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Jesus' promises have prerequisites:

• <u>Ask- Patiently and persistently.</u>

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"But your friend says, 'Why are you bothering me? The door is locked and my family and I are all in bed. Do you expect me to get up and give you our food?' I tell you—because of your shameless persistence, even though it's the middle of the night, your friend will get up out of his bed and give you all that you need."

• <u>Seek</u>- Pursue truth over pleasure.

2 Timothy 2:22 (TPT)

"Run as fast as you can from all the ambitions and lusts of youth; and chase after all that is pure. Whatever builds up your faith and deepens your love must become your holy pursuit."

• <u>Knock</u>- Confidently await God's next adventure for me.

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"I am standing in absolute stillness, silent before the one I love, waiting as long as it takes for him to rescue me. Only God is my Savior, and he will not fail me."

To explore God's endless generosity, I must:



Uncover my joy for all to see.

Philippians 4:4-5 (TPT)

"Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near."

How?

- Start every morning thanking God for his infinite grace.
- Stay focused on what I have, not what I don't have.
- <u>Sleep</u> confidently in God's promise to always do what's best for me.

Romans 8:28-29 (NLT)

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."



Saturate my life in prayer and receive unexplainable peace.

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"Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ."

How?

• Be honest about my debt and income.

Proverbs 27:23-24 (NLT)

"Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds, for riches don't last forever, and the crown might not be passed to the next generation."

• Be obedient to God's financial principles.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

"But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."



Discover God's path to positive thinking and put it into practice.

Philippians 4:8-10 (TPT)

"Keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always. Put into practice the example of all that you have heard from me or seen in my life and the God of peace will be with you in all things. My heart overflows with joy when I think of how you demonstrated love to me by your financial support of my ministry. For even though you have so little, you still continue to help me at every opportunity."



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Participate in a church that practices extreme generosity.

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"You've so graciously provided for my essential needs during this season of difficulty. For I want you to know that the Philippian church was the only church that supported me in the beginning as I went out to preach the gospel. You were the only church that sowed into me financially, and when I was in Thessalonica, you supported me for well over a year. I mention this not because I'm requesting a gift, but so that the fruit of your generosity may bring you an abundant reward. I now have all I need—more than enough—I'm abundantly satisfied! For I've received the gift you sent by Epaphroditus and viewed it as a sweet sacrifice, perfumed with the fragrance of your faithfulness, which is so pleasing to God!"



Expect God to meet every need in my life.

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