

Stepping Into the Promises of God!

Joshua 1:1-3 (ESV) *After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon, I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.*

*****Matthew 6:33 (AMP)** *But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*

Matthew 22:37-40 (NASB 2020) *And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets."*

I. Wholehearted devotion

1. God

2 Corinthians 4:18 (CSB) *So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (CSB) *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

Philippians 3:10-14 (CSB) *My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death....Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you.*

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Matthew 7:7-8 (NASB 2020) *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.*

1 Peter 1:13-16 (CSB) *Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.*

Holy: ἅγιος hagios; from a prim. root; sacred, holy: **The core idea:** set apart for God – Hagios carries the idea of something being consecrated, sacred, or belonging especially to God.

And there's an important nuance: holiness isn't primarily trying to make yourself unusual or different from everybody else. The goal isn't How different from the world can I become? The goal is: How completely can my life belong to God?

2. Others

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1 Peter 1:22 (NLT) *You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.*

1 Peter 4:7-10 (NASB 2020) *The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.*

John 13:34-35 (NKJV) *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

John 15:12 (NLT) *This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.*

Romans 12:10 (NLT) *Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.*

1 John 4:11-12 (NKJV) *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.*

Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV) *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

II. The Blessing

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Mark 10:29-30 (NASB 2020) *Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life."*

Matthew 16:24-25 (NASB 2020) *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."*

1 Peter 5:6-7 (ESV) *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because He cares for you.*

Exalt: ὑψώω *hypsoō*; from 5311; to elevate (literally or figuratively): — exalt, lift up. AV (20) – 1.) to lift up on high, to exalt metaph. to raise to the very summit of opulence and prosperity, to exalt, to raise to dignity, honor, and happiness

No one ever drifts to the top of the mountain!

James 4:10 (ESV) *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV) *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

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