A man can only possess what is his by right. Every child of God has an inheritance in Christ. Through Jesus Christ, the believer has become an heir of God, a joint heir with Jesus Christ. The believer by virtue of his faith has access to the blessings of God through the purchasing power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Salvation, healing, good health deliverance, divine protection and guidance, prosperity and success, greatness, top of the ladder experience, progress, happiness and joy, peace and tranquility, among others are the inheritance of the believer. It is this inheritance that we are to take possession of.

Like the people of Israel, the process of possessing one’s possessions is not always easy. You have to flight for it. The Israelites had to pass through many crisis and problems. They had to flight to posses the land. We also need to flight to posses our possessions. We will be considering the steps to possessing one’s possessions.

1. DELIVERANCE
According to Obadiah 17, the first step to possession your possession is deliverance.

“But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness, and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.”

To deliver is to save from something or someone. It is to free from a bondage or yoke. It is to be disconnected from every wrong connection, association, covenant and powers.

WHAT TO BE DELIVERED FROM:
To possess your possessions, you are to be delivered from:

a. Sin,
b. Evil binding habits,
c. Evil binding covenants, whether inherited or personally entered into,
d. Spells, curses, enchantments and divinations,
e. Sickness and diseases,
f. Demons.

Without being freed from these things, Christianity and life generally will be a struggle. When a man is delivered, he can now settle down to live for God and possess his inheritance. All ties with the devil must be cut for one to possess his inheritance in Christ. See your Pastor for further assistance.

SCRIPTURES TO USE FOR DELIVERANCE PRAYERS
2. HOLINESS
Obadiah 17 says, after deliverance, “There shall be holiness”. This shows us that as long as one is living in sin, it will be difficult for that person to possess his God-given blessings. Deliverance enables us to live holy. And holiness enables us to possess our possessions.

Ps 66:18-19
18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; 19 but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.
NIV

Isa 59:1-2
Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.
NIV

2 Chron 7:14
14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
NIV

A holy life enables one to possess his possessions. When Israel followed God faithfully, they prospered and won all their battles. But, each time they became disobedient and served other gods, they suffered, loosed their land, properties and freedom, and became oppressed.

As long as we live a clean life, we will prosper and possess our God-given blessings in Christ. Holiness has to do with prompt obedience to every of God’s instructions. Israel in faith obeyed every instruction God gave them to defeat the Canaanites and inherit their land. Practice all the principles of God. Disobedience will rob you of His blessings.

3. ENGAGING THE ENEMY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE
Matt 11:12
12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.
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It takes violence to take what is yours from the enemy. The enemy will want to sit on your blessings that you do not possess it, but you must fight it out and take what is yours.

Ps 125:3
3 The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.
NIV

We have to forcefully posses our possessions. Only the violent take it by force.

The land of Canaan was given to Israel, but they had to fight many battles to possess it. We have to put the pressure on the devil until he backs off, in order to possess what belongs to us. We are charged by James in James 4:7 to resist the devil until he flees, for he must flee. This calls for violent faith leading to violent approach.

Men of violence are not children or babes, but mature believers who know their right from their left. They know those things that are theirs’, and they know how to possess it. Men of violence are men of strong faith who will stop at nothing to possess their possession in Christ. Men of violence are men of authority – they know the authority they have in Christ, and they make sure that they use it to their own advantage.

Spiritual warfare involves.
1. Prayer warfare
2. Mental warfare
3. Word warfare
4. Praise warfare

PRAYER WARFARE
There is no gainsaying the fact that qualitative and effectual praying is vital to our possession our possessions. In prayer we stand on the word of God against the enemy to enforce the will of God for our lives. In prayer we claim our blessings and drive away the enemy from what has been freely given to us in Christ. In prayer, the blood of Jesus Christ and His name is used to enforce the word of God.

John 16:23-24
23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.
NIV

John 14:12-14
12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do
whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
NIV

Rev 12:11
11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
NIV

We are to continue in prayer until we possess our possessions. Matthew Ashimolowo says, “It is not over until it’s over”. No good soldier goes to sleep when the battle is still on. And Jesus taught in Luke 18:1, “Men ought to pray always and not to give up”. And Paul instructed that we should “Pray without season” (I Thess 5:17). Don’t give up praying. Continue to pray until something happens. Pray earnestly with all your heart and in faith expecting God to answer you. Address the devil and the situation in prayer and things will begin to happen.

In prayer, we petition God the Father armed with his word; we rebuke the devil armed with the word of God; and we speak to the situation in Jesus name using the word of God, and the walls of the enemy will come tumbling down. Victory is guaranteed through prayer. Never seize to pray.

MENTAL WARFARE
The human mind is the battle ground where the devil engages us with the aim of distracting, weakening or destroying completely our faith in God. While we fight him through prayers, he attacks our mind. The devil understands that as a man thinketh in his mind, so is he (Prov 23:7); and that without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). He knows that all battles are fought, lost or won in the human mind.

Discouragement, defeat, despair and frustration can come to you if you do not use your mind positively.

To possess your possession therefore, you have to be prepared for the warfare that the enemy will launch against you. You must endeavor to be in control of your thoughts always. You don’t expect the devil to sit down and fold his hands while you come to his prison house to take what is rightfully yours that is under his custody. He will fight back. His target is always your mind – your thoughts. Keep out fear, doubt, discouragement and all negative thoughts. Always focus your mind on the promises of God as actually being yours as God has said in His word.

Resisting the devil as James commanded us to, starts in the human mind. If you fail at the mental realm, you fail at the physical realm. Hold your thoughts together.
Bad and negative thoughts, frustrates, depresses and discourages a man. It clouds a man’s vision and hinders him from thinking clearly. And that will lead to inability to possess his possessions. Watch what you think.

*Prov 18:14*

14 *A man’s spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?*

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*Prov 15:13*

13 *A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.*

*NIV*

I urge you to read 2 Samuel 11 and 13. You will learn how the devil uses evil thoughts to blind a good man and make him do what he already knows is wrong, only to regret his actions later.

The human mind is a powerful force that we must guard always so that the devil does not use it against us. We as humans must learn how to use it positively to help ourselves and glorify God in our flesh.

Use your mind positively to defeat the enemy and possess your possessions. Guard your thoughts. Fill your mind with the word of God and walk in the consciousness of God’s Word always.

**WORD WARFARE**

Words are seeds. They are creative. Words have life in them, and when spoken comes to pass.

*Prov 18:20-21*

20 From the fruit of his mouth a man’s stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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*Prov 17:27-28*

27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered. 28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

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You must be careful what you say at all times. Your words can complicate your life. Your words can help you to possess your possessions, and it can hinder you. By your words you can be justified, and by your words you can be condemned. Any word spoken in faith without doubt is bound to come to pass.
**Mark 11:22-23**  
22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.  
*NIV*

Speak only what you want in your life. Speak only what you want to reap. Use your mouth to create what you want.

Confess the word of God concerning you. As you lend your voice to the word of God, your world will change. Resist the temptation to confess negatively. No matter what you are going through. Say what you believe the situation should be in accordance with the word of God. Say what you want to see not what you are seeing presently in the physical. Speak in faith.

As you are speaking the word of God you are engaged in warfare. The Bible in Eph. 6:17 calls the word of God the sword of the Spirit. Each time you speak the word of God in faith, you are striking the Devil with the sword. Use it often. Strike him often, and strike him rightly.

Therefore, you must master the Bible for you to know what scripture to use at a particular time for a particular case. Settle down to study the word. Give attention to church services, especially Bible studies so you can grow in knowledge. Invest your money in buying teaching tapes and books. It will help you. Such expenditures are wise investments that will yield tremendous results.

**PRAISE WARFARE**

Praise gladdens God’s heart and moves him to act in one’s favour. Praise is an expression of warm approval or our admiration to God for all he does for us. Praise is to extol and exalt God. It is to worship God. Praise is an expression of our faith in God that he will do what he has promised. It is not easy to praise God when we are yet to see the manifestation of his promise. But God wants us to think and praise him always in all situations.

*1 Thess 5:16-18*

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
*NIV*

Our praise in such a hard and bad circumstance proves our faith in the faithfulness of God, and it moves God to act on our behalf and give us what we want.
It was the shout of praise that brought down the wall of Jericho before Israel at the command of God. Read Joshua 6 and you will see what praise born out of faith in God will do for you.

The LORD set ambush against Ammon, Moab and Edom and destroyed their entire armies that gathered against Jehoshaphat and Judah when Judah began to praise him. The LORD has responded to their prayer for help to defeat the enemies with a promise to fight the war for them. However, he instructed them to march out to the war front, but with a promise they won’t fight. Jehoshaphat in faith appointed praise singers to be in front while the soldiers follow behind. As they began praising God, God set ambush against the enemy. By the time they got to the place of battle they discovered that he LORD has finished the war. They just carried the booties of war and went home still praising God. Start with praise, respond to the word of God in faith through praise, and you will end up in praise.

Praise brings down the glory of God into one’s life and situation.

2 Chron 5:2-4
2 Then Solomon summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the chiefs of the Israelite families, to bring up the ark of the LORD's covenant from Zion, the City of David. 3 And all the men of Israel came together to the king at the time of the festival in the seventh month. 4 When all the elders of Israel had arrived, the Levites took up the ark,

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POSSESSING THROUGH GIVING
This form of giving is a violent way of moving the hand of God to act on your behalf. You are saying to God with your gift that you are desperate and need urgent attention. It has always worked, and it will work for you.

It may come in form of a vow. Jephthah vowed anything that will come out of the door of his house first to great him for victory over the Ammonites.

Judg 11:29-40
29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites. 30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD: "If you give the Ammonites into my hands, 31 whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the LORD's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering." 32 Then Jephthah went over to fight the Ammonites, and the LORD gave them into his hands. 33 He devastated twenty towns from Aroer to the vicinity of Minnith, as far as Abel Keramim. Thus Israel subdued Ammon. 34 When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, dancing to the sound of tambourines! She was an only child. Except for her he had neither son nor daughter. 35
When he saw her, he tore his clothes and cried, "Oh! My daughter! You have made me miserable and wretched, because I have made a vow to the LORD that I cannot break."  
36 "My father," she replied, "you have given your word to the LORD. Do to me just as you promised, now that the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the Ammonites. 37 But grant me this one request," she said. "Give me two months to roam the hills and weep with my friends, because I will never marry." 38 "You may go," he said. And he let her go for two months. She and the girls went into the hills and wept because she would never marry. 39 After the two months, she returned to her father and he did to her as he had vowed. And she was a virgin. From this comes the Israelite custom 40 that each year the young women of Israel go out for four days to commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

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Jacob vowed a tithe of all that God will give him for a prosperous, favourable journey and safe return to Canaan.

Gen 28:20-22
20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear 21 so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God 22 and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

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You may give cash that you have at hand. It may be your last, to move God to act on your behalf. Your offering will then stand before God as a reminder or memorial of your request. God always answers without delay.

Giving is not a bribe, but a way of showing your consecration and dependence on God.

1 Chron 29:5
5 for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"

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Read the entire Chapter and you will get a better picture.

Give willingly and cheerfully, for God loves a cheerful giver. Give what will cost you. It must be of great value to be acceptable as in instrument in moving the hand of God to enable you possess your possession. Try it, and you will testify that it worked.

Prayer produces results, so also giving. When your prayer and giving is mixed together, you have “double impact” – they produce something bigger that either can produce by itself.

**CONCLUSION**
Lay hold on these truths and practice them everyday of your life. What has been given to you is yours. Don’t let any one deny you the benefit of experiencing these blessings. Seize what is yours from the enemy and enjoy it. God help you and bless you.