Genesis 9:20-27). The root cause of the curse is:

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- You or somebody in your family line used their influence to induce others to do wrong frequently in the area of moral impurity (ex. Bloodshed, sexual sins, idolatry, deceit, exploitation). In other words, causing others to lower their standard through deception or desensitization.

Manifestation of the Canaanite Curse in your life or in your future generations is that you are being regularly exploited by all kinds of leaders. Because of the exploited boss, you are so busy putting out fires and serving somebody else that you don't have the time to develop your own gifts and potential for the call of Yahweh on your own life.

The blessing of Moses is released when the curse is broken. You are systematically developing the areas for greatest potential for the call on your life. You have discretionary time to pursue unleashing your potential. As an Exhorter, Moses' biggest responsibility was to get to know Yahweh and to teach the people of Israel about Him. In the wilderness, He had control of his own schedule, he had lots of leaders under him to whom he could delegate, and he had Yahweh/I AM awaiting him in a tent outside the camp as often as Moses wanted to go visit with Him, face to face. The fruit of that opportunity to grow was a spirit large enough to write five of the most important books of the Bible, the authority to appeal to Yahweh on world-changing issues, and the skill to lead a people. He was able to inform, inspire, and transform his community for long-term cumulative life-change.

Moses had favor with Yahweh and for a season with his people (Hosea's Blessing). Aaron came along side him during a critical transition to help him succeed (Esther's Blessing). Yahweh gave Moses a long series of supernatural strategies to defeat the enemy (Daniel's Blessing). Then Yahweh took the nation to Sinai where He provided peace, food, water, and protections in how to grow into the fullness of their national birthright.

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The principle of sowing and reaping is focused on long-term life-change and ideally on a corporate level. However, the Exhorter operates individually as well. Wise use of the principles is somewhat optional; however, when we refuse to study the principles of Yahweh and use them wisely, the reality is self-deception. Life may look good but, in fact, ignorance of the principles and failure to use them is guaranteeing that we are violating them and we will ultimately reap the consequences of this violation.

The five principles of sowing and reaping for the Exhorter are:

- 1) It requires a certain amount of time to do any given thing.
- 2) It requires real effort to have real depth in relationships.
- 3) Don't make or expect others to pay for your mistakes.
- 4) Prepare thoroughly for any enterprise worth doing.
- 5) Life is complex (it consists of many different and connected parts), and, we need to embrace clarity and solvable ideas for real life that are in alignment with God's principles.

The greatest skill for the Exhorter gift can become his/her greatest downfall. The Exhorter's greatest skill is finesse relationships. What often happens to the Exhorter is that he/she can easily cross over the line from that which is good and Godly to very simple manipulation. The smoothness of this manipulation moves the Exhorter into avoiding the consequences for his/her own choices.

The challenge to overcome for the gift of Exhorter is leadership in relationships. When a dominate Exhorter begins to build a real relationship, it's only a matter of time before the Exhorter attempts to pull rank and place him/herself in a superior position and no longer be in a peer relationship. The carnal Exhorter likes to be the unchallenged leader and while this can do some good, it can also do a lot of damage.

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The Exhorter gift desires relationship and can develop a linear relationship in a matter of seconds, minutes, or hours. It doesn't matter. The Exhorter can stand in a check-out line at the store and engage in conversation with the clerk and immediately cause life to start flowing for that person, whereas, most people will stand in line, say "Hi, how are you?," pay for their goods and leave. Not the Exhorter!

The Exhorter loves community and can literally bring the introvert and extrovert together in a setting nicely. Think of a lunch room setting. The introvert will be sitting at a table eating lunch and reading their book. The Extrovert will be busy flicking the T.V. stations looking for something stimulating to watch. In comes the Exhorter, strikes up a conversation with the two and before you know it, they are all engaged in conversation enjoying each other's company. Life begins to flow.

The Exhorter gift is designed to bring revelation and Exhorters can generally bring the missing piece of Truth to his/her community that they didn't have before. An example is when Paul went to preach in the Synagogues. He would acknowledge they knew a lot about Yahweh but he would then bring in Truth about Yeshua and many would come to the faith. Paul did the same thing with the gentiles who worshiped other gods. He would bring them the Truth about their statue to the "unknown god" and introduce them to Yeshua and encourage them to turn from their idolatry. He walked in Truth and encouraged others to do so.

With the many contributions to the body of Christ that the Exhorter gift brings, there is a negative for the gift of Exhorter and that is they can have a tendency to move boundaries. Exhorters have a keen point of view. They look at the objective and the target and continue to move toward that focus, but will habitually over promise and under deliver. They are so busy looking at the target, they may say things they have not fully researched, make promises they can't make good on, and/or establish expectations that are not suitable for the circumstance. They must learn to realize the

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amount of time, number of people, and amount of effort needed to fulfill the vision they envision.

Yahweh requires genuine legitimate sowing and reaping according to the principles of natural law. Denial can keep the Exhorter from genuinely looking at the lack of fruit in his/her ministry.

Let's take a look at the negative grid before looking at the positive:

**-100 – This group could be represented by the Illuminati.** They are seeking world dominion through the skillful perverted use of natural law, while they are attempting to weave together business, government and religion into one package so as to reveal and celebrate the devil's nature.

**-80 – The ugly edge of society.** Those who teach that there are no consequences for iniquity. They teach that it is okay to have premarital sex, adultery after marriage, homosexuality, and debt is acceptable and will never hurt you. Those that say having abortions will have no physical, emotional or spiritual side effects; those who validate and celebrate gluttony; those that say children can watch trash on Television and violence and it will not cause damage. These teachers of iniquity are becoming more and more abrasive. However they are not the dominant force to the demonic stronghold in an Exhorter community.

**-60 - Intentionally use manipulation for personal gain.** This can run the entire gambit of society. Businessman who exploit the fears of society to get money; Government that exploit and manipulate the race issue to get elected; The human body that dresses seductively to manipulate or dresses for power so as to manipulate and persuade people into doing or buying things; The church where men and women will use the things of Yah to move other people in their direction, i.e. If you sacrificially give money to their ministry, then Yahweh will surely bless the individual giving. Or claiming

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glory for things they haven't done. **Using the things of the spirit to gain honor is an abomination to Yahweh.** The grace of Yah is designed to accrue honor to Him not to man. Life is not driven by our wishes. It is driven by reality. Short term investments will not reap the full benefit when the system is short-changed.

**-40 - The entitlement spirit.** It is where the individual's needs dictate their right to receive resources. There is no logic to this and there is no objective grid. An example would be the special needs children or the farmers. Because of their need, the government will subsidize so as to meet their needs. The entitlement spirit enters the individual when custom becomes law; in other words, you believe that because the church or the government has helped you in the past, you are entitled to the same benefit forever. There are many union workers in this arena. They may not earnestly earn what they receive, but because they are part of the union, they believe they are entitled to the same wages and benefits as their co-workers who have truly earned them. There are several people groups in this arena.

**-20 - A spirit of denial.** Denying the consequences of your wrong choices. When something goes wrong, you immediately blame it on the enemy. Many times this is the case where the enemy is active; however, many times such as in the area of finances, it is not a demonic attack. It is nothing more than poor planning or overspending on your part. In the area of health, it may be because you were negligent and have been violating the Godly principles of good health. When in denial about the true costs of fulfilling God's vision, the denial empowers a demonic stronghold over the region. There are people who are in denial over their own motive about what they are doing. There are people addicted to the email, social media, and their phone. They may even persuade themselves that they are building the kingdom of God and are busy ministering or being life-giving to others, when in reality they are avoiding the difficult daily tasks that need to be done because they are not as gratifying as answering the phones, social media posts, or their emails. Another area of denial has to do with

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whether or not the Holy Spirit is present in a setting. Some people confuse the Holy Spirit as being present, when in reality it is their own excitement.

We will now move on to the positive side of the grid.

**0 – Wounded.** Somebody who is committed to living in reality, accepts the challenges of life, rejects pursuing the cult of comfort, and embraces the pain necessary to achieve excellence.

**+20 – Investing in Your Spiritual Growth.** You want to take your city or community back for Christ. You are investing a significant amount of time into your own personal spiritual growth. Hundreds or thousands of hours are invested into the word of God and you can pull out great jewels because of your gifting. You have the ability to see profound things in the word of God, simply because of discipline. You must incarnate truth and wisdom and not just teach it. This will increase your authority.

**+40 – Mentoring Individuals to Maturity.** Bringing individuals from brokenness to maturity. You will find out rapidly that there are things people need that you do not have. It is that desired pressure of looking for answers for people who are looking to you for answers that will cause you to grow to a whole other level. You will have greater authority if you will spend months or even years, if needed, with that person rather than just pawning them off. You know your God, you know your calling, your anointing, and you walk in the manner you are called.

**+60 – Enhancing a Vibrant Community.** Lead a community where life and values are multiplied through the use of principles rather than using an event to release a message. Yahweh has called us to weave all the principles together to lead a community on a day-to-day basis, to transform an entire community and unlock the treasures that are already there.



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**+80 – *Healing a Broken Community.*** This is a more daunting challenge. This means moving from control to empowerment. This necessitates a massive transformation of the values of the culture before they can be empowered to govern their own affairs.

**+100 – *Revealing the Father in Social Structures.*** In the millennial kingdom, we will see the business, government, and the church all fit together in a seamless fashion. All three social structures are contributing to the understanding and the nature of the Father in a life-giving way, each one doing its part and feeding off of one another instead of competing as they are now in this society. We do have some aspects of fathering happening now, but they are small and somewhat flawed. The welfare system government, some businesses, and many churches are helping, but they have not been able to be transformational. By and large, they are not healing entire generations and empowering them.

Yahweh has called the Exhorter gift to weave together His principles in a richly textured package and use them in community to build, not just to transpire, to transform, not to just inform. It is easy for the Exhorter to gain the trust of the people. But his greatest trap is when he uses the people instead of building the people. We have yet to see what Yahweh is like in a transformed community. But He desires that the social structure be a representation of who He is.