

Outline

- I. Let's review some of the ground we've covered thus far.
 - A. Many believers have settled for less than God's best and don't even think about it.
 - B. Our desire to compromise, to be secure, and to not stretch ourselves out in faith is a hindrance to receiving God's best.
 - C. Receiving God's best isn't about getting the Lord to do something.
 - D. This is expressed in statements like "Faith moves God."
 - E. Faith does not move God.
 - F. God moved by grace, and our faith only appropriates what God has already provided by grace; that's a life-changing truth!
 - G. We can receive God's supply through two different delivery systems—a blessing or a miracle.
 - H. Since a miracle involves a superseding or suspension of natural law, it isn't God's best.
 - I. We can receive a miracle, but to have a miracle, we'll have to be in a crisis.
 - J. A blessing will prevent a crisis.
 - K. A miracle is never as abundant as a blessing.
 - L. A miracle is only temporary.
 - M. A blessing, once it's given, cannot be reversed.
- II. Galatians 3:14 reveals that the blessing of Abraham has come upon believers through faith.
 - A. We should want the favor of God that is spoken over us that produces such abundance.
 - B. It's important to remember that blessings aren't things.

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- C. If something happened and I lost everything, I'd get it back because His blessing produced those things in the first place; it would just be a matter of time.
- D. The favor of God is the real asset!
- E. There are some people who, if you touch their things, you've touched their hearts!
- F. When we have our faith in the Lord, it doesn't matter what happens to our things.
- G. If Satan steals something from us, we can make him repay with interest:

But if he [a thief, see Prov. 6:30] be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6:31, brackets mine

- H. If we believe that we're blessed, it doesn't matter what people do to us.
- I. The blessing of God is His divine favor spoken over us, and nothing and no one can take that away!

Discipleship Questions

1. Many believers have settled for less than God's best and don't even _____ about it.

2. What are hindrances to receiving God's best?

3. True or false: Faith moves God.

4. God moved by _____, and your faith only _____ what God has already provided by grace.

- A. Prayers / requires
- B. Obligation / kindles
- C. Sorrow / validates
- D. Grace / appropriates
- E. Faith / demands

5. Why isn't a miracle God's best?

6. Whose blessing has come upon you as a believer (Gal. 3:14)?

- A. Moses's
- B. David's
- C. Abraham's
- D. Mary's
- E. Isaac's

7. What is the real asset?

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8. *Discussion question:* How do you plan to have faith in the Lord versus have care for your things?

9. According to Proverbs 6:31, if a thief "*be found, he shall restore _____; he shall give all the substance of his house.*"

10. What or who can take away the divine favor spoken over you?

Scriptures

GALATIANS 3:14

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

PROVERBS 6:30-31

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; [31] But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.