

GOD'S PROMISES ABOUT GIVING

God's Amazing Promises
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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 am hurting, I find comfort in your promise that leads to life."
Psalm 119:50 (CEV)

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

2. TO MAKE US _____

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

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

1. GOD PROMISES _____

"Good will come to those who are generous." Psalm 112:5 (NIV)

"Generous people will be blessed." Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)

2. GOD PROMISES _____

"They are always generous . . . their children will be a blessing."
Psalm 37:26 (NIV)

3. GOD PROMISES _____

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barely and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines."
Proverbs 3:9 (TLB)

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

4. GOD PROMISES I WILL BE HAPPIER

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 (ESV)

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 to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you."

Luke 6:38 (GNT)

"Some people give much but get back even more. Others don't give what they should and end up poor." Proverbs 11:24 (NCV)

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)

7. GOD PROMISES _____

Paul: "I want to receive gifts from you, but 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 4:17, 19 (NCV)

"Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses." Proverbs 28:27 (NIV)

"You should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV)

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)

"God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so you can give even more to those in need. You will be blessed in every way, and you will be able to keep on being generous."

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (CEV)

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

9. GOD PROMISES _____

"Use their money to do good . . . and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they

will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity!” 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (TLB)

Jesus: “Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.”
Luke 16:9 (NLT)

MY STARTING POINT:

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, “How are we robbing you?” In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops.’”

Malachi 3:8-11 (NIV)

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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 the eyes of him." 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 (GNT)

• 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 _____

"I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse, and I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life." Deuteronomy 30:19 (GNT)

• GOD WILL _____

"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.' Let us be bold, then, and say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5-6 (GNT)

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 (GNT)

2. GOD PROMISES _____

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure." 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

"The Lord is faithful and 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 (TLB)

"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 (AMPC)

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 (TLB)

5. GOD PROMISES _____

"God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)

Jesus: *"Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home." Luke 16:9 (NLT)*

6. GOD PROMISES _____

Jesus: *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:28 (NIV)*

"If we are faithless, he remains 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)

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

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"I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back." But the master replied, "You wicked and lazy servant! . . . why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it." Then he ordered, "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." Matthew 25:25-29 (NLT)

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 3:2 (NIV)

"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake." Ecclesiastes 7:20 (GNT)

2. REMEMBER _____

"For though the righteous falls seven times, they rise again."

Proverbs 24:16 (NIV)

"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

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 (TLB)

"These are all warnings . . . written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes . . . 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 _____

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (GNT)

"And now, isn't it wonderful all the ways in which this 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 _____

"Should judge his own actions and not compare yourself with others. Then he can be proud for what he himself has done." Galatians 6:4 (NCV)

"We dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."

2 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

6. REDEFINE _____

Failure is NOT:

- missing a goal.
- being unable to do something

Real Failure is:

- not having a goal
- being unwilling to try

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

"According to your faith let it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

7. REFOCUS _____

"Wherever God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear." 1 John 4:18 (NCV)

"Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up. Love comes to an end." 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (GW)

8. REPLACE _____

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

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

"God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)