

THE SEASON OF FINANCIAL STRESS

Growing in the Seasons of Life
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GOD'S GUARANTEE:

"God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

THE CONDITIONS: GOD PROMISES TO MEET MY FINANCIAL NEEDS . . .

1. IF I ASK _____

"You do not have, because you do not ask." James 4:2 (ESV)

"You have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy." John 16:24 (NCV)

2. IF I LEARN _____

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation." Philippians 4:12 (TLB)

Contentment—my happiness doesn't depend . . .

"There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it."

1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NRSVA)

3. IF I PRACTICE _____

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided 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 9:6-8 (NIV)

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns." Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)

4. IF I MAINTAIN _____

"The Lord demands fairness in every business deal." Proverbs 16:11 (TLB)

"Better to be poor and honest than a rich person no one can trust."
Proverbs 19:1 (MSG)

"The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it."
Proverbs 10:22 (NIV)

5. IF I TRUST HIM _____

"Your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to." Matthew 6:32-33 (TLB)

"Tell them to hope in God, not in their uncertain riches." 1 Timothy 6:17 (NCV)

"He gives food to those who trust him; he never forgets his promises."
Psalm 111:5 (TLB)

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