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We are so glad that you chose to download this eBooklet as our gift to you. Jesus taught us in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we aspire to follow our Lord's teaching. The Apostle Paul also understood this concept, "What is my reward then {for preaching and giving the gospel away freely}? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge" (I Corinthians 9:18). Paul came to realize that to serve the Word *without charge* was both a blessing to those who received the Word and to himself personally because he understood that God Himself is the reward, "I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1, and see Hebrews 11:6). When you have God in your life as your *exceeding great reward*, then being *with God* you will have everything you need to begin enjoying the more than abundant life. Our prayer for you is that you come to know experientially that "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

Enjoy, and God Bless You!

Introduction:

In this study learn how to receive blessings from God!

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

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In the Bible, the word “faith” is a word that means believing faith. When we hear the common phrase “have a little more faith,” what is actually implied from a biblical standpoint is that we believe in what the Scriptures declare, and then our faith, which is our believing faith, will begin to blossom from within.

Romans 10:17 proclaims that “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” So if one has a lack of faith and is in need of “a little more faith,” then faith can be greatly enhanced by hearing the Word of God. Faith, pure believing faith, comes to the individual with everlasting benefits when he or she believes in what they will hear (or read) from the Bible.

Hebrews 11:6:

But without faith {believing *faith*,} *it is impossible to please him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The Book of Hebrews informs us that without believing *faith* it is *impossible to please* God. I sincerely wished that someone had shown this verse to me as a child because I could have saved countless hours trying to figure out how to be pleasing to the Creator. I never knew all that was required of me is to *believe*. By the simple decision of the mind to *believe*, I could have been pleasing to God all along. However, and thankfully, now I know how to be actively pleasing to God and how to be rewarded for my believing.

With the simple first step of our belief that God exists, He begins rewarding us.

This decision to believe in an unseen God is for some people a very difficult decision to make, and this is why we need God's Word — because *faith* comes by hearing His Word. When we do believe that God is God and we seek Him out within His Word, He will abundantly reward that effort. Acts 17:27 instructs, "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us."

One reward is that we will find God to be a loving and forgiving Father and this is a present tense reward that we can begin enjoying right now. Another reward is "everlasting life" as is revealed to us from John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In Hebrews 12:2 we read that, "Jesus {is} the author and finisher of our faith," which means that as we allow Jesus into our hearts, he will help us with *our faith*.

So as we learn the Word of God, we will find details about our Savior and our own personal believing faith will be enhanced.

Matthew 6:33:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things {the *things* mentioned leading up to verse 33, clothing, food, and *these things* we need to live, and the *righteousness* of God Himself, and His *kingdom*} shall be added unto you.

At one time in my life I could not have fathomed receiving the kingdom of God, let alone everything else He gives (Romans 8:17). Then I discovered the *author* and *finisher* of my faith, Jesus Christ, and with him, my believing faith began to grow effortlessly.

The reason that we are encouraged to seek the kingdom of God — first, is because God "called you unto his kingdom and glory" (I Thessalonians 2:12). These are promises to and for those who diligently *seek* God first, as promised. All we need to do is believe, believe, and believe!

Ephesians 3:20 reveals to us, "Now unto him {God} that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" and that power in us is our believing faith, which energizes us *exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think*. As our own believing faith grows, we will be enabled to believe in things that at one time in our lives we perhaps thought were impossible, yet with God, all things do become possible (Luke 18:27), as we with our believing faith begin not only asking and seeking, but also receiving, because God is a rewarder.

Matthew 7:7-8:

-7: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

-8: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

The Christian lifestyle is certainly wonderful as we continue learning about the bountifulness of God and our believing faith unlocks the vast supplies of His heavenly storehouse.

In Psalms 50:10 God says that He owns "cattle upon a thousand hills." This is a small portion of God's abundance and your inheritance. The implication of Psalms 50:10 is that God can afford to reward those who diligently seek Him.

Today, enjoy the search, experience the joy, and rejoice as you receive the riches of your heavenly Father through your believing faith to receive, because God is a rewarder.

"God Bless You!"

Benediction:

Genesis 15:1:

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.

Ruth 2:12:

The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

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