

WHAT'S YOUR
POTENTIAL



Potential: something powerful, lying **dormant** within us, something of great power that has yet to come into existence . Until discovered, it exists only in possibility, not in reality.

2 types of potential

Natural: the potential in which a person is born with

Spiritual: the potential that only comes from the indwelling of the Holy spirit in the life of a believer.







“Every living thing created by God, including man, was blessed with potential. God deposited in us the ability to be much more than we are at this moment. Just like the mustard seed, we possess hidden resources and abilities yet to be exploited. God gives them to us, they are inside, and the only thing missing is the **adequate conditions** for them to develop.”

Guillermo Maldonado



What “adequate conditions” must be present for our spiritual potential to be developed?

Birth: Acts 2:38

Death: John 12:25-26

Growth: John 12:24



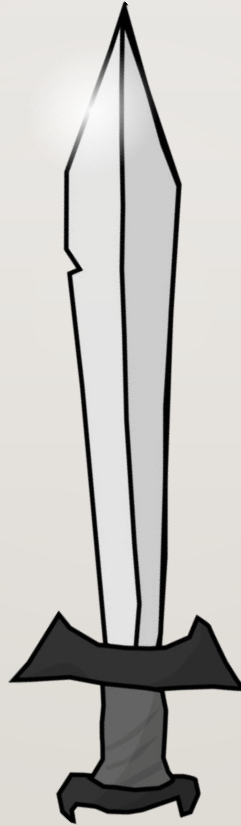


Matthew 13: 31-32

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: **The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in it's branches."**



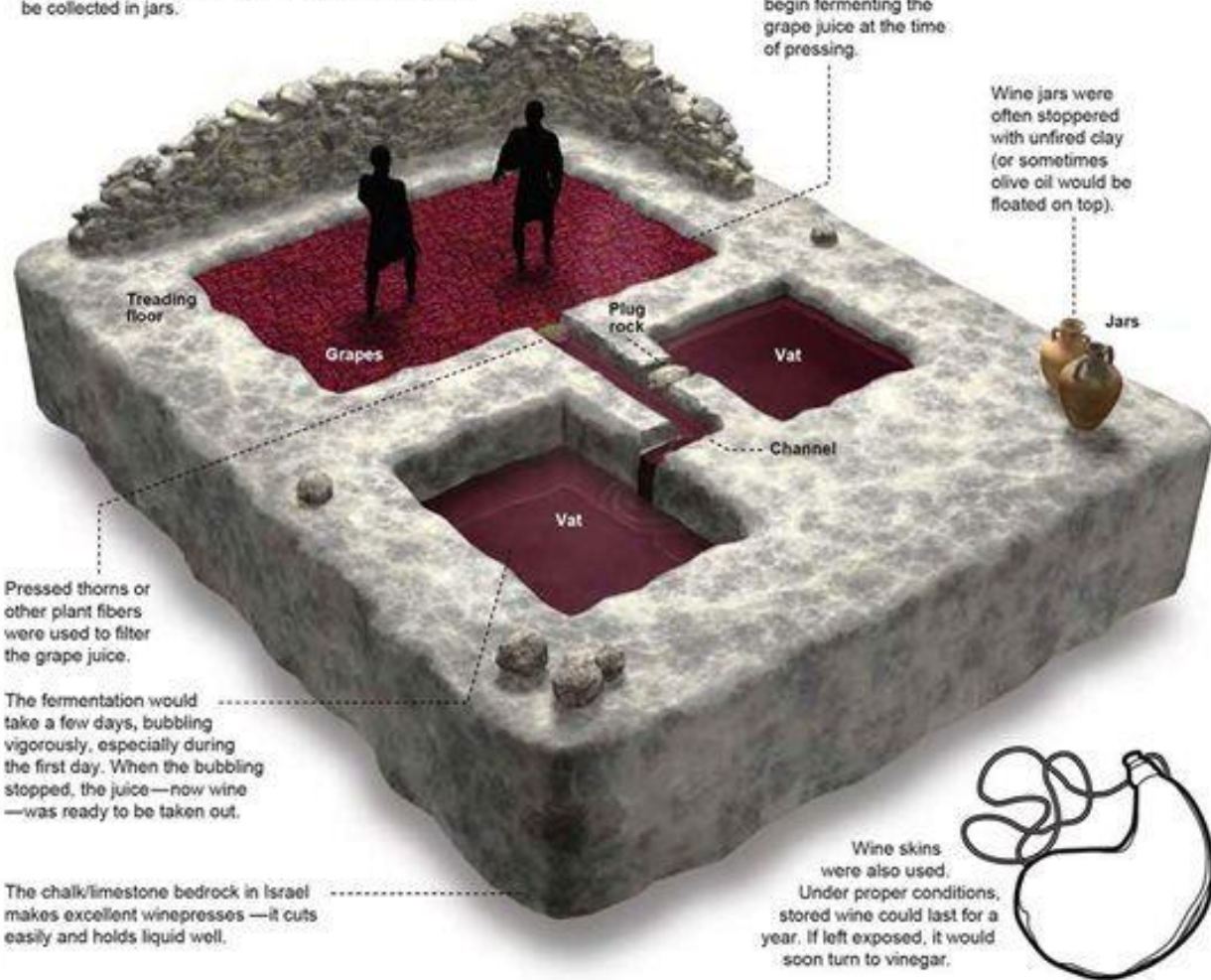
Gideon...the man who couldn't...or could he??



Judges 6

A Winepress in Ancient Israel

An ancient winepress was a rock-hewn open-air system. Grapes were pressed by being trodden underfoot in a treading floor. The juice would pour through a channel into a vat, where it would ferment. It would then be collected in jars.



The yeast from the skin of the grapes would begin fermenting the grape juice at the time of pressing.

Wine jars were often stoppered with unfired clay (or sometimes olive oil would be floated on top).

Pressed thorns or other plant fibers were used to filter the grape juice.

The fermentation would take a few days, bubbling vigorously, especially during the first day. When the bubbling stopped, the juice—now wine—was ready to be taken out.

The chalk/limestone bedrock in Israel makes excellent winepresses—it cuts easily and holds liquid well.

Wine skins were also used. Under proper conditions, stored wine could last for a year. If left exposed, it would soon turn to vinegar.

Judges 7:2 And the Lord said to Gideon, “the people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me saying, ‘my own hand has saved me.’”

In order for our spiritual potential to be developed, God will allow the “seed” planted within us to be conditioned in order for growth to occur.

God gets the glory for the harvest produced and this is accomplished only by his provision and power.

