

Faith To Be A Great Receiver

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Faith to Receive: Week One

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Introduction:

Our desire is to align with the word of God and learn to receive the full blessings of God into our lives, our households, our businesses and our church. We must activate faith to become a liberal giver and we must activate faith to become an expecting receiver. Our faith is based upon what the scriptures say about God. God is a great giver!

Gods nature has not changed. God does good things for His people now, today, in the 21st century. Matthew 7:11; says If you then, being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! God is a giver and a rewarder of those who honor him and seek him. Hebrews 11:6 states, But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. God desires to give to us so that we may have more than enough. True prosperity is the ability to use Gods ability, Gods power, Gods favor to meet the needs of all people at all times in any circumstance.

Everything in the Christian walk comes by faith. As we feed on the word of God which builds our faith, we begin to develop greater faith. Many times we don't have because we don't ask in faith. We must hold our faith to Gods promises and pray these promises into reality. We can have confidence that we will receive from God because we know He is good. God wants us to expect His blessings, pressed down shaken together, running over. God always responds with His provision where there is expectation. Matthew 8:13, Then Jesus said to the centurion, Go your way and as you have believed, so let it be done for you. And his servant was healed that same hour. We must decide to put the word of God first, to believe and trust God and His word and then act on His word.

READ:

Psalm 31:19 - “Oh how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you, which you have prepared for those who trust in you in the presence of the sons of men!”

Psalm 33:5 - “He loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

Psalm 34:8 - “oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trust in Him!”

A. Receiving Defined:

- Receiving is = Expecting God to provide abundantly by making room for divine blessings with open hands and open hearts, seizing by faith and prayer warfare what God purposes to release into our lives.

B. Receiving Scriptures:

- 1) **1 Corinthians 2:14** – “But the natural man does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness’ to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”
- 2) **Mark 10:29-30** – “So Jesus answered and said, Assuredly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brother or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my sake and the gospels, who shall not receive a hundred fold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters’ and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.”
- 3) **Matthew 10:45** – “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophets reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous mans reward.”
- 4) **Psalms 24:5** – “He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”

- 5) **John 16:24** – “Until now you have asked nothing in my name, ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”
- 6) **Mark 11:24** – “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

C. Faith in the Promiser and the Promises:

1) The Promiser:

- a. The promiser is one who pledges to another to do so or not to do something specified, a declaration which gives the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the forbearance or performance of a specified promise.

b. Scriptures:

- i. **Numbers 23:19** – “God is not a man, that he should lie, nor the son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”
- ii. **1 Kings 8:56** – “Praise be to our Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed, of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.”
- iii. **Hebrew 6:18** – “God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.”
- iv. **Genesis 17:1** – “When Abram was ninety–nine years old, the appeared to Abram and said to him, I am Almighty God, walk before Me and be blameless.”
- v. **Lamentations 3:23** – “They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.”
- vi. **Hebrew 10:23** – “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

2) The Promises:

a. The promise is a pledge, a word of honor, a vow, and oath, warranty, guarantee, a covenant. It is the ground for hope, expectation, assurance or eventual success.

b. **Scriptures:**

- i. **Psalms 67:6** – “Then the earth shall yield her increase; God our own God, shall bless us.”
- ii. **Philippians 4:19** – “And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
- iii. **Psalms 84:11** - “For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory, no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”
- iv. **Joshua 1:8** – “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (how much TV time and internet time keeps from meditating on the word)
- v. **Deuteronomy 28:2** – “And all these things shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.”
- vi. **Deuteronomy 28:8** - “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God has given you.”
- vii. **Deuteronomy 28:13** – “And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.”

- viii. **Psalm 1:3** - “He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bring forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper.”
- ix. **Psalm 37:3** – “Delight yourself in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart.”
- x. **Psalm 91: 14-15** - “Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him, I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.”
- xi. **Deuteronomy 28:12** – “The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hands. You shall lend to many nations and you shall not borrow.”
- xii. **Proverbs 10:22** – “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”
- xiii. **Proverbs 22:4** – “By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.”

D. Greek words for Receiving:

- Lambano; to take or receive with open hands, accepting.
- Paralambano; to receive from another, to take.
- Anlambano; to take to oneself, to hold on to.
- Apolambano; to receive as ones due, expecting results on what has been invested or sown.
- Proslambano; to receive with special interest on the part of the receiver, to welcome with open arms.
- Metalambano; to have or get a share of to partake.
- Hupolambano; to take and bear up under what is taken in or on, to prepare to carry the load.

- Dechomai; to receive by deliberate and ready reception of what is offered, to take hold with the hand firmly grasping.
- Anadechomai; to receive gladly, taking responsibility as the receiver; faith in the promise.
- Apodechomai; to welcome, to receive, to see the end result as having already received.
- Choreo; to make room for what is to be received.

E. Receivers Respect the Promises and Reject the Unbelief.

Romans 4:20 - “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.”

1) Unbelief causes the receiver to stagger

- Stagger in the Greek means to make use of our own judgment and reasoning in discerning things. To stagger at the promise is to take into consideration the promise and all the difficulties that lie in the way of its accomplishments and so to dispute it. It is not to fully cast it off nor to fully embrace it, but to waver back and forth in unbelief and doubt.

- Remember who made the promise!

Psalm 78:19 – “They spoke against God saying, can God spread a table in the desert?”

2 Kings 7:2 – “The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen? You will see with your own eyes, answered Elisha, but you will not eat any of it!”

Promise	Difficulties
Seems incredible	- stagger - no natural way
Seems beyond	- waver - no tangible evidence
Seems impossible	- Doubt - no right circumstances
But God said	
But God promised	

2) Unbelief magnifies the problem.

- In matters conditionally promised, we must magnify His power and refer to the event as His will.
- A city posted a sign at their city limits, it read, We hear there is a recession coming and we've decided not to participate.
- A pessimist is a person who is seasick during the entire voyage of life.

3) Unbelief focuses on circumstances.

- Focusing on circumstances weakens your faith. Peter doubted when he saw the waves, Matthew 14:31
- Unbelief is the end result of doubt and begins from some fear or inner problem with believing in a true God.

F. Receivers Give Glory to God.

Romans 4:20

Jeremiah 33:14 – “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

- By unquestioning confidence in His promises, we bring glory to God. It glorifies God for His people to trust Him. We become witnesses of His faithfulness. Often we are brought to the end of our own resources and go to pieces, like Paul's ship. Yet at the time and the right moment, in the right way, the Divine Promiser appears to fulfill His promise—the performance of which is as certain as His own existence!

G. Receivers Are Fully Confident in God's Ability.

- 1) **Romans 4:21**- “being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”
- 2) **Isaiah 46:11** – “From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned that will I do.”
- 3) **Malachi 3:6** – “I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacobs are not destroyed.”
- 4) **Isaiah 40:8** – “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord our God will stand forever.”

H. Receivers Activate God's Laws of Sowing and Reaping.

- 1) Seed is a pre-programmed creation made by to reproduce itself in like kind under the right set of circumstances and conditions.
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6:
 - “But this I say He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6:
 - 20th New Testament – “Remember the saying, scanty sowing, scanty harvest, plentiful sowing plentiful harvest.”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6:
 - Moffats Translation – “He who sows generously will reap a generous harvest.”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6;
 - Lenskis Translation – “Now this is he who keeps sowing sparingly, sparingly shall he reap, and he who keeps sowing on

the basis of blessings on the basis of blessings shall he also reap.”

- Scriptures:
 - **Genesis 8:22** – “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”
 - **Psalms 126:6** – “He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”
 - **Galatians 6:9** – “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
 - **Hebrew 11:6** – “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that he is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
 - **Matthew 17:20** – “So Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”
 - **Luke 6:38** – “Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will it be put into your bosom, for with the same measure, that you use, it will be measured back to you.”
 - **Proverbs 11:24-26** – “There is one who scatters, increases more, and there is one who withholds, more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. The people will curse him who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.”

I. Power of the Seed.

- The seed must be planted. Giving is the seeding for our miracle form which God our source will multiply.
- Move beyond what is in your mind and believe for the blessing of God upon your future. How big of a field do you see in your dream, your vision, your job, your business, and your world? How much faith do you have in the seed to grow?
- I will plant my, God will move my mountain!
- When a farmer scatters seeds, it looks like he is wasting seed, just throwing handfuls everywhere. But the more seed he throws, the more harvest he reaps.