

# Having the Source of Everything

In a world filled with relationships, achievements, and material blessings, it's easy to lose sight of the true source behind everything good in our lives. While we may appreciate the people and things that bring us joy, there's a deeper truth we must understand: God is the ultimate source of every good thing we experience.

## What Does It Mean That We Don't Need Anyone Else?

When we say "I don't need anyone else," this doesn't mean we should isolate ourselves or dismiss the value of relationships. Instead, it means recognizing that our ultimate dependency should be on God alone. People come and go in our lives, but God remains constant.

This perspective shifts our focus from finding security in temporary things to finding it in the eternal. While God certainly uses other people to bless us, love us, and care for us, He is the one supplying the grace that makes anyone in our lives a blessing.

## How Does God Work Through Others?

God works through people to demonstrate His love and care for us. Even in the most unlikely individuals, we can see glimpses of God's goodness flowing through them. This is because every good gift comes from "the Father of lights" as Scripture tells us.

When we see kindness, talent, or beauty in others, we're witnessing God's grace at work. The challenge is learning to look beyond the vessel to see the source. Whether it's a friend's encouragement, a stranger's help, or even the natural beauty around us, God is the power behind every blessing.

## What Happens When We Try to Live Without God?

The story of Adam and Eve provides a powerful illustration of what happens when we attempt life without God. In the beginning, everything was good because it existed in God's presence. But when humanity chose to go it alone, everything under their authority became cursed.

This same principle applies today. When we disconnect from God - our power source - even the best things in life can become burdens. A beautiful home, successful career, or loving relationships can all become sources of stress and anxiety when they're separated from God's presence.

## Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

Many of the problems we face aren't necessarily because of our own sin, but because of the curse that entered the world through Adam's disobedience. We're living on a planet that has been disconnected from its power source, yet it still retains incredible beauty and goodness because of God's original blessing.

Understanding this helps us realize that difficulties in life aren't always personal failures. Sometimes we're simply experiencing the consequences of living in a fallen world that has been separated from God's perfect presence.

## **How Can We Stay Connected to Our Source?**

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can be "plugged back in" to the power source that Adam originally enjoyed. This connection requires constant maintenance - we must regularly check that our "cord" isn't loose.

### **Staying connected means:**

- Walking by faith rather than sight
- Trusting in God rather than in people or circumstances
- Keeping our hope anchored in Him
- Recognizing Him as the source of every good thing

When our connection is strong, we experience the blessing flow that God intended. When it's weak or disconnected, life becomes increasingly difficult and dark.

## **What Does It Mean to Be a Gateway for Glory?**

Psalm 24:7 says, "Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in." This verse reveals that we are called to be gateways - entry points for God's glory to enter our world.

When we lift our heads to God and keep our focus on Him rather than on earthly things, we become conduits for His goodness to flow through us to others. We were created to be doorways for God's glory, not gates for darkness and negativity.

## **How Do We Overcome the Gates of Hell?**

Jesus said that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church." Gates of hell are people who have become entry points for darkness, curses, and problems to enter the world. They're individuals who are looking to themselves or worldly things as their source rather than to God.

As believers who are plugged into the true source, we overcome these gates of hell by creating atmospheres filled with God's glory. When the King of glory comes in through us, His goodness overwhelms and overtakes any atmosphere of darkness.

## **Why Should We Give God Credit for Everything Good?**

It's natural to want recognition for our accomplishments, but true wisdom recognizes that God is behind every success. Even when we've overcome difficult circumstances or achieved great things, it's God who provided the grace, intelligence, hope, and strength that made it possible.

This doesn't diminish our role in cooperating with God's grace, but it keeps us humble and connected to our source. When we give God credit for the good in our lives, we position ourselves to receive even more of His blessing.

## What Happens When God's Grace Lifts?

Sometimes God will remove His grace from a situation to redirect us toward His will. When this happens, things that were previously working smoothly suddenly become difficult. Relationships become strained, communication breaks down, and confusion enters.

This isn't punishment - it's guidance. God may be calling us to step out in faith, even when we don't know exactly where He's leading us. Like Abraham, who "went out not knowing where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8), we must be willing to follow God's direction even without a complete roadmap.

### Life Application

This week, challenge yourself to consciously acknowledge God as the source of every good thing you experience. When someone blesses you, thank God for working through them. When you accomplish something, give God the credit for providing the ability and opportunity. When you enjoy something beautiful in nature, praise Him for His creation.

Practice staying "plugged in" by regularly checking your spiritual connection through prayer, worship, and time in God's Word. Make sure your trust is in Him rather than in people or circumstances that can change.

### Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I looking to God as my ultimate source, or am I depending too heavily on people and things?
- How can I become a better gateway for God's glory to flow through me to others?
- What areas of my life need to be surrendered more fully to God's direction?
- Am I willing to step out in faith even when I don't have all the details figured out?

Remember, God is everything you need Him to be when you need Him to be it. He is your source, your strength, and your ultimate satisfaction. Stay connected to Him, and watch as His goodness transforms not only your life but the lives of everyone around you.

### Quotes

1. "He is the source of every good thing and the source of all life."
2. "Any good in anyone comes from Him. Take Him out of the picture, and there's nothing left."
3. "People come and go, but we need Him."
4. "We cannot live without Him—we cannot make it without Him."
5. "Even the most wicked people still do some good—and that's the grace of God flowing, even through them."

6. “You could take the most beautiful mansion on earth, fill it with the finest things, and place it in the middle of hell—and it wouldn’t be a blessing.”
7. “Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights.”
8. “It’s His presence in the sunshine, His presence in the breeze, His presence in the trees, His presence in the flowers.”
9. “Everything under Adam’s hand went from good to cursed when he took it away from God’s presence.”
10. “When you fully understand that every good thing comes from God, then you’ll give Him all the praise and all the credit for every good thing in your life.”
11. “When you’re led by the Spirit of God, you don’t have to know everything.”
12. “That’s the beauty of living by faith—you don’t have to have it all figured out.”
13. “I just believe God is better at making plans than man.”
14. “We’ve got to learn how to let things go—we’ve got to be willing to walk away.”
15. “I don’t have to have anyone else—I just have to have Him.”
16. “Anything good that comes out of a person—it’s Jesus.”
17. “Where do gifts, intelligence, and inspiration come from? They come from God—they come from Him.”
18. “Through Jesus Christ, you and I are plugged back into the power source.”
19. “We should constantly check ourselves—are we living by faith? Are we walking by faith? Is our trust in Him?”
20. “He’s the one you must stay connected to—make sure your connection to Him is never loose.”

## **Verses**

1. Hebrews 11:8
2. James 1:17
3. 2 Corinthians 4:4

4. Galatians 3

5. Psalm 24:7

6. Isaiah 43:7

7. 2 Corinthians 8:7

## **Summary**

God is the ultimate source of every good thing in our lives, not the people or circumstances we often credit. While relationships and achievements bring joy, our true dependency should be on God alone. When we disconnect from Him as our power source, even the best things become burdens. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can stay plugged into God's blessing and become gateways for His glory to flow through us to others. Recognizing God as our source keeps us humble, connected, and positioned to receive His continued blessings.