



Mt. Olive Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

Week One...

God's Word Has Supreme Authority

God's Word Brings Order To Chaos

God's Word Gives Access To Increase

God's Word Must Be Obeyed To Access Opportunities

God's Word Gives Principles That Lead To Production

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Week Two.....

Principle #1

Trust What God Said vs. Temptation of What I See

Principle #2

Trusting Your Thoughts vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #3

Repetition Of The Routine vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #4

Trusting My Skill/Talent vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #5

Can't Give Up What I Have vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #6

Relying On The Flesh vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #7

The Severity of the Situation vs. Taking God At His Word

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Week Three....

God's Word Reveals The Outcome

Keep The Outcome In Mind... We Facing Opposition

*Don't Allow The Opposition To Make You Miss
Your Opportunity To Grow*

*God Does Not Reveal All The Details Toward The Destination
He Uses The Details For Your Development*

*Although We Reach The Same Destination
Our Development Is Not The Same*

*God Will Not Require You To Take Him At His Word
Until You Have Been Placed In Position To Hear His Word*

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Last Week....

**HOW DO I TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD?
JUST DO IT!!!!**

Obedience To God's Instructions....

Opens The Door For GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

You Can't Take Him At His Word... If You Don't Know It

*God Will Personalize Our Instructions
Based On Our Need*

*Instructions May Not Seem Spiritual...
But It Demonstrates Obedience*

WHATEVER GOD SAYS..... DO IT!!!

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Can You Take God

At His Word

When It Comes To

GIVING!!

Taking God At His Word When It Comes To Giving

In The Next Series We Will Focus On.....

Perspective

Principles

Practices

Promises

Productivity

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Can You Take God At His Word When It Comes To Giving

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*W*ant what *GOD'S WORD* Promises

*O*bey what *GOD'S WORD* Commands

*K*now that the Promises in *GOD'S WORD* Are True

*E*xpect *GOD'S PROMISES* To Be Fulfilled

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Day One

It All Belongs To God

Psalms 24:1 (NIV)

*1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;*

Psalms 50:12 (NLT)

*12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for all the world is mine and everything in it.*

Haggai 2:8 (NLT)

*8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,
says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.*

Perspective

Ownership vs. Stewardship

*If He Owns Everything...Does He Even **NEED** My Tithes*

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Day Two

I Am Entering Into A Trust Program Management Training

Matthew 25:21 (ESV)

21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.

*You have been **FAITHFUL OVER A LITTLE**;
I WILL SET YOU OVER MUCH.*

The Story Of The Talents Entrusted To Servants

- *God Handles The Distribution {Gave 5, 2, 1}*
- *God Handles The Duplication {Gave 5 more, 2 more, 1 more}*
- *We handle the Discipline {Faithful over the Few}*

Perspective

*THIS IS ABOUT **FAITHFULNESS** NOT **FINANCES***

Better Management..... Less Miracles

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Day Three

An Everlasting Principle

Genesis 8:22 (NIV)

22 "As long as the earth endures, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night WILL NEVER CEASE."

When was the last time you were concerned about if it will ever get cold again?

When was the last time you were concerned if it will be summer at some point?

When was the last time you were concerned if it will be night again?

Trust The Principle That Has Been Established

Seedtime and Harvest Principle

You Are Responsible For Your Sowing

God Is Responsible For The Bringing Of The Harvest

Galatians 6:9 ~ Whatever a Man Sows... That Is What He Reaps

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Day Four

God Will Provide The Seed

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

10 Now he who *Supplies Seed to the Sower* and *BREAD FOR FOOD* will *also SUPPLY and INCREASE* your store of seed and *will ENLARGE* the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be *made rich in every way SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS ON EVERY OCCASION*, and through us *YOUR GENEROSITY* will result in *thanksgiving to God*.

PERSPECTIVE

God Supplies The Seed, The Bread, and The Increase

SO THAT...

YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE!!!

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Day Five

God Provides The Power To Give

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)

*18 And you shall remember the Lord your God,
for **IT IS HE** who **GIVES YOU POWER TO GET WEALTH...***

Perspective

Implement Your Plan ~ You Already Have The Power

*Many Time We Fail To Realize **THE POWER IS IN YOUR IDEAS!!!***

*God Gives Us The **POWER TO THINK ~ BE CREATIVE***

How many times have you given somebody a ride???

Somebody thought of an idea... Let's Charge People To Take Them

*UBER WAS CREATED **FROM A THOUGHT...***

POWER OF THOUGHTS BRINGS WEALTH!!!

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Day Six

God Will Supply All Your Needs

Philippians 4:15-19 (NLT)

15 As you know, you Philippians *were the only ones who gave me financial help* when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. **NO OTHER CHURCH DID THIS.**

16 Even when I was in Thessalonica *you sent help more than once.*

17 I don't say this because *I want a gift from you.*

Rather, I want you to *receive a reward for your kindness.*

18 At the moment *I have all I need—and more!* I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling *sacrifice that is acceptable and* **PLEASING TO GOD.**

19 And **THIS SAME GOD** who takes care of me **WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS FROM HIS GLORIOUS RICHES,** which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

PERSPECTIVE

Needs Are Met Because Of Your **GENEROSITY**

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Day Seven

Test Me...If You Trust Me

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

- 10 *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in MY HOUSE. TEST ME IN THIS," says the Lord Almighty, "and SEE IF I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*
- 11 *I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty.*
- 12 *"Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.*

PERSPECTIVE

God Not Only PROVIDES but also PROTECTS

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Day Eight

My Responsibility With My Seed

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

6 Remember this...

*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

Biblical Example

2 Kings 4:1-7

The Command: Get As Many Jars/Vessels as you can borrow

The Conclusion: She said to her son...bring me another one...

He said, There Is No More... That's All You Collected

THEN, THE OIL CEASED....

The More You Desire To Reap... The More Determined You Must Be

“...According to the Power At Work In You”

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Day Nine

Give Cheerfully

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

*7 Each man should give what he has **decided in his heart to give**,
not reluctantly or **under compulsion**, for God loves
A CHEERFUL GIVER.*

PERSPECTIVE

*Not Only Is God Concerned About **THE AMOUNT**
But Also, **THE ATTITUDE***

How Can I Be Cheerful.....

*Don't Do It From A Perspective of **OBLIGATION**
But An **OPPORTUNITY***

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Day Ten

Give Sacrificially

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and *watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury*. Many rich people threw in *large amounts*.

42 But a poor widow came and put in *two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny*.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has *put more into the treasury than all the others*.

44 They all gave *OUT OF THEIR WEALTH*; but she, *OUT OF HER POVERTY, PUT IN EVERYTHING—* all she had to live on

PERSPECTIVE

She Didn't Have Enough To Meet Her Need...

So She Turned What She Had Into A Seed!!!

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Day Eleven

Give Willingly

1 Chronicles 29:3-9 (NLT)

3 “And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, *I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction.* This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. 4 I am donating more than 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262 tons of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings 5 and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. Now then, *WHO WILL FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE and GIVE OFFERINGS TO THE LORD TODAY?*”

6 Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king’s administrative officers *ALL GAVE WILLINGLY.* 9 The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had *GIVEN FREELY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THE LORD,* and King David was filled with joy.

PERSPECTIVE

Your Willingness *SETS AN EXAMPLE* For Others To Follow

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Day Twelve

Give Accordingly

Deuteronomy 16:16-17 (NIV)

*16 Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. No man should appear before the Lord **EMPTY-HANDED**:*

*17 Each of you must bring a gift **IN PROPORTION TO THE WAY THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS BLESSED YOU.***

PERSPECTIVE

If God Has Blessed Me Above Measure....

It Should Reflect In My Giving

The Tithe Should Be The Floor... You Should Go Beyond The Tithe

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Day Thirteen
Giving Initially

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, *with the firstfruits of all your crops*; 10 *THEN* your barns *will be filled to OVERFLOWING*, and your vats will *BRIM OVER* with new wine.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

2 *On the first day of every week*, each one of you should *SET ASIDE* a sum of money *in keeping with his income*, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

PERSPECTIVE

*When I Am Faithful With The First
God Can Trust Me To Multiply The Rest!!!*

Example: 1 Kings 17 ~ Make Me A Cake First!!!!

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Day Fourteen

Giving Expectantly

Luke 6:38 (NASB)

38 "*GIVE*, and *IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU*.

They will pour into your lap a good measure—
pressed down, *shaken together*, and *running over*.

For by *YOUR STANDARD OF MEASURE*

it will be measured to you *IN RETURN*."

PERSPECTIVE

Remember The Principle That Has Been Established
Sow Sparingly... Reap Sparingly

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Day Fifteen

Treasure Principle

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

*19 "Do not store up for **YOURSELVES** treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

*20 But store up for **YOURSELVES** treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves **do not** break in and steal.*

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

PERSPECTIVE

GOD KNOWS MY HEART MENTALITY

*Many people don't have **a money issue...***

*They have **a faith issue***

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Day Sixteen

Connection Between Salvation and Substance

Mark 10:17-21 (NIV)

17 A man ran up to Jesus and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "*what must I do to inherit eternal life?*"

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "*Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.*"

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; *he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.*

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. ***I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE TODAY.***"

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "*Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.*" 9 Jesus said to him, "*Today SALVATION has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.* 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to ***SAVE WHAT WAS LOST.***"

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Day Seventeen

The Desire That Leads To Destruction

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT)

9 But people who *long to be rich* fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful **DESIRE**s that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

10 *FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL.* And some people, *craving money*, have wandered from the true faith and *pierced themselves* with many sorrows.

PERSPECTIVE

Wealth Requires Discipline and The Right Desire

If Your Desires Are Right... There Is No Limit To God's Blessings

Psalm 37:4 ~ Delight Yourself In The Lord....

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Day Eighteen

The Choice Is Yours

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

24 "No one can **SERVE TWO MASTERS**. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be **devoted to the one** and despise the other. You **CANNOT SERVE** both **GOD AND MONEY**.

PERSPECTIVE

God Gives Us THINGS TO ENJOY

We Chase After THINGS THAT NEVER SATISFY

Some Things Bring Life ~ Some Things Bring Death

CHOOSE ONE!!!

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Day Nineteen

Tithing Is Not Everything...But Something

Matthew 23:23 (NLT)

23 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are **CAREFUL TO TITHE** even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, **BUT** you ignore the more important aspects of the law—**justice, mercy, and faith.**

YOU SHOULD TITHE, YES, BUT DO NOT NEGLECT THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.

PERSPECTIVE

God Is Concerned About Money And Morals

This A New Testament Passage ~ Tithing Is Still A Principle

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Day Twenty

Obstacles, Opportunity, Obligation

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NLT)

- 1 Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done *through the churches* in Macedonia.
- 2 *They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor.* **BUT** they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.
- 3 For I can testify *that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.*
- 4 *They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.*
- 5 They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was **TO GIVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD** and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

PERSPECTIVE

You Will Never Give Your *Substance To The Lord*,
If You Don't Give *Yourself To The Lord*

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Day Twenty-One

The Price He Paid For Your Opportunity

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)

*9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,** so that you through his poverty **MIGHT BECOME RICH.***

PERSPECTIVE

*With Everything That We Have Studied
God Has Given Us An Opportunity To Become Wealthy*

Change Our Perspective

Commit To Practicing The Principles

Count On God Keeping His Promise

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITY

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