



God Provides More

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God desires for everyone to be saved, delivered, healed, filled with the Spirit, and to be overflowing in a precious anointing. God has programmed increase into everything that He has created. God can do so much more than we can ask, think or imagine.

P.L. Tan tells the following story:

Ludwig Nommensen, a pioneer missionary to the Batak tribesmen, was told that he could stay for two years, during which time he studied the customs and traditions that ruled the people. At the end of that time the chief asked him if there was anything in the Christian religion that differed from the traditions of the Batak. “We, too, have laws that say we must not steal, nor take our neighbor’s wife, nor bear false witness,” the chief said.

The missionary answered quietly, “My Master gives the power to *keep* His laws.” The chief was startled. “Can you teach my people that?” he asked. “No, I cannot, but God can give them that power if they ask for it and listen to His Word.”

The missionary was permitted to stay another six months, during which time he taught just one thing—the power of God. At the end of that time, the chief said, “Stay; your law is better than ours. Ours tells us what we ought to do. Your God says. ‘Come, I will walk with you and give you strength to do the good thing.’”

There are now about 450,000 Batak Christians, with their own independent church organizations.¹

¹ Paul Lee Tan, *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times*, (Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc., 1996), 517-518.

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COURAGE

C1: Describe a time in your life when God provided for you.

C2: On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very good and 4 being not very good, rate yourself on how well you expect God's provision in your life. Why? Write out a plan on how to increase your expectation.

C3: In what ways do you believe God desires to move in your life?

STRENGTH

S1: God desires to provide for your life. Read and answer the following.

Matthew 10:17–20 (ESV)

- From these verses, what three things do you glean about God's increase in your life in any situation?

- List three situations in your life you need God to increase you.

S2: In different situations we need God to provide His wisdom and insight. Read and answer the following.

2 Samuel 22:29–30 (ESV)

2 Samuel 22:37 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are two things you glean about the provision of God?

- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very well and 4 being not so well, rate yourself on how well you ask for God's wisdom in all your situations in life. Write out a plan to increase your ability to ask for wisdom.

S3: All of the experiences of others you hear about and all of the scriptures are very inspiring, but you and I must get a revelation of God's power flowing through us. Read and answer the following.

2 Corinthians 4:7–9 (ESV)

2 Corinthians 4:11 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are four things you glean about why we can be victorious?

- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself on how well you walk in victory every day.

ENDURANCE

E1: You have a part to play in seeing increase in your life. You must properly place yourself before the Lord. Read and answer the following.

Proverbs 17:22 (ESV)

Ephesians 4:22 (ESV)

Matthew 26:41 (ESV)

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are three things you need to do in order to see God's increase in your life?
- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself in how well you have let God live big in your life. Write out a plan to improve.

E2: God desires to unleash the Spirit of Increase in your life. Read and answer the following.

Acts 11:15 (ESV)

Acts 16:5 (ESV)

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are four things you glean that are a promise for daily victorious living?



E3: For the next 28 days, read a chapter a day from the Book of Acts. When you are finished with each day, write down two observations and one application from the chapter. Look back over your thoughts. What can you conclude?