

## A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT So Help Me God – Part 1 of 8

### Three Key Observations About God's Promises:

**Observation #1:** God wants me to **BUILD** my life on his promises.

**Observation #2:** God makes both **unconditional** & **CONDITIONAL** promises.

**Observation #3:** God makes promises to us for two reasons:

- First, to teach us to **TRUST** him in difficult times.

*“When I’m hurting, I find comfort in your promise that leads to life.” Psalm 119:50*

*“You’re my refuge and shield, and your promises are my only source of hope.” Psalm 119:114*

- Second, to make us more like **CHRIST**.

*“God made these great and marvelous promises, so that his nature would become part of us.” 2 Peter 1:4a*

### Benefits of God's Promises if we Learn to Practice Generosity:

1. God promises **GOOD** things will happen to me.

*“Good will come to him who is generous...” Psalm 112:5*

*“Generous people will be blessed...” Proverbs 22:9*

2. God promises my **CHILDREN** will be blessed.

*“The Godly are always generous...and their children will be blessed.” Psalm 37:26*

3. God promises He will bless my **WORK**.

*“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will overflow with the finest wine.” Proverbs 3:9*

*“A generous man will prosper and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25*

4. God promises I will be **HAPPIER**.

*“Remember the words of our Lord Jesus himself who said, ‘There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’” Acts 20:35*

5. God promises my **INFLUENCE** will increase.

*“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.” Proverbs 11:24*

6. God promises I will end up with **MORE**.

*“Give, and it will be given back to you in full measure. What you receive will need to be pressed down and shaken together, but it will still run over and be poured into your lap! The way you give to others is the way God will give to you.” Luke 6:38*

*“Some people give generously and end up with more, while others don’t give what they should and end up poor.” Proverbs 11:24*

*“Being generous to the poor is like lending to the Lord, and God will pay you back for what you’ve done.” Proverbs 19:17*

7. God promises to meet all my **NEEDS**.

*“17...I want you to have the good that comes from giving... 19 My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need.” Philippians 4:17b, 19*

*“He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to their needs will receive curses.” Proverbs 28:27*

*“7 You should give as you have decided in your heart to give. Never give reluctantly or under pressure because God loves the person who gives cheerfully. 8 Then God will generously provide for you, so that in all things at all times you’ll have all that you need, and plenty left over to give more to every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

8. God promises he will **MULTIPLY** what I give Him.

*“10 Just as God gives seed to farmers and bread for food, God gives you a supply of seed (to plant) then he makes it grow so there’s a great harvest from your generosity. 11 And God will make you rich enough to be generous at all times.” 2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

- **KEY TRUTH:** Giving is not a debt I **OWE**. It's a seed I **SOW** in faith.

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”*

*“Be generous, and one day you will be rewarded.” Ecclesiastes 11:1*

**9.** God promises my giving is **STORED UP** in heaven.

*“18 Use your money to do good...and give generously, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. 19 By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourself– it is the only safe investment for eternity!” 1 Timothy 6:18-19a*

*“Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make (eternal) friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.” Luke 16:9*

**My Next Steps in Generosity:**

- If I’m giving nothing, begin giving **SOMETHING**.
- If I’m giving something, begin giving **CONSISTENTLY**.
- If I’m giving Consistently, give **SACRIFICIALLY**.

*“8 ‘Is it right to rob God? Yet you are robbing me,’ says the Lord. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ 9 ‘By not returning your tithes and offering. 10 Bring your whole tithe into My Storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be enough room for you to store it! 11 Then I will prevent the pests from devouring your crops...” Malachi 3:8-11*