



## Keys to Receive

**I**f you are ever going to receive anything from God—according to his word—you must know the keys to receiving these prized possessions—there are three. First, you must know what is available. Second, you must know how to receive it. And third, you must know its purpose.

### Know What is Available

The first key to receiving anything from God is to know what is available. If you do not know what is available, you will not know what blessings God's word has in store for you.

*(Psa 37:25) I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not*



*seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

God's word states that it is available for the righteous to not be forsaken or be begging bread. If God's word says it, it must be available.

Know what is available. *If it is not available, you cannot receive it.* In the secular realm, we have applied this principle all along.

Take this cell phone. If it were not available, I could not have

it. Spiritually the same is true. God's word will tell you what is available. People may think they know what is available, but only God's word can be the source of this truth!

*(2 Pet 1:3-4) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: {4} Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

We learn what is available by

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going to God's word. 2 Peter states that God's word gives us exceeding great and precious promises. These things are what allow us to partake of God Himself! We must search God's word to find his exceeding great and precious promises.

(Isa 58:11) And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

We must get to the place that we know and believe these wonderful promises.

(Phil 4:13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

What is available? How could we do all things in Christ if it were not available?

(Col 1:11-13) Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; {12} Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: {13} Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Knowing what is available will allow us to receive from God. God's word states that we are all partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. We have been delivered from the power of darkness. Once we are born again, we belong to God's family forever!

We must go to God's word to find out what is available. People say that things that aren't available

are, and that things that are available aren't. We must know to the smallest detail—what is available. This is the first key to receiving anything from God!

## Know How to Receive What is Available

Do you know that you can receive spiritual things with the same accuracy as used to receive physical things? People seem to have a difficult time learning this truth. We must apply the same truth to receiving physical things to receive spiritual things.

(Heb 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

God's word will tell us exactly how to receive God's promises. In order to receive anything from God, we must know how

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to receive what is available. In Hebrews, we are told to come boldly unto the throne of grace. This is the how to receiving grace to help in time of need.

(1 John 5:14-15) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: {15} And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

We must ask according to his will. He will hear these things, and we will have the petitions that we desired of Him. The how to receive the petitions we desired of him is to ask according to his will. God's word tells us how to receive—ask according to his will.

(2 Cor 9:6-8) But this I say, He which soweth sparingly

shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. {7} Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. {8} And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

God wants his people to prosper, and he tells us how to receive this prosperity. God's word will always tell us how to receive what is available. If you give sparingly, you will receive sparingly. If you give bountifully, you will receive bountifully. If you want to receive the "all sufficiency from God," you must follow his will.

(Mark 11:24) Therefore I say unto you, What things

soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Jesus taught another aspect for the how of receiving from God. He taught that whatever they desired, when they prayed, to believe that they had received those things. What should you believe? That you received them! If you want a special lamp for your apartment, then pray and believe. If you want a better job, then pray and believe. If you want more people coming to your fellowship, then pray and believe. You can ask for anything according to God's word. You must also believe that God will provide. It is God's word that makes God's promises available and tells you how to receive them. You must know from God's word, not only what is available, but also how to receive what is available.

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We have learned the first two keys to receiving anything from God. Both work in harmony with untold precision. We must first know what is available. Then we must know how to receive what is available. If you are told that you are to love God, but not taught how, what good does it do you? If you are taught that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you, but you are not taught how, what good does it do you? Have you ever been taught that something was available, yet not taught how to receive it? We must understand the how of receiving in order to receive. God's word tells us both what is available and how to receive what is available.

## **Know the Exact Purpose of That Which is Available**

In the third place, we have to know the exact purpose of what is available. If you don't know God's

purpose for providing something in his word, you run the risk of misusing it. We must know the exact purpose of the things that are available in his word. When I learn the purpose, I am to use it for that and that alone. This becomes dynamically important in the spiritual realm. Many people know what is available and even how to receive, but they don't know the purpose. This is especially true in the holy spirit field. They might know the first two keys, but if they don't know the purpose, they could very easily misuse it. We have to go to God's word to determine the purpose.

(Psa 103:5) Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Why does God satisfy your mouth with good things? So that your youth is renewed like the

eagle's. That's the purpose.

(Psa 107:29) He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Why does God calm the storms in life? So that the waves are still. He will do this for you. That's the purpose.

(1 Cor 1:5-7) That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; {6} Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: {7} So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Why does God enrich you in everything? So that you come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. That's the purpose. Once we know the purpose of each and every thing available from God's word,

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we can, not only readily receive, but also properly use it. *God will give even if we are going to misuse it—proper use is our responsibility!* We must know the exact purpose of what is available. This is the third key to receive anything from God.

Much Love in Christ!

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