

Positioned to Receive God's Glory

Almighty God is a rich giver. He gives His children richly all things in life to enjoy. (*I Timothy 6:17*) However, He does so according to the condition of our heart. His eyes run throughout the entire earth for the purpose of showing Himself strong on the behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him. (*II Chronicles 16:9*)

God gives us both His grace and His glory. He shows Himself strong by working and manifesting His glory. Prepared blessings are released from the Spirit realm and manifest in the natural realm for our use. The result is that we see and experience His glory. God releases His Supernatural Power through His spoken word. The Power in it works and His glory appears. *Psalm 90:16* declares, "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children."

What is important to understand is that our walk determines what God releases to us. *Psalm 84:11* declares, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Our expectation of receiving blessings, then, is in our walking uprightly before God and pleasing Him. We give Him pleasure then He releases His Power in our lives.

God has already put pleasure inside specific instructions to us: they are His Will. It is His instructions that position us for His Power release. The Holy Spirit teaches us His Will and empowers us to do it. (*Philippians 2:13*) We must listen, learn and simply obey. Understanding and doing God's Will cause us to act wisely and receive great results from Him. We must forsake evil. God looks inside our heart. (*I Samuel 16:7*) We cannot hold evil thoughts, desire and ways there and expect God to release His blessings. He releases them to those who walk uprightly. Therefore, we must fear the Lord and depart from all evil – from thoughts to actions – to good. The result is that His Supernatural Health is released into our physical body. (*Proverbs 3:7-8*) No sickness or disease will be able to dominate us.

Also, we must be at peace. God's Peace must rule our heart at all times. (*Colossians 3:16*) We cannot allow our heart to be troubled, agitated or afraid. (*St. John 14:27*) God's Peace ruling us pleases Him. The result is that He releases goodness and it comes to us. (*Job 22:21*) We must also be good. The nature of God is good and upright. Through the training of the Holy Spirit, we are daily learning and being conformed to the image of Christ. We must conform because God does good things to those who are good. (*Psalm 125:4*) He causes good things to happen to us supernaturally through people by His Favor. *Proverbs 12:2* declares, "A good man obtaineth favor of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn."

Finally, we must be pleasant at all times. The things that we do most in life are think and talk. We always interface with people. We are taught by the Holy Spirit to speak in the tone of voice that pleases God – pleasant. (*Proverbs 16:23-24*) Be assured that all of these wise actions cause us to receive our blessings from Almighty God.

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