

# LIFE GROUP (18-02-10)

## **LIFESTYLE OF THANKFULNESS- YADAH**

### **Definition of 'YADAH'**

The word 'Yadah' conveys a strong emphasis on gratitude and thankfulness. It means: 'to use (i.e. hold out) the hand, physically to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands), to confess, praise, be thankful. 'Yadah' is an expression of thankfulness with the hands lifted. God wants us to be thankful for our salvation more than anything else but He also want us to be thankful for everything He does in our lives. Yadah for being redeemed / saved (Psalm 107:1-2). Yadah is an eternal occupation (Psalm 52:9). Yadah is a witness to the unsaved (Psalm 18:49).

SERMON TITLE: **PRODUCTIVITY**

SCRIPTURE: **GENESIS 25:19-27**

BACKGROUND: God wants his people to be productive, meaning that they take advantage of what God has given them and multiply it through the power of the Holy Spirit. The example of Jacob and Esau was used to show the comparison between twins who had different outcomes in life. Esau was a skilful hunter who came in hungry one day after hunting and begged his brother to give him stew to save his life. Jacob asked Esau to give his birthright in exchange for the stew. Irrespective of how one interprets the character of Jacob, the point is to hold on to what God has given you.

- Esau gave away his birthright God had rightfully given him because he was unable to feed himself from his hunting. He was scripturally lazy according to Proverbs 12:27 because 'the lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, but diligence is a man's precious possession'. God's expects you to be productive with what he has given you.

### **DO ANY OF YOU HAVE TESTIMONY OF BEING PRODUCTIVE WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> step to productivity –get out of debt - Pay off your credit cards.
- 2<sup>st</sup> step to productivity –Don't focus on the things you see -but the things you can't see. Sit down and plan for the future.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> step to productivity – place value on spiritual things. – prayer – worship – meditation and so on.

### **DO ANY OF YOU HAVE TESTIMONY OF DOING ANY OF THE ABOVE THAT YOU KNOW LED DIRECTLY TO YOU BEING PRODUCTIVE.**