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INTRODUCTION

Would you like to have a huge harvest of God's promises in your life?

You can prepare your heart to receive and therefore produce the “good things” referred to in Luke 6:45—health, prosperity, protection, great relationships and more—but it needs to be ongoing. Are you willing to take an honest look at your heart?

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil.

Luke 6:45 (NKJV)

Jesus told a story called the Parable of the Sower to teach us a very important lesson. In fact, this lesson is so important that **we can't understand any of His lessons if we don't get this one** (Mark 4:13).

The parable describes four kinds of heart attitudes that prevail in people. Three of these attitudes can prevent us from receiving from God. Only one is a Christ-like attitude that allows God's Word to produce a harvest of good things in our lives. You see, when people read or hear God's Word, it seems to produce great things for some and not for others. It all depends on the preparation that they have done in their hearts.

I'm going to show you how to change the beliefs and attitudes in your heart that are stopping you from receiving the miraculous.

1

LEARN WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU.

Jesus earned you the rights and privileges of a child of God.

Do you find that you consistently struggle in a certain area of your life? Maybe you're dating but you "always seem to pick the bad ones," or you can't seem to pull yourself out of debt. Whatever your struggle, realize you're not alone.

We all struggle with incorrect thinking, but we've been given a way to overcome our debilitating beliefs. We need to reject what is not right and accept what God says.

Being able to recite every story in the Bible is nice, but it's useless if you don't know what happened at the cross. You need to understand how Jesus' sacrifice changed everything for you personally if you want to get your heart-beliefs right.

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV)

Jesus earned you the rights and privileges of a child of God. That truth is so powerful; I can't emphasize it enough. **If you don't realize who you are now that you have a relationship with Him, you will become just another religious Christian trying to earn your blessings.**

Because of Jesus, you are going to heaven, but you're also saved from poverty and sickness. That's what salvation means. Every promise God made is yours according to our verse today, and you have been given life *in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)* (John 10:10, AMP)!

Step one to change your beliefs is to **know who you are** now that you have a relationship with Jesus. That relationship changes everything.

2

MEDITATE DAILY ON WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU.

Your heart is the control centre of your life.

You see... your heart beliefs direct your life, even if you don't realize it.

For example, let's say you hear a report on the news that could potentially affect your business negatively. If you accept that belief in your heart and get upset about it, then it's not just a news report anymore. Once your heart absorbs it, it becomes a curse.

But if you choose to believe what God says instead, you reject the negative belief, and it changes your experience. Jesus died so you could have every blessing in the book. No little news report can get in the way of what He wants to bless. Hanging on to this belief—what Jesus died to give you—is step two when it comes to changing your heart-beliefs.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us... that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV)

You cannot change your heart by force. **Your heart changes when you yield to what God says.** Get a hold of great messages and listen to them over and over again. Marinate your heart in the teachings of the New Testament and as you meditate, **let the words impact your imagination.** See your life changing because of Jesus. See yourself healthy, prosperous and full of joy.

As you learn what Jesus has done and you think about it every day, you will develop a love for Jesus that you could never manufacture on your own... and just watch how your life changes!

3

CONFESS THE PROMISES AS THOUGH THEY ARE YOURS NOW.

You are a child of the King and you have access to every promise.

If you find yourself struggling with an area of your life more than another, although many factors could be involved and sometimes stuff just happens, **it could be that you believe incorrect things about that area of your life.** In fact, we all hold a few beliefs we need to correct.

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvellous glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

Speaking as if you'll have the promise one day is a big problem. Your heart only hears that you don't have it now. Since faith only works in the present tense, even if you don't physically have your answer yet, claim it as though you do.

For example, instead of saying, "I will be healed," say "Healing is my right and privilege because of Jesus. Thank you that I'm healthy and whole." As you speak this way, your heart will connect with what you say and bring it into existence.

What area of your life are you needing a miracle? What are the promises God has made in this area? Know what Jesus has done for you. **Understand that you are a child of the King and you have access to every promise.** In fact, He has already given you everything you need.

4

ACT ON WHO YOU ARE ACCORDING TO THE WORD.

Who God says you are is your true identity.

Your heart is really amazing. When you believe that you can have God's promises, your heart goes to work to bring them into your life. Your heart is at work day and night, whether you are aware of it or not, attracting what you believe and rejecting what you don't believe.

If a girl is living on the streets, and then it is discovered that she is a long lost princess, what is her true identity? Everything in her present says she's a homeless orphan, but she's actually a princess!

That's great... but she needs to believe it before she can benefit from it. Otherwise she'll grab a rag and sleep on the hard floor even though a soft, warm bed is waiting for her. If she doesn't wrap her head around her new identity, she will continue to eat out of the garbage when a wonderful banquet is waiting for her.

We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! **Romans 8:16–17 (MSG)**

Who God says you are is your true identity. Even if you don't feel like a child of the King—blessed and healthy, whole and protected—it's time to confess, act on and believe it.

Don't throw all your medications in the garbage or start spending as if you have millions. Use wisdom, but **begin to speak and act like you are who God says you are.** Then watch what He does in your life.

CONCLUSION

God's Word in your heart grows to produce an incredible harvest of His promises in your life.

But the seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams.

Mark 4:20 (MSG)

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus explained the four types of heart attitudes people can have. People with the first three types of hearts, as we discussed over the past few days, cannot benefit from God's Word the way He intended. As long as they are focused on other things—toying with wrong behaviour, avoiding difficult situations, worrying about life or going after money and stuff—they aren't able to receive.

The fourth kind of attitude is different. It involves hearing God's Word, but also embracing it. When you embrace someone, you draw them into you. We will always need to draw God's Word into us like we draw air into our lungs. There will never come a day when we have breathed enough air to last us for the rest of our lives. **We need God's Word every day, like we need air.**

When you study God's Word and are hungry to receive from it, you approach it differently. You agree with what it says mentally at first, but as you meditate on it, the truth it contains gets into your heart. **This is when it becomes powerful.** You can see why Jesus said that understanding this parable and learning how to embrace God's Word is the key to understanding everything He wants to teach you.

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What is your heart attitude like right now? What are you focused on? Get excited about embracing what God's Word has to offer you. Whenever you read or hear it, really take in what God is saying to you and expect great things.

UNLEASH THE MIRACULOUS

When we meditate on God's Word, learn what Jesus did for us and confess His promises, our deepest beliefs begin to change. It's a continuous renewal as you prepare your heart to receive all God has for you.

In my 3-part audio series, "Unleash the Miraculous," I dive even deeper into this topic. This series will show you how to teach your heart to believe in Jesus' finished work—and Holy Spirit's incredible power.

We don't need to beg, bug or plead with God to send His blessings. They're already ours! **We just need to learn how to access what He has freely given to us.** If you want to experience the best year you've ever had, it's time to unleash the supernatural power of God in your life.



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