

Glossary of the Privileged Class: Opportunity, Resources, Inheritance, Birthright, Entitlement; the Royal Commissions of Priest & Ambassador

8. **Opportunity**: A time, juncture, or condition of things favorable to an end or purpose [OED]. A favorable juncture of circumstances. A good chance for advancement or progress [MWCD-11].

NOTE: Logistical grace support is an excellent example of opportunity. God's divine provisions supply us with the necessities to accomplish the objectives of spiritual growth: advance and progress in the Christian way of life.

Matthew 6:31 - "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'"

Matthew 6:32 - "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

v. 33 - "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

9. **Resources**: A new or reserve source of supply or support. Available means. Means of resort in exigency. Possibility of relief or recovery. Applies to anything upon which one falls back [WNCD-2].

2 Peter 1:3 - His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

v. 4 - For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature ...

10. **Inheritance**: An estate derived from an ancestor to an heir by succession. The reception of an estate by hereditary right [AD/EL]. That which is derived from an ancestor or is transmissible to an heir or to offspring [WNCD-2].

1 Peter 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

v. 4 - to obtain an inheritance [κληρονομία, *klēronomia*: refers to salvation] which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

v. 5 - who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

NOTE: This inheritance has a "down payment" or "pledge" which is the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:14), it is not available to the unbeliever (Ephesians 5:5), it is something about which the believer can have certain knowledge (Colossians 3:24), and it is all contingent upon the death of Christ (Hebrews 9:15).

11. **Birthright**: Any right or privilege, to which a person is entitled by birth, such as an estate descendible by law to an heir. Used in the sense of primogeniture, or the privilege of the first born, but is applicable to any right which results from descent [AD/EL].

Ephesians 1:13 - In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

v. 14 - Who is given as a pledge [down payment or deposit] of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

12. **Entitlement:** To give a legal right or claim to something [AHD/EL].

Colossians 1:12 - Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

5. The individual who has been endowed with the above qualities, attributes, assets, and possessions may be characterized in many ways. The English language contains many words that describe individuals who are members of a privileged class.
6. But as we move forward we must remember that a person of privilege has inherent responsibilities toward those who do not share his estate in life or his position in society.
7. Such a person must first of all maintain the system which allows him to prosper. When this environment is properly maintained all those outside the privileged class are blessed by association. This emphasizes the function of the royal priesthood.
8. Secondly, he must seek to lead, direct, and encourage those outside the system to join him inside. Such recruitment enlarges the number of the privileged class. This emphasizes the function of the royal ambassadorship.