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## Why this eBooklet is free:

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:

The desire of God is always to bless us as His wonderful healing Word illustrates. God's desire is that we may have a prosperous journey on our way to heaven, as we shall see in our first Bible study, "God's Wish." His healing will is set forth in the Scriptures as genuine treasures written to the heart of our understanding so that we may learn to continue trusting in the God of creation and for Him to continue meeting our needs both physically and spiritually.

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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## One:

### God's Wish

#### III John 1:2

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

III John 2 is God's wish; His wish above anything else is that we may prosper and be in health. The word "wish" literally means prayer. Noting that God actually prays for our well-being is interesting, because usually we think of prayer as a one way street, from man to God. However, III John 2 sheds light that God actually prays for us, and His prayer is His own believing.

God not only prays positively for us, but He also shows us in His Word many wonderful details on how to raise our believing so that He may fulfill His prayer.

#### Deuteronomy 8:18a:

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth. . .

Not only does God give us power to get wealth but He also gives us the *power* to enjoy *wealth* when we receive it.

Often people with wealth are so busy acquiring and stockpiling it that they never seem to joy it; however, God's will for us is to enjoy our lives with all that He gives.

#### Ecclesiastes 5:19:

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; *this is* the gift of God.

This *gift of God* does not necessarily mean that He will cause you to be rich beyond your wildest dreams, but that He wants you to have enough to enjoy the more

abundant life (John 10:10a). In III John 2 the word “prosper” means to have a prosperous journey through this life (Romans 1:10).

In this journey that we are on in this life (on our way to heaven), our God is willing and able to supply our every need (Romans 4:21, Philippians 4:19) so that we may experience the realities of God’s loving nature.

In Psalms 103:3 we read, “. . . who {God} healeth all thy diseases”; we have the God-given right to believe in and claim our health “in the name of Jesus Christ” (Matthew 8:17, John 14:13-14), and there is nothing more valuable or enriching in this life than mental, physical, and spiritual health. Jesus Christ actually gave his own life over to tormentors to help increase our personal believing for health.

**I Peter 2:24:**

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

In III John 2 the words “even as thy soul prospereth” represents your actual life (your soul), and soul means, “breath life,” that which makes you – you. The soul is the inner consciousness where one reasons and processes information.

“Prospereth” means the journey you are on, and when God’s Word begins to have place in your thinking and reasoning, then you will become ever more in tune to God’s positive, believing prayer.

**I Thessalonians 2:13:**

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

The Word of God effectually works as you continue believing with God from your heart to receive His bountiful goodness and blessings upon your life.

## Two:

### He Removed our Transgressions

#### **Psalms 103:10:**

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Contrary to popular thought (and fears), God never renders evil for our sins and mistakes. The word “iniquities” refer to our wrongdoing, either by ignorance or on purpose. If God ever had to deal with us based purely on our own goodness or behavior then unfortunately not one of us would ever make it into heaven, or have the true graces of our God upon our lives. However, God is love and His desire is to bless us and care for our well-being.

Sure, God instructs and encourages us on how to be good and He certainly is blessed when we are. However, God’s love sees beyond our mistakes for God always looks at the heart of men and women. “. . . for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart” (I Samuel 16:7b).

#### **Psalms 103:11:**

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

First, let us consider the word “fear.” Whenever the Bible uses the word fear in reference to our God it never means that we should be afraid of Him, rather it means to give Him our respect, to honor and cherish, to regard Him highly.

Therefore, as we respect, and give reverence to our God we will begin to realize the vastness of God’s divine mercy toward us.

“Mercy” means the withholding of judgments, punishments, and deserved consequence. Our God is merciful and does not deal with us according to our sins or our iniquities.

The chasm between heaven and earth is obviously vast, and this is the example God uses to show us how immense His mercy is toward us — immeasurable!

**Psalms 103:12:**

As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

After reading verse eleven and noticing the vastness of God's mercy toward us, Psalms 103:12 gives us a dimension, which is totally immeasurable. For if you were to travel in a northerly direction starting from any place on earth it would be only a matter of time before you were traveling south (over the pole), and vice versa. However, God has removed our transgressions, our sins, as far as the east is from the west! Now, if you were to travel west, you will always be traveling west, and if you were traveling east, the same would be true.

Now God informs us of just how immeasurable He is referring; "*as far as the east is from the west* — this is beyond all human calculation, and this is God's mercy upon our lives.

So, today as your journey continues with God, please take a moment and consider just how close God really is to your heart, and how much He really loves you.

## Three:

### He Believed in His God

#### **Daniel 6:16:**

Then the king {Darius} commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

The king did not want to have Daniel killed in the lions' den; however, he was tricked into passing a law that would assure Daniel's death, and as saddened as Darius was he had to follow his own law. Even Darius believed that somehow God would deliver Daniel. Let us see how this (true) story develops.

#### **Daniel 6:19-23:**

-19: Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

-20: And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

-21: Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

-22: My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

-23: Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

As terrible as this was for Daniel to spend an entire night in a lions' den, God could protect him because of one thing and one thing only, and that was because "he believed in his God."

One may think that maybe the lions were full and were not really that hungry, however, as the story continues we learn that the lions were not only hungry and vicious, but that they were man-eaters (Daniel 6:24).

**Daniel 6:27:**

He {God} delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

It was King Darius, who spoke these words above, and he was far from what we would call a believer, and yet he was able to see the power of God work for his friend Daniel.

Some people today think that miracles ceased with Jesus, but this is just not true, for God does signs, miracles, and wonders all around us (Mark 16:17-20).

In the Book of Acts 27:25 Paul said, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God. . ." and Paul was delivered from the storm out on the Mediterranean Sea along with every person on that ship.

God's blessings normally not only touch the hearts of those who have believed to receive, but the blessings will quite often spill over, bless, and inspire others who happen to be around the believer.

Today, there is no reason why you cannot say along with Darius, "God delivers and rescues and He works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, Who has delivered you from the powers of darkness!"

**Mark 16:17-18:**

-17: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

-18: They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Colossians 1:13:**

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Today, there is no reason why you cannot expect miraculous things to happen in your life, because you can believe the Word of God!

## Four:

### Ask and it Shall Be Given

#### **Matthew 7:7:**

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

This is a wonderful section of Scripture. Yet how often do we simply ask? In the Book of James 4:2 it reads “. . . ye have not, because ye ask not.” Sometimes asking may be a difficult thing for us to do because we normally earn the things that we have, and for some unknown reason asking almost seems wrong. However, in Matthew, Jesus was teaching that it is perfectly all right to ask when we have a need in our lives.

#### **James 1:5-6a:**

-5: If any of you lack wisdom, let him {beg, cry, and whine: no, it does not say that, it says} ask of God, that {Who} giveth to all *men* liberally {in simplicity and with a readiness of heart}, and upbraideth not {without faultfinding}; and it shall be given him.

-6a: But let him ask in faith {believing-faith}. . .

When we pray what do we do? We ask! But is an answer to prayer honesty that simple to receive from God? Yes, it most definitely is! God's Word says repeatedly to ask, and when we do, "it shall be given."

#### **Matthew 7:8:**

For every one {including you and me} that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Often receiving things that are greater than our means appears to be either too difficult or downright impossible to acquire, but Jesus taught us that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). The possible as well as the impossible is available when one is WITH GOD, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God {WITH GOD}" (Luke 18:27)!

Inadvertently people project difficulty into their believing when hoping, praying, or desiring to receive blessings from God, so when they do ask, they will ask in a cloud of doubt. Nevertheless, it is always God's will and good pleasure to take care of us. God always wants us to be happy and to have what we need to live a life that is more abundant.

There are times that we may ask and not receive, and without understanding God's Word, we can suspect that God really does not answer prayer. However, James 4:3 advises, "Ye ask, and receive not {and this is the reason some people "receive not"}, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lust." God not only supplies our needs when we ask, He usually goes beyond what we ask just to bless us, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). However, God will never supply greed (greed is something that men thirst after and acquire on their own), and in the Book of James it plainly tells us that this is asking "amiss."

"For all the promises of God in him *are* yea {YES, (they are available)}, and in him Amen (II Corinthians 1:20). The Bible encourages the children of God to ask, seek, and knock, and to believe that He is not only willing, but He is also able to give (Romans 4:21). Then the Word of God promises that you will receive, find, and the door will be opened into the abundance that God truly awards to His children.

## Five:

### The Peace of Christ

#### **John 14:27:**

Peace I {Jesus Christ} leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Christ's peace is a precious gift that we have, his peace will guard our hearts from being troubled, and his peace comforts our hearts to relieve us from fear.

As we know, there have been peace treaties written for thousands of years, yet they never seem to last and most people have an extreme distrust in them. But the peace of Christ is written deep within our very hearts. We are not instructed to pray for peace, but rather we are to let (or allow) Christ's peace to rest at home in our hearts. Christ has established permanent peace between you and God (Ephesians 2:12-22).

#### **Ephesians 2:14b:**

For he {Jesus Christ} is our peace. . .

Could the Word of God be more precise? Jesus Christ is our peace, because he is our inner souls' comfort. The more that we understand whom Jesus Christ is, the more we will be able to let the actual peace of Christ into our hearts.

#### **Colossians 3:15a:**

And let {allow} the peace of God rule in your hearts. . .

The word "God" in Colossians 3:15 in the Greek Text is *Christos* and is the word for Christ, not God. Oh definitely we have "the peace of God" (Philippians 4:7), but if we leave God's name in this verse then spiritual truths become left out, the first truth being that Christ's peace is also in our hearts. The word "rule" means to umpire, direct, and counsel. Christians are to allow Christ to be the umpire of our hearts, and in order for us to allow him to umpire, we need to acknowledge him

and his inner inspiring counsel to be alive and at home in our hearts, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16).

**Romans 5:1:**

THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through {or, by means of} our Lord Jesus Christ:

We have peace with God because of our Lord Jesus Christ. Henceforth, God's Word encourages us to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." For starters, Christ said, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." These are some of the words of Christ, which believers may dwell on richly.

Peace of mind and peace of heart is the will of God for His children.

Keeping the words of Christ alive (in your heart) will bring the written (and once spoken) words of Christ into a peaceful reality with the assurance that your heart will cease from fear and troublesome agitations.

**John 14:27 (The Amplified Bible): \***

Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give *and* bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

So today, please allow the words spoken by Jesus Christ to delight and comfort your heart, realizing that you have already obtained the peace of Christ, who continues introducing you into the genuine peace and presence of God in and around your life.

## Six:

### The Bond of Perfectness

#### Colossians 3:14:

And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

“Charity” is the Greek word *agape*, this is a noun and means love, the love of God. God’s Word instructs “above all things” that we put on love, and the Bible says that love “is the bond of perfectness.”

The word “bond” means that which ties, holds, or binds together, and in this verse, love is what holds us together.

The word “perfectness” means total completeness, for there is absolutely nothing beyond or above having the love of God manifested in our own lives.

When believers begin realizing that they have God’s divine love in their hearts (Romans 5:5), and they begin using this love in daily situations, they will come to experience a genuine reassurance that they are building their spiritual lives on the true bond of perfectness.

#### Mark 12:29-30:

-29: And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

-30: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

#### I Timothy 1:5a:

Now the end of the commandment is charity {love}. . .

When we look at Mark12:29-30 and I Timothy 1:5 we find the first commandment is love and then the end of the commandment is also love. What we have here is a wondrous and godly concept that begins and ends in love.

Love is one of the greatest things that God has ever given to us, and this love is “above all things.”

In a world where almost everything is imperfect we can tap into something that is a perfect constant reality, and is our bond of perfectness, for God’s love allows us to experience precious moments of total completeness immersed in God’s perfect love.

In I Corinthians 13:8 God tells us, “Charity never faileth.” God’s love will never let you down, for it is “the bond of perfectness.”

**John 17:23:**

I {Jesus} in them {believers}, and thou {God} in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

## Seven:

### Rescued By His Dear Son

#### **Colossians 1:13:**

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son {i.e., the Son of His love}:

**W**e have been delivered from the power of darkness, from Satan's realm of negatives, and we have been rescued by Jesus Christ, by his life, sacrifice, death, and resurrection. The word "dear" is the Greek word *agape* and means love. Jesus Christ is called "the Son of God's love," because he was and is all love.

When Jesus delivered us, he did so out of his own personal love for us.

Love was the motivating power behind Jesus Christ's loving sacrifice, and without his love for us we would not be delivered today.

We are now members of God's household (Ephesians 2:19-22), because of Jesus' lovingly giving of himself on our behalf.

#### **Revelation 1:5:**

And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us {Jesus Christ}, and washed us from our sins in {through} his own blood {offering upon the cross}.

#### **Colossians 1:14:**

In whom {Jesus Christ, the Son of God's love} we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Redemption is a divinely given right that Christians have because of Jesus Christ.

We are redeemed from sins and we are now heaven bound, and thankfully, all hell and the powers of darkness cannot prevent us from going.

**Galatians 1:4a:**

Who {Jesus Christ} gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world. . .

Believers certainly have a lot to be thankful for, because of the love that Jesus Christ had for humanity, we are currently delivered from this present evil world, and our sins have been totally cleansed.

Jesus Christ is the epitome of God's love, and if you are a Christian then God's love via His Son is residing in your heart (Colossians 1:27; Romans 8:10-11), and he continues showing you your deliverance and his love.

You have been rescued by His dear Son.

**"GOD BLESS YOU!"**

## **Benediction:**

### **Matthew 7:7-8 (The Amplified Bible): \***

-7: Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you.

-8: For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened.

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## A Bonus Chapter

### The Fullness of God

(This free study is from our e-Booklet titled: The Joy of Cheerful Giving.)

**I**n this study, we will be looking at some of the spiritual principles from God's healing Word regarding giving and receiving from God's point of view. We will endeavor to look at the Scriptures with a hearts' desire to receive all that God would have us enjoy.

In Ephesians 3:19 we read: "that ye might {may} be filled with all the fullness of God." This verse will be our standard and guide as we plant and then water the seeds of abundance, with a further view of reaping the harvest of *all the fullness of God*.

The first principle that I wanted to share is that we must believe that God was telling the truth when He said that we can be filled with all His fullness, and that we can ask, seek, and knock and the result will be that the actual spiritual door to God's abundance will open to us.

We cannot wonder, daydream, or simply hope that perhaps maybe God's Word is telling us the truth regarding His fullness that we have, but rather we must know that God's Word means what it says and that God does not make promises that He cannot fulfill.

So, do we believe God's Word? Believing God's Word is planting the seeds of abundance, which in turn opens up the floodgates to His abundant healing Word along with our absolutely enjoying His fullness.

#### **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 Apostle Paul was considered in the New Testament as the believers' father in the Word of God (I Thessalonians 2:11), in the sense that he raised the believers up to the standard of the Epistles. In II Corinthians 12:14 Paul wrote: "I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children." Paul was not after "yours" meaning their finances and the things they owned, but rather he was concerned about their financial well-being as his spiritual children.

The highest calling of Christian leadership today is to desire "above all things that thou {God's children} mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 1:2) because it is God's calling.

The New Testament's emphasis relating to giving and receiving is always on the receiving first, having our needs supplied by God is foremost (Philippians 4:19), before we are ever encouraged to give anything. We want to learn how to receive the abundance of God's promises for our lives, our families, and our surroundings, rather than simply learning to give out of fear or to give reluctantly.

In the Book of Malachi, we have a very popular section of Scripture, which is used today to coerce and even scare tithing of ten percent from Christians, and even say or imply that, "Without giving ten percent of your weekly income you will be robbing God and could bring a cursing into your life."

Then they quote Malachi chapter three:

**Malachi 3:8-9:**

-8: Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

-9: Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation {the nation of Israel}.

The Christian Church is never referred to in the Scriptures as a Nation, but rather they are referred to as being members of the family of God. What an awful presentation to imply that we, the children of God, are robbers, saying in essence: "you are thieves and you are stealing from the greatest power in the universe (Acts 17:24-25)!"

Please, let us notice to whom the Book of Malachi is specifically addressed to, "THE burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi" (Malachi 1:1). Malachi was the Prophet, who delivered the Word of the Lord, and the entire book of Malachi is addressed "to Israel," but not to the Church of grace, not to Christians (what is specifically addressed to us are the New Testament Epistles), and certainly the Book of Malachi is not addressed to you and me as a doctrinal contract, but "were written for our learning" (Romans 15:4).

The ten percent mindset that so many Christians are bombarded with, along with the supposed "curse" for not giving, gives us the incorrect information; for it was the Nation of Israel and their Priests who were cheating God's laws in the Old Testament, which, when obeyed, protected Israel as a Nation and their promised land.

Today, in grace because of the completed work of our Redeemer, our promised homeland is in heaven itself and there is no way that we could spoil that place or rob from it, for it is completely perfect. Heaven is our eternal destiny to ever be with the Lord.

Today, while we wait for our "gathering together," we may begin discovering from the Scriptures and enjoying the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 3:19 (The Amplified Bible): \***

[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Any and all giving that is offered today in grace is called, a free will offering. Never is giving considered mandatory by God, but offered from our abundance as we feel inspired to offer. Giving offered this way is God's true way of blessing others, our churches, and our communities, as His blessings of our love offerings return back to us.

**II Corinthians 9:7-8:**

-7: Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

-8: And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work: