

Tackling the Impossible

Without understanding, God is unpredictable, scary, and something that safety conscious people should avoid.

In order to operate in God's reality, we need to include in what we call natural some probabilities or predictions from God that, although we do not know the exact mechanics of each one, we have confidence that they work.

The New Testament contains more than 300 promises from God for Christians.

In order for what we call faith to be what God calls faith, we must act on the promises of God.

When you find a promise from God in the Scriptures:

1. Decide if you want it.
2. Open the tool box; don't try to do it by your own power.
3. Stay between the ditches.

Why must I search out God's promises?

1. I can't have saving faith if I don't know what God has promised.
2. Only faith can cure what ails the church today.

Promise 1

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and **all these things will be added to you.**"

Promise 2

2 Corinthians 9:6 – 11, "But this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, **always having all sufficiency in all things,** may have **an abundance for every good work.** As it is written, 'He has dispersed abroad; He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.' Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are **enriched in everything for all liberality,** which causes thanksgiving through us to God."

Promise 3

Philippians 3:15, "Therefore let us, as many as are perfect, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, **God will reveal even this to you.**"

Promise 4

Philippians 4:6 – 7, "**Be anxious for nothing,** but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Promise 5

Hebrews 12:28, "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which **we serve God acceptably** with reverence and godly fear."

Promise 6

James 1:2 – 4, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that **the testing of your faith produces patience.** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

Promise 7

James 1:5, “If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and **it will be given to him.**”

Ephesians 1:17 – 19, “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your heart being enlightened...**”

Promise 8

1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God **overcomes the world**, and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.”

1 Peter 4:10 – 11, “As each one has received a **gift**, minister it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as **with the ability which God supplies**, that in all things **God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and dominion forever and ever.”

When outsiders see us accomplish the impossible, they will see God.

History can be defeated by faith