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God's Incredible  
Promises to you

Many times I'll just sit and think. Sometimes it will be on the couch or at my desk in my office. At other times it will be on a log somewhere in the woods and my all-time favorite thinking place is around the pool on the backyard patio. Sometimes I'll just contemplate the goodness of God and all that He's done for me in the last twenty plus years of serving Him. Other times I'll think of the many problems circulating through the congregation at the church at any one time. Relatives at the brink of death, others being diagnosed with cancer, still others struggling to quit smoking, and a host of others battles going on like loneliness, depression, and broken trust. Many have grown children that won't listen and on and on goes the list. But no matter what kind of problem we face in life God has an incredible promise for us. Back in 2002 when I began research for my book "A Year Without Fear" I found out that God had intricately placed at least 365 "no fears, or fear nots" in His word- that gives us one for everyday of the year.

In the same way God has given us promises in His word to help us. Hundreds of them to be truthful and in the next coming months we are going to look at a few of them and see how to apply them to our everyday life. Look at this scripture;

**1 Kings 8:56 (TMSG)** <sup>56</sup>*"Blessed be GOD, who has given peace to his people Israel just as he said he'd do. Not one of all those good and wonderful words that he spoke through Moses has misfired.*

Friends when you discover and

apply the wisdom of God's promises to your everyday life your life will change. So all this sounds good so far-right, but before we get into the special promises of God, let's first get a better understanding of God's promises and just how work.

You may be wondering just what is promise anyway? Webster's defines a promise as "a statement, either oral or written, assuring that one will or will not do something. It's a vow or a pledge."

All of us have made a few of them in our lifetime. You know when we get married we say vows to each other pledging our loyalty and fidelity to just our spouse. Now unlike us human beings that take promises and vows lightly and carelessly, God doesn't break His to us. We think nothing of breaking a promise to our children or of just expecting our friends to "understand" when we break a promise to them, but God doesn't. ***You see the power of the promise depends on the character of the***

***one who is making the promise.*** And dear friends if you don't trust

anyone else, believe me you can trust God to keep His promises that He makes to us. Whether they are promises to punish us for doing wrong or disobeying His word or promises to bless us for obeying Him, He will keep His promises. If you have been a faithful tither and have enjoyed the blessings of an open heaven over your life just test God and stop tithing faithfully and watch Him curse your finances so that no matter how much you make it will never be enough to meet your needs. It's that simple God keeps His promises.

God's very nature is that He cannot lie.

**Titus 1:2 (TMSG)** <sup>2</sup>*My aim is to raise hopes by pointing the way to life without end. This is the life God promised long ago—and he doesn't break promises!*

With that being said you can be confident that if there is a promise in God's word that has application for you, you can accept that promise with full assurance that God keeps His word. Because remember God can't lie.

Now what many people don't understand is that many of God's promises are *limited* to specific people or groups of people. But still many are *unlimited* and apply to our lives as well. For example look at our text from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings.

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Solomon had just dedicated the newly built temple in God's honor. He was just reminding the people that the God of Israel always keeps His promises. And friend He hasn't changed since eternity began and He will never change for all eternity.

So how many of you have claimed a promise from God's word to no avail? What's the problem? **You need to realize that many are conditional.** That means that God will do something or give something, but in return we are to do something or give something.

Now I don't mean you pray for financial blessings and go out and buy lottery tickets promising to tithe to God on your winnings. As a matter of fact buying a lottery ticket is disobedience to God's work and placing your trust in man instead of God as your provider and that may hinder God from moving on your behalf—who knows? You see God doesn't use gambling to bless His people. He doesn't need it. He uses other people to bless us according Luke chapter 6.

**Luke 6:38 (NKJV)** <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

So as we begin this year full of God's promises we are going to look at how to apply a few of the some 30,000 plus promises contained in God's word. So to receive the power and blessing Attached to God's magnificent promises you will be expected to do your part.

**2 Peter 1:4 (TMSG)** <sup>4</sup>We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

Ask yourself these questions and truthfully answer them.

- Am I willing to do whatever God asks me to do?

**Remember obedience always brings a blessing.**

- Am I willing to follow God even though at times I may have to humble myself and fall?

**Philippians 3:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup>I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- Am I willing to ask for forgiveness when I falter and come up short?

**1 John 1:9 (NKJV)** <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- And finally am I willing to stay in the battle for as long

as

it

takes?

*Acts 13:22 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup>And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'*

Remember it took David Thirteen years after he was anointed king to become king.

He waited on God

The truth is God's promises are for you. But are you ready to put them to work in your life? If the answer is yes, get ready next month to discover how to get the promised ***answered prayer*** to work for you.

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