

GOD'S PROMISES ABOUT GIVING

God's Amazing Promises – Part 1

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- God wants me to build my life on his promises
- God makes both *unconditional* & *conditional* promises
- God makes promises to us for two reasons:

1. TO TEACH US

"When I'm hurting, I find comfort in your promise that leads to life."
Psalm 119:50 (CEV)

"You're my refuge and shield, and your promises are my only source of hope." Psalm 119:114 (LB)

2. TO MAKE US

"God made these great and marvelous promises, so that his nature would become part of us." 2 Peter 1:4a (CEV)

9 REWARDS GOD PROMISES TO ME IF I LEARN TO BE GENEROUS WITH MONEY

1. GOD PROMISES

"Good will come to him who is generous..." Psalm 112:5 (NIV)
"Generous people will be blessed..." Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)

2. GOD PROMISES

"The godly are always generous...and their children will be blessed."
Psalm 37:26 (NIV)

3. GOD PROMISES

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will overflow with the finest wine." Proverbs 3:9 (LB/NLT)

"A generous man will prosper and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

4. GOD PROMISES

"Remember the words of our Lord Jesus himself who said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" Acts 20:35

5. GOD PROMISES

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)

6. GOD PROMISES

Jesus: "Give, and it will be given back to you in full measure. What you receive will need to be pressed down and shaken together, but it will still run over and be poured into your lap! The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Luke 6:38

"Some people give generously and end up with more, while others don't give what they should and end up poor." Proverbs 11:24 (NCV)

"Being generous to the poor is like lending to the Lord, and God will pay you back for what you've done." Proverbs 19:17

7. GOD PROMISES

Paul: "I want you to have the good that comes from giving... My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need."
Philippians 4:17b, 19 (NCV)

"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to their needs will receive curses." Proverbs 28:27 (NIV)

"You should give as you have decided in your heart to give. Never give reluctantly or under pressure because God loves the person who gives cheerfully. THEN God will generously provide for you, so that in ALL things at ALL times you'll have ALL that you need and plenty left over to give more to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

8. GOD PROMISES

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

"Just as God gives seed to farmers and bread for food, God gives you a supply of seed (to plant) then he makes it grow so there's a great harvest from your generosity. And God will make you rich enough to be generous at all times." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

"Be generous, and one day you will be rewarded." Ecclesiastes 11:1 (CEV)

9. GOD PROMISES

"Use your money to do good...and give generously, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourself – it is the only safe investment for eternity!" 1 Timothy 6:18-19a (LB)

Jesus: "Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make (eternal) friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven."
Luke 16:9

MY STARTING POINT: _____

“Is it right to rob God? Yet you are robbing me,” says the Lord. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ ‘By not returning your tithes and offering. Bring your whole tithe into My Storehouse, that there may be food in my house. TEST ME in this and SEE IF I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and POUR OUT SO MUCH BLESSING that there will not be enough room for you to store it! Then I will prevent the pests from devouring your crops...”

Malachi 3:8-11 (NIV)

GOD'S PROMISES ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

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FACTS ABOUT MY FUTURE

• GOD KNOWS _____

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before his eyes...” Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

“The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book before any of them ever began.” Psalm 139:16 (TEV)

• GOD’S PLAN _____

“‘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.’”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

• I MUST _____

“Today I am giving you the choice between life and death, between blessings or curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. So choose life! Then you and your children will live!”

Deuteronomy 30:19

• GOD WILL _____

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘**NEVER will I leave you, and NEVER will forsake you!**’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper! I WILL **NOT BE AFRAID!**’ What can people do to me?” Hebrews 13:5-6

SIX GUARANTEES OF GOD FOR MY FUTURE

1. GOD PROMISES _____

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (TEV)

2. GOD PROMISES _____

“Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can’t stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

“The Lord is faithful and he will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NCV)

3. GOD PROMISES _____

“When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up...for I am the Lord your God.” Isaiah 43:2-3 (LB)

“I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me. I am ready for anything and equal to anything through him who infuses inner strength into me.” Philippians 4:13 (Amp)

4. GOD PROMISES _____

“Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it.” Romans 12:19 (LB)

5. GOD PROMISES _____

“God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love for him by helping his people, as you continue to do.” Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)

Jesus: “Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends (for eternity). In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.”
Luke 16:9

6. GOD PROMISES _____

Jesus: “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one can snatch them out of my hand!” John 10:28 (NIV)

“If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV)

“Be confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus!” Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

GOD'S PROMISES TO YOU WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID OF FAILING

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"But the servant who had been given just one talent said "I was AFRAID I'd LOSE IT, so I HID the talent you gave me. I went out and BURIED IT in the in the ground and now I'm handing it back to you!" That made the Master mad and he said, 'You lazy and wicked servant! ...You should have at least put it in a bank where it would gain some interest! But you DID NOTHING with what I gave you so I'm taking back the one talent I gave you and I'm going to give it to the man who multiplied the ten talents I gave him. To those who USE WELL what I give them, they will be given even MORE!"

Matthew 25:25-29

HOW CAN I NEUTRALIZE THE FEAR OF FAILURE?

4 Truths to Remember & 4 Steps to Take

1. REMEMBER _____

"We ALL stumble in many ways." James 3:2a (NIV)

"There is NO ONE on earth who always does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake." Ecclesiastes 7:20 (TEV)

2. REMEMBER _____

*"For even though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again."
Proverbs 24:16 (NIV)*

"We must never get tired of doing good because if we don't give up in the struggle WE WILL get our harvest at the proper time!" Galatians 6:9 (JB)

3. REMEMBER FAILURE IS THE PATH TO SUCCESS IF _____

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes will never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (LB)

"These things (that happened to people in the Bible) are warnings written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. They came before us but we are just as capable of messing it up as they were!" 1 Corinthians 10:11 (MSG)

4. REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, GOD'S PROMISES TO _____

"And we know that in all things God works FOR THE GOOD of those who love him, who've been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"Look at all the ways in which your distress has goaded you closer to God! You're more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate, more responsible. Looked at from any angle, you've come out of this with purity of heart." 2 Corinthians 7:11 (MSG)

5. REFUSE _____

"You should judge your own actions but never compare yourself with others. Then you can be proud for doing your best (without comparing yourself to anyone else.)" Galatians 6:4 (NCV/LB)

"We don't dare to compare or classify ourselves as some do. For when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are unwise, acting foolish." 2 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV/GW)

6. REDEFINE _____

Failure is NOT:	Real Failure is:
- <u>missing</u> a goal.	-not <u>having</u> a goal
-being <u>unable</u> to do something	-being <u>unwilling</u> to try

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

"According to your faith it will be done to you." Matthew 9:29

7. REFOCUS _____

"Wherever God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out all fear." John 4:18 (NCV)

"Love never stops being patient. Love never stops believing. Love is always hopeful. Love never gives up. LOVE NEVER FAILS!" 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a

8. REPLACE _____

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." Philipians 4:13 (TEV)

"Fear not, for I am with you! Be not dismayed, for I am your God! I will strengthen you, and I will help you, and I will uphold you with my righteous right hand!" Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

“God does not give us a spirit of fear that makes us afraid. Instead he gives us a spirit of power and of love and of self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7