

**June 9, 2020 Vision**

**The Fingerprint of God Part 1:**

*We have just finished the series on the seven Spirits of God and have gotten to know God's mind and character on a more personal level. So, in a word, describe who God is to you. His name could be from the series that you learned or the character of Whom you use in prayer. An example would be Jehovah God.*

*\*\*Do you ever feel like God has abandoned you, and you can't feel or see Him anywhere? As we go through this lesson, we will see that God is always present in our lives, and He is working and surrounding us with good things for our good pleasure, whether we see Him or not. We just need to be able to identify Him and His presence.*

**Three Things We Know About God:**

1. *God is Omnipresent [äm'nä'preznt]: present everywhere at the same time.... God has always been present, God will always be present, and God is present now.*

2. *God is Omniscient [äm'niSHənt]: knowing everything.  
All-knowing; all-wise; all-seeing*

3. *God is Omnipotent [äm'nipəd(ə)nt]: having unlimited power; able to do anything. all-powerful; almighty; supreme; most high; preeminent*

From Genesis to Revelation, God's evidence of His character is evident in each name, scripture, and storyline mentioned throughout the Bible, and we can identify Him by the fingerprints He left behind.

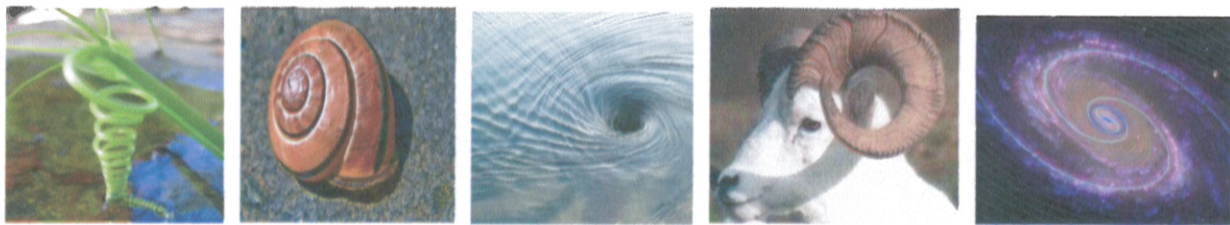
*\*\* God's fingerprint is an idiom for God's presence, strength, and power. It also symbolizes God's true identity throughout His Logos word.*

As some of you may know or have recognized through my teaching, I love exploring the biblical meanings of words, pattern sequences, numbers, and colors. And although I never liked or was good at math, I have now found a new fascination in shapes and frequencies as God has opened my eyes to a new adventure—The fingerprint of God.

### Five Facts:

1. The biblical shape and sign for creation is the spiral.
2. The biblical number for creation is 4.
3. The spiral is a form of communication through water, sound, vibration, and air.
4. The spiral is a form of communication between God and us.
5. God's spiral is called "the golden spiral."

While exploring the spiral shape, I found that it is visible in many, many areas of God's creation. I have made a list of "some" of my findings: hurricanes, spiral seeds, ram's horn, sea-horse tail, seashells, growing fern leaves, a scorpion's tail, waves breaking on the beach, tornados, galaxies, the tail of a comet as it winds around the sun, whirlpools, seed patterns of sunflowers, daisies, dandelions, and in the construction of the ears of most mammals. And in many more of God's creations on land, ocean and seas, and the open skies.



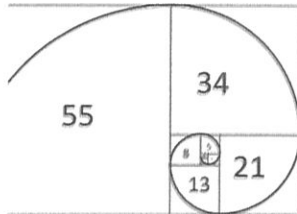
However, not only did I discover these findings, but I found spiral shapes in humans as well: the cochlea of the human ear, our hand, our fingerprints, DNA molecules, face, and umbilical cord.



So, you can see that a spiral is more than a shape. It's a sacred connection between God and His creation, likened to a spiral antenna, and radiofrequency or television sounds connecting and agreeing together. It reminds me of God's words about the radio and being tuned in to His Holy Spirit. Here is a reminder of His words: *"Your mind should be like a radio channel programmed on the mind of Christ; nothing going in or out of the mind's airwaves that is not truth. When you*

*begin listening outside of the truth, you have turned the radio dial and have begun listening to another channel.... Stay tuned in to channel 7."* These words are God's way of communicating to us through frequency connections.

And although I have learned so little about spiral shapes and number frequencies, the wisdom within it surpasses my comprehension by a long shot because it deals with numbers and geometry. This is known as God's wisdom of the golden spiral.



However, I now enjoy looking for spiral shapes and pattern sequences as a way of connecting God's creations and nature with me. The golden spiral is called the fingerprint of God, and I desire to know more of God in this fashion of His character.

*\*\*The definition for print is defined as markings, art, and designs.*

### **The Fingerprint:**

Our fingerprint's spiral is a marking created and designed by God to identify who we are, and it is a pattern form of connection from God to us. When we raise our face, hands, or fist to praise God, our fingerprints or the spiral in our hand {look back at the photo} reach up as a connection to touch and embrace God's presence.

You may have never noticed, but the carpet in the sanctuary is of golden spirals. When we walk on it, our feet are connecting to the markings of God. In past lessons, we have learned that the sanctuary and the furniture are referenced as "*the Holy Things*." We can now address Calvary's flooring as "*Holy Things*," as well. When Clark and the others purchased the carpet, God made a prophetic statement, and no one even knew it until now. Even the song we sing, "*we are standing on Holy Ground*," has a more profound meaning as we stand on the golden spirals of God's fingerprint.

God's fingerprint is not just left on the beauty of His creations or our carpet, but it is evident throughout the Bible, as well. We first see God's fingerprint in Genesis, chapter one. His fingerprint is defined as Creator, Yahweh, and The I AM as His name identifies Who He is.

Fingerprints leave markings or impressions on everything it touches. I have learned that there are three types of fingerprints on an individual's fingertips. As we know, God designed all print patterns unique and different, and there are no two print patterns the same, including twins or triplets.

Fingerprint designs give an identification of whom a person is. It provides much detail into a person's history when putting into a database. God's database is the Bible, and we are directed to find and process all the information published about the Godhead's identity within the Logos word (Bible). If we want to know God, we read His word. If we're going to know who God says we are in Christ and how to deal with life circumstances, we will have to read His word. If we want the seven Spirits of God to manifest and operate, we will have to comply and obey His word. Without spending time reading His word, we are merely lost, weak, and powerless. Let me make mention; I'm not saying we aren't Christian. I'm just saying; we won't be taking full advantage of the fingerprint.

### **The Fingerprint of God in Color:**

*\*\*Colors assist in visual search object recognition; enhance meaning; convey structure; establish identity; symbolism; improve usability; communicate mood; show associations; express metaphors/idioms.*

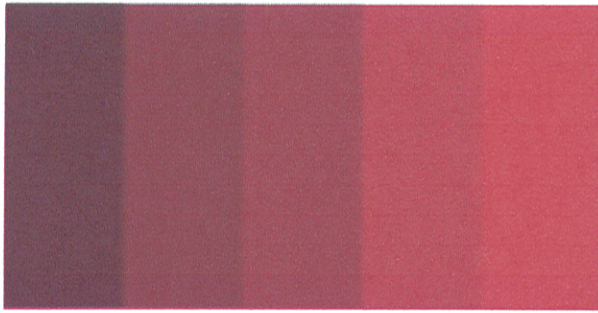
The more we know about color, the more we know the identity of God. Likewise, the more we know about numbers and shapes, the more we learn about God's essence. They all play an essential role in the creation and identification of God's fingerprint.

### **Identifying By Color:**

- \* God's fingerprint is in the Logos word (blue ink: symbolizes power).*
- \* Jesus' fingerprint is in the blood (red ink: symbolizes the blood).*
- \* Man's fingerprint is in sin (black ink: symbolizes darkness; sin).*
- \* Jesus' blood applied to black sin equals shades of red.*



*\* God's blue (power) and Jesus' red (blood) equals purple. Purple is the color of royalty. So, we can see the significance of how colors define God's character.*



***When we apply our black sin to the red blood of Jesus, the blood of Jesus proves more powerful than any black sin. The blood bleeds and shines through all manner of darkness.***

Due to Adam and Eve's fall from grace, their identity fell upon all humanity. But thankfully, because of God's love, mercy, and the demonstration of the shed blood upon the cross, sin does not have to be the lasting impression we make on our life. *2 Corinthians 5:17* says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

### **The Fingerprints of God in Numbers:**

The study of numbers in the Bible is called *Biblical numerology*. Each number is associated with spiritual meanings, like the most used numbers are 7 and 40. The number 40 may signify the 40 days Jesus was in the desert and the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. The number 7 signifies completion or perfection, as seen in *Genesis 7:2-4* and *Revelation 1:20*. Seven is considered God's number, as He is the only Who is perfect and complete. The number 3 signifies divine perfection and the Trinity. The Godhead consists of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The number three is actually the first number that God began speaking to me about when I taught a lesson on pleading, applying, and declaring the blood of Jesus several years ago. It was at this time; my fascination began as I saw the number three boldly stand out everywhere I turned.

The spiritual meaning of number 4 is creation, as I mentioned earlier. The four seasons of winter, fall, spring, and summer are God's fingerprints of design, each season bringing a new season of life. The number of men is 6 as humanity was created on the 6th day and man laborers six days only—God rested on the seventh day.

As you can see, there are countless numbers mentioned in the Bible, and they carry significant *spiritual* meaning. We can signify many meanings to the following numbers according to an event or verse in the Bible. I have listed below the first ten numbers and their significance to God's fingerprint.

1. Unity; new beginnings
2. Union; division; witnessing
3. Divine completeness and perfection
4. Creation; world
5. God's goodness; grace; Pentateuch (first five books)
6. Weakness of man; manifestation of sin; Satan
7. Resurrection; spiritual completeness; seven Spirits of God
8. New beginnings
9. Divine completeness from the Father; the fruit of the Spirit
10. Testimony; law and responsibility

Some people may find numbers, shapes, or colors to have no benefits concerning their walk with God. But Solomon says a person who looks for truth will find *"the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"* as quoted in *Proverbs 25:2*, *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."* When we search out a matter, such as the fingerprint of God, then God will reward us through the revelation of His wisdom and knowledge. *Deuteronomy 29:29* says, *"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

I love searching out matters. It is like a puzzle, piecing them all together to create a beautiful scene. If you enjoy searching God's word out, too, you know exactly what I mean. Some may think this sounds corny or silly, but it is a desire that God has placed in me, and I'm honored God gives me the desires of my heart to do so because I love every minute of it. When He reveals His truth, the reward is always great because He has allowed me to learn, grow, and be intimate with Him.

God's fingerprints are everywhere. They are in creation, colors, numbers, shapes, peoples' personal life, and throughout the Bible scriptures. And if we look and search hard enough, we will see them visibly.

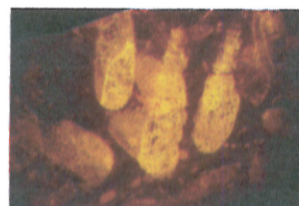
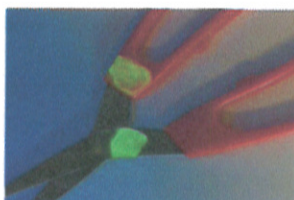
Now let's switch gears and do some analyzing and decoding God's fingerprint through the scripture.

### **Analyzing Fingerprints:**

When someone commits a crime, investigators investigate and analyze the crime scene by gathering forensic evidence. A criminal can leave three types of prints and/or a partial image. For this reason, is why the investigators sweep the whole room thoroughly, trying to find as many prints as possible. Likewise, in the Bible, God's fingerprints are scattered throughout, and it is also possible to identify different types of print patterns within one story scene.

Because the nature of God's being is so vast and His ways are so much higher than ours, it is impossible for Christians to receive the complete account of an event. However, we can gather as much information as possible and form a conclusion based on the evidence/analytics. We need to keep in mind that God's fingerprint is unlike what a person has. We have to look through the spiritual lens and not the natural to identify Him and His character.

### **Three Types of Fingerprints:**



**1. Patent prints** are visible prints that occur when a foreign substance on a finger's skin comes in contact with another object's smooth surface. These prints leave a distinct ridge impression visible with the naked eye without technological enhancement of any kind. The tried and true "blood on his hands" evidence is an example of patent prints recovered from a crime scene or scene of interest to investigators. These foreign substances contain dust particles that adhere to the fingers' ridges and are easily identifiable when left on an object. An example would be leaving a marking on a window with sweat, blood, paint, ink, dirt, or mud on the hands.

**2. Plastic prints** are visible, impressed prints that occur when a finger touches a soft, malleable surface resulting in an indentation or mold. Some surfaces



*containing this type of fingerprint are freshly painted or coated or those that include wax, gum, blood, or any other substance that will soften when handheld and then retain the finger ridge impressions. These prints require no enhancement to be viewed because they are impressed onto an object and are easily observable. An example would be getting paint all over our hands then washing them with hand soap. The color left behind our print indentions on the bar. Or the spitting out of chewed gum and squeezing it between fingers.*

**3. Latent prints** are fingerprint impressions secreted on a surface or an object and are usually invisible to the naked eye. These prints result from perspiration, which is derived from sweat pores found in the ridges of fingers. When fingers touch other body parts, moisture, oil, and grease adhere to the ridges so that when the fingers touch an object, such as a lamp or window, a film of these substances may be transferred to that object. The impression left on the object leaves a distinct outline of that finger's ridges; however, these fingerprints must be enhanced or sprinkled with powder to be visible.

*A shorter description is that the prints can't be seen; it is invisible to the eye, taking extra processing, and may need to be swept with a brush and powder.*

### **The Dreams Foundation:**

When I was studying for the Spirit of understanding lesson, God had given me clarity concerning a scripture through the demonstration of using a house's blueprint. *Do y'all remember that?* Well, that same day, after receiving the verse's understanding, God directed me to draw up my own blueprint concerning the scripture. As He spoke, I drew, and when I was finished, He asked, *"What does that look like to you?"* It is incredible to me how everything in the Bible leads to the tabernacle and the temple of Solomon, and that is precisely what the blueprint looked like. At that moment, I thought God had finished speaking; however, that night, I had a dream, and that dream leads me to the fingerprint of God that required analyzing. Although I understood the scripture's meaning, God had another message He wanted me to investigate and bring out for this particular lesson.

*\*Proverbs 24:3-4 was the fingerprint that needed investigating, "Through Wisdom is a house builded; and by Understanding it is established: [But] by Knowledge shall all the chambers {rooms} be filled."*



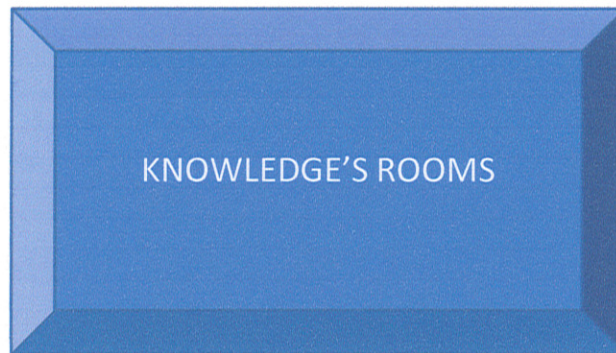
If you remember, knowledge of the Bible is different than a word of knowledge. In the dream, God is referring to the knowledge of the Bible.

### **Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding—3 Complete the House/Temple:**

Due to the lack of familiarity with computers, I only have a partial blueprint of what God directed me to draw up. So, I will try and explain the best I can.

#### **Understanding's Framework of Stability**

**Wisdom's End  
The Seal  
Life**

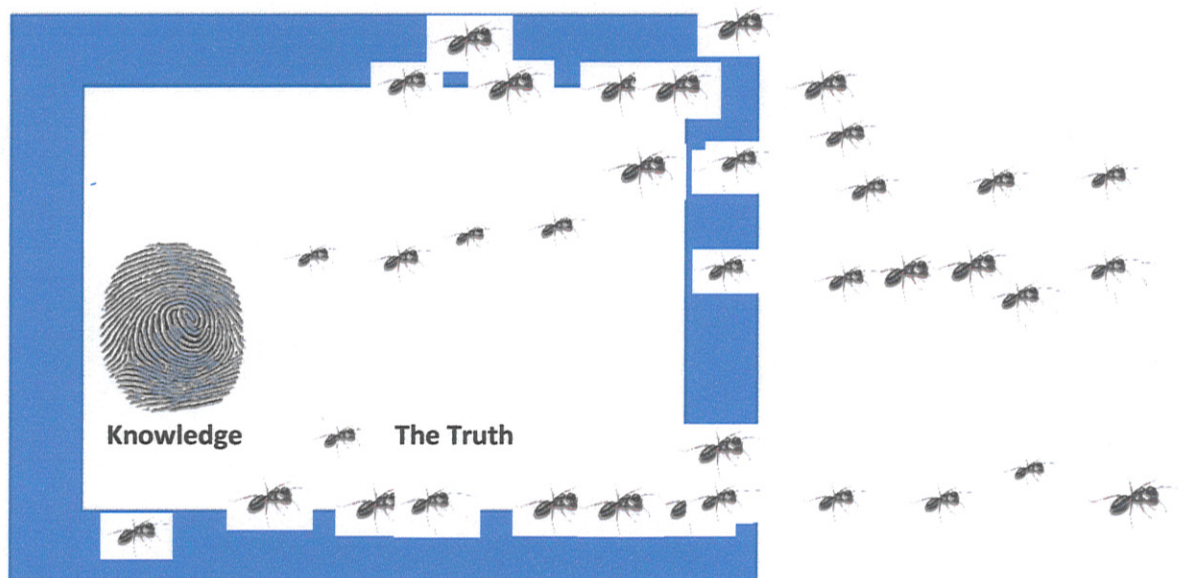


**The Door  
The Eye Gate**

The whole night, all I dreamed was this blueprint laying down flat, and ants were crawling all over it.

#### **Understanding's Framework of Stability**

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The Seal  
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As I prayed the following morning, asking God for a revelation and insight into what He was showing me, I realized the ants crawled all over the foundation of wisdom had made their way up to knowledge. Still, they never went above the knowledge to the "wisdom's end or the seal."

As I pondered the ants and what they symbolized, I realized the ants were not actually ants but termites. However, this was the perception that I was supposed to have had so God could make His point.

What I perceived was not accurate, as it was a false imagination led by deception. And it corresponds with a Christian's mentality and home/temple today. Let me remind you that our temple/body is a depiction of the tabernacle. The tabernacle was designed to follow the pattern of His fingerprint into His presence.

So, to better understand the dream, let's review the **identity of the three names**:

*\*Knowledge is the accumulation of facts/truths.*

*\*Understanding is the arrangement of facts/truths.*

*\*Wisdom is the application (applying) of those facts/truths.*

Knowledge, understanding, and wisdom is God's fingerprint through His Holy Spirit. He cannot separate Himself from them because they are part of His identity.

### **Now To Incorporate the Fingerprint Meaning, Let's Begin With the Latent Print.**

*Latent: The description is that the prints can't be seen; it is invisible to the eye, taking extra processing, and may need to be swept with a brush and powder.*

God does not have a latent print; however, some would perceive that He does because He is hard to find or is silent in His actions, at times. This is why we have to look and identify Him in the spiritual realm rather than the natural. <sup>1</sup>

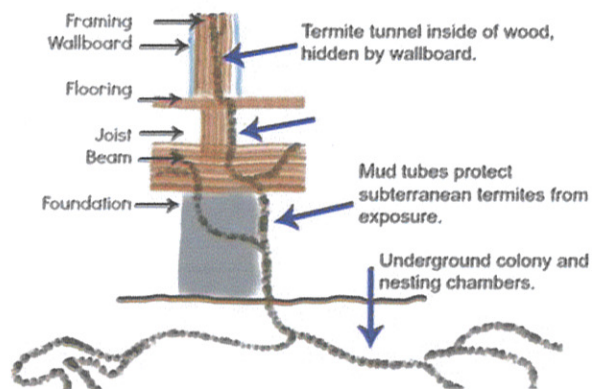
*Corinthians 2:14 says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* When we try and process God's fingerprint, if we don't examine Him through the spiritual eye, then we are looking through the latent print, which is more challenging to identify Him.

Latent images are invisible to the eye and need extra processing, and God does not require additional processing. God is Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscience,

and His fingerprints are clear and evident everywhere if we know how to look, how to process, and how to carry out spiritually. And yes, this is more difficult than quickly said, and this is why we have to continually remind ourselves to put on the mind of Christ, walk-in, and be led by the Spirit. When the Spirit leads us, then we are walking in the fingerprint of the Most-High.

Latent prints are carried out through the flesh, and latent prints are the devil's work and deceit by design. Many Christians today have a hard time processing the enemy's work, and when they do recognize it, it is either too late, or they don't know how to fight against his destructive activity.

Just as Satan and his legend of minions have a domain of a large black hole in the sky (*Ephesians 2:1-2*) and in the ground—hell, likewise so do termites, and it is called their colony and nesting chambers.



Termites work from the ground up and destroy everything in their path, beginning with the house foundation. Satan's foundation is a person's mind, and with this being is why *2 Corinthians 10:3-5* says we are to "*Cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*"

Casting down imaginations is a weapon against our enemy, and by doing so destroys his work—in other words, we *terminate* him. Lol. Did you see what I just did there?

When termites destroy homes, they do what is called marring—to impair the appearance or disfigurement of the foundation, framework, and ceiling. They do this by consumption—eating it.





This is in comparison to the dream I had. Satan begins with our mind's foundation with false imaginations by disfiguring God's truth, and then he eats his way through to our body and the soul's eye gate—the doorway. *Matthew 6:22 says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy our temple/house, spoil our goods (John 10:10; Mark 3:26-29) and turn out the Light—Jesus.*

What a person allows through the eye gate or doorway of their soul will determine their house structure—strong or weak. The house structure is the **Spirit of understanding** in terms of the scripture. *Proverbs 24:3-4, "Through Wisdom is a house builded; and by Understanding it is established: [But] by Knowledge shall all the chambers {rooms} be filled."* The purpose of the termites in the dream was to destroy the doorway and structure so there could be no Holy Spirit entrance or activity holding up the Christian's house.

Although God does not have a latent print, we don't know His mysteries, we lack understanding, and therefore, many confusions of the truth require us to search Him out to understand Him better. *Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"* Seeking, and knocking is the extra processing required and is the latent print that we leave in the process of the search; if God has not given us a direct line of communication through His Spirit.

Sadly, many Christians don't want to spend time processing to understand God's fingerprint better. Therefore, if a person's framework is not stable and strong with steel beams but instead with particleboard, Satan will take advantage of the weakness, and they will never discover or find the fingerprint of God.

*Jeremiah 1:20 says, "They are as one of the beams of the temple, yet they say their hearts are gnawed upon by things creeping out of the earth; and when they*



*eat them and their clothes, they feel it not."* And this is the whole point of Satan's silent and invisible gnaw—that *they feel it not*. When Satan and his termites have consumed us up, our walls are sure to collapse and fall.

*\*\* God's fingerprint: Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscience (needing no extra processing)*

*\*\*Our understanding: the latent print that needs additional sweeping and processing*

### **Patent Prints and the Word of Knowledge:**

God does have a patent print if you remember from the description that patent prints are designated to be the "*blood on the hands*" evidence and easily recognized.

The tabernacle's first work was at the brazen altar, where the animal was to be sacrificed. The brazen altar is a symbol of the cross where Jesus was also offered. The blood sacrifice is the first fingerprint left behind on the earth's surface and in the tabernacle to be recognized.

I mentioned that more than one type of print could be left behind at a crime scene. God also leaves more than one image of blood behind. When Jesus was brutally beaten and crucified on the cross, He left a bloodstream on the surface of the earth's ground. When Jesus died and resurrected, He left His permanent impression for all mankind to view. This is called a **plastic print**.

The sole purpose for Satan and his termite's activity is to destroy the altar's work. The wooden altar symbolizes the wooden cross. If Satan can destroy the altar, then he diminishes people from receiving Christ as their Savior. And for those who are Christians, he will do everything he can to hinder them from revisiting it ever again. Satan is a gnawing persistence, and what God was revealing to me allows me to know that many Christians around the world have not had their routine inspections; therefore, Satan has made his way up to their house gate/door and into their chamber rooms.

The house chamber rooms of the tabernacle are comprised of both God's knowledge and wisdom. Because God is wisdom, everywhere He goes, and

everything He touches leaves behind His mark of intelligence and character. God cannot depart from them because wisdom is part of Who He is.

Each piece of the holy furniture reveals a specific order, pattern, and work—fingerprint. While God has left a permanent mark and deep impression of a plastic print, the way we process and carry it out depends upon our fingerprint (and mind).

From the scripture verse and the tabernacle pattern, “knowledge” is a patent print. The tabernacle chamber rooms are a fingerprint of order designed to bring the true knowledge of God's word to the surface of every Christian, so their rooms will be filled with His presence. *Proverbs 24:3-4, "Through Wisdom is a house builded; and by Understanding it is established: [But] by Knowledge shall all the chambers {rooms} be filled."*

*\*\* God's fingerprint: Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscience (does not need extra processing)*

*\*\* Our knowledge (chamber rooms) is comprised of truth: the patent print*

### **Wisdom's End and the Seal:**

*Referring back to the dreams blueprint, the termites never reached the "wisdom's end or the seal (ceiling)." So, what do you think the seal represents?*

*\*Ephesians 1:13 says, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is referred to as the "deposit," "seal," and "earnest" in the hearts of Christians (2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30). The Holy Spirit is God's seal on His people, His claim on us as His very own. The Greek word translated "earnest" in these passages is *arrhabōn* which means "a pledge," that is, part of the purchase or property given in advance as security for the rest. The gift of the Spirit to believers is a down payment on our heavenly inheritance, which Christ had promised us and secured for us on the cross and Whom He left on earth when He ascended back to the right hand of His Father. It is because the Holy Spirit has sealed us that we are assured of our salvation. No one or nothing can break the seal of God except by unrepented sin—unrepented sin cancels out our seal of acceptance.*

*\*\*Note: it is this scripture that leads many people to believe once saved, always saved.*

The Holy Spirit is given to believers as a “first installment” to assure us that our full inheritance as children of God will be provided if we continue in our faith walk. The Holy Spirit is given to us to confirm that we belong to God, who grants His Spirit a gift, just as grace and faith are gifts (*Ephesians 2:8-9*). God gives to us His Holy Spirit as the sure pledge that we are His forever and shall be saved in the last day (if we stay faithful to Him). The proof of the Spirit’s presence is His operations on the heart, which produce repentance, the fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*), conformity to God’s commands and will, a passion for prayer and praise, and love and respect for Him and His people. These things are the fingerprints of evidence that the Holy Spirit has filled in our hearts and that Christians are sealed for the day of redemption.

In the dream, the termites devoured the knowledge, also known as the truth. *Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."*

God's law is our true written knowledge, and our knowledge devoured is our pitfall—a hidden trap of unsuspected danger and difficulty. God left behind His patent print of truth and knowledge that we may understand and be established with beauty and not ashes. *Isaiah 61:3 says, "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; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified."* And although God desires our rooms full of His holy furniture, if we neglect His truths knowledge and refuse to fumigate to preserve His temple—our body, soul, and spirit, there will be no need for His wisdom. Because wisdom is only carried out when knowledge has not been marred and swallowed up.

*\*\* God's fingerprint: Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscience (does not need extra processing)*

*\*\* Our knowledge is comprised of truth: the patent print*

**Wisdom and the Plastic Print:**

In the dream, God did not speak of wisdom other than many people, including modern-day Christians, do not reach its end; therefore, the seal {ceiling} that holds the house/temple together. As we just read, the seal represents wisdom, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy of Holies, where God sits and reigns in the tabernacle and temple. The Ark of the Covenant was also a seal that held three items: the ten commandments or the testimony, the jar of manna, and Aaron's budded rod. The Glory of God—Holy Spirit also rested upon the Ark's seal.

Wisdom is carried out in our plastic prints, and God desires us to leave a deep and impressive impression on HIS house/temple (*Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:19*). However, the only way to seal His presence and His fingerprints are to keep our house/temple clean, solid, and firm by routine termite inspections.

God requires us to be proactive and protective of our house and its furnishings because if we allow Satan to destroy our temple by devouring the "truth and understanding," then we enable him to destroy God's purpose for our life. *Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*\*\*God's fingerprint: Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscience (plastic print)*

*\*\*Our wisdom is carried out: the plastic print—very evident*

God has left a permanent plastic mark on all colors, numbers, shapes, His creation, and everything in between, which needs no further investigation. His fingerprint is evident everywhere, and if we look hard enough, we will find Him even if He is in a Mulberry tree (*2 Samuel 5:24*) or a burning bush (*Exodus 3:2*).

I want to emphasize that Jesus' shape is identified in the cross, and His identity is located in the blood, life, death, and resurrection. This is the most significant evidence that can ever be found and processed.

**Ponder This:**

The fingerprint is not the only form of identification. There are actually three:

\*Fingerprint

\*Your signature



## \*Blood-DNA

God's *fingerprint* is found in His Word, and Jesus' *signature* was paid in full and written in the *blood* (DNA).

### **The Fingerprint That I Want To Leave Behind:**

Fingerprints leave impressions of details and truth, and I want my teaching to leave the impression of studied and showed approved to teach others.

*\*\*2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

### **The Fingerprint Behind the Scripture:**

The apostle Paul wrote to the evangelist Timothy, *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (2 Timothy 2:15).

This verse well-illustrates the need for understanding, and I must be ever on guard against misapplying or twisting scripture, even when I try to teach the truth. The words "*study to show thyself approved unto God*" is found only in the *King James Version*. The word study means to strive or be diligent. Thus, the *New American Standard Bible* reads, "*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.*" The *New International Version* says, "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*"

Bible study is critical, but 2 Timothy 2:15 is not just a command to study the Bible. Being an approved workman involves much more. Paul wanted Timothy to understand that to be a "workman" that God could approve of, he would have to be diligent in his service to God. God is not the kind of Master that accepts poor/shoddy quality work. By earnestly applying himself in service, Timothy would not need to be ashamed as he stood before God on the day of judgment. To be that diligent, approved workman, he would have to handle the word of truth correctly; this is what the *King James Version* means by "*rightly dividing the word of truth.*" Of necessity, correctly managing the Bible, the word of truth, will involve many studies, meditation, understanding, and prayer. It will involve

bringing an open mind, an open heart, and a faithful life to the word of truth. With the understanding of this scripture, this is my hope, and it was Paul's to Timothy.

**Your Turn:**

I am giving you homework for next week. I want you to find a scripture verse that best describes you and the fingerprint you want to leave behind. There are two reasons for this. One, so everyone can learn more about you. Two, so you can search the word and spend time with God on a deeper and more personal level.

**Discussion**