



Life Principles Notes™

Are You Limiting God's Blessings?

Summary:

Are there needs in your life that aren't being met?

Do you have strong desires that you pray about, yet somehow it feels like God's not listening to you? Deep down inside, you wonder, *What's wrong? What's going on?*

You believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and you know that He has promised to supply your needs. Yet somehow there's still this need in your life that remains unmet.

Many people tell God what they want, but

they fail to pray to Him specifically about their need and seek His will for their situation. Therefore, people often receive fewer blessings than God planned for them.

God has wonderful things in store for you, but you'll miss His blessings if you limit His activity in your life.

Key Passage: [Psalm 81:1-16](#)

Supporting Scripture: *Psalms 23:1; 37:4; 103:1-6; 145:18-19; John 14:6; Philippians 4:19; James 1:17*

Scriptural Principles:

1 The Lord is the God of blessing.

In Psalm 81, we see how God has blessed the nation of Israel greatly. He delivered His people from Egyptian oppression and provided for all their needs, including the land He had promised would be their home. God wants to bless you in a similar way. James 1:17 testifies, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." Instead of being in bondage to sin and lacking the things that you need and desire, God wants to transform your life—giving you the abundant, joy-filled existence He created you for. God has all knowledge, power, and resources, and He delights in meeting your needs and giving you the desires of your heart.

2 Why are you missing out?

God provides everything you need when you're listening to Him and receiving His wisdom, protection, and provision. However, if you're missing out on God's blessings, identify why that is so you can do something about it. Psalm 81:10-12 provides some insight as to what may be blocking your reception of God's resources for you. "I, the LORD, am your God, . . . open your mouth wide and I will fill it. But My people did not listen to My voice, and Israel did not obey Me. So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own devices." Do you have a deep personal relationship with God, or are you living in defiance to Him? You're going to do things God's way or you're going to insist on doing things your own way. You'll either trust and obey Him, or you're going to ignore Him and rely on your own resources. Many believers miss out on God's best because they're unwilling to have faith in Him.

3 Are you truly trusting God?

Psalm 145:18–19 promises, “The LORD is near to all who call upon Him . . . He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.” God is willing to bless you, but do you really trust Him? Do you truly believe that He is the God of goodness, love, mercy, power, wisdom, and kindness? Do you want His best for your life? God’s best for you is better than anything you can imagine, because it’s provided out of His omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and unconditional love for you. He’ll never give you second best; however, you will always receive less than God’s best whenever you fail to have faith in Him.

4 Requirement for receiving His blessings: Ask.

God does not change. He blessed the nation of Israel as a whole as an example of how He wants to bless us individually. Yet, just as Israel was challenged to cry out to God for help, so are we. And the first thing we are to ask God for is salvation. God doesn’t accept you because of how good you are; rather, He receives you based on your relationship to His Son, Jesus Christ, who paid your sin debt in full at the cross. That’s the basis for God fulfilling your requests; it’s not about anything you can do. Therefore, start receiving His blessings by humbling yourself before Him and asking God to help you.

5 Requirement for receiving His blessings: Be specific.

Second, be very specific about what you’re asking God for. There is nothing wrong with asking for what you want. However, the more specific you are about your request, the better you can see God working in your situation. God told Israel, “I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you” (Psalm 81:16). God wants to provide the best for you, so don’t be afraid to ask for His finest.

6 Requirement for receiving His blessings: Anticipate His answer.

You may be wondering how God will respond to you when you ask Him for something. At times, God will say yes to your request immediately or He may also instruct you to wait for His perfect timing. At other times, He will help you understand that what you’re asking for doesn’t fit His plan for your life and that He has something much better for you. God doesn’t always answer in the way you think He will, but the most important thing is for you to *expect* Him to answer you—no matter what that answer may be.

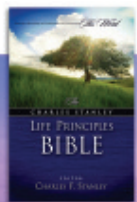
7 Requirement for receiving His blessings: Walk in obedience.

How should you respond once God shows you His will in a particular situation? You must obey, even if you don’t understand why God answered you the way He did. The Christian life boils down to one thing—obey God and leave all the consequences to Him. If you truly believe that almighty God is who He says He is, then your only choice is to obey Him and trust that He’ll take care of your every need and desire.

Conclusion:

Are you walking in the ways of the Lord? Do you want God’s best for your life? Then you must ask God to bless you, be specific about what you desire, anticipate His answer, and walk in obedience to Him.

Will God show you His plan and purpose for your life? Of course He will! God



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wants the best for you and because of that, He’ll teach you to walk in His ways with faith and confidence in Him. Because then He can work in and through your life in a way that will show others that He is truly God.

Don’t allow anything to hinder you from receiving God’s blessings. Deal with whatever sin and unbelief are in your life so that God can show you His power and love. Then, you’ll discover what God wants to do in your life and all the wonderful blessings He has in store for you. 🌿

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