

Understanding The mysteries of God concerning HIM as Our Only Source Handout #6

God never intended for the World system to support Hs family.

1. Let's look at Promises of God that he is our Source

a. Psalm 84:11 (KJV) "...No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

B. Psalm 85:12 (AMPC) "Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase."

C. Psalm 103:2 (AMPC) "Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits."

D. Psalm 107:9 (NIV-84) "He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

E. Psalm 115:12-14 (KJV) "The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children."

F. Psalm 116:12 (AMP) "What will I give to the Lord [in return] for all His benefits toward me? [How can I repay Him for His precious blessings?]."

g. Proverbs 21:21 (NIV-84) "He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor."

H. Deuteronomy 28:11 (AMPC) "The Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity when you and I stop believing what the world says about our financial condition and start believing what God said, poverty completely loses its hold on us. We need to believe that God is our Source of supply instead of believing what the world says about our financial condition."

I. Corinthians 8:6 Amp Yet for us there is [only] one God, the Father, Who is the Source of all things...So whatever you need, God, Your heavenly Father is the Source of it. If you are looking for love, Your God is the source of it.

2. Many conflicts arise from the fact that people look to others as their source and to provide what they are looking for.

A. People place unrealistic expectations on others and then get disappointed when people are unable to deliver.

B. Sometimes people are not able to give it. (Whatever that might be) So it's time to renew our minds and become fully persuaded that God is our Source for everything we need. Man is not our source. (Romans 12:2)

C. God Is Your Source When He Isn't Your Plan B "Seek FIRST the kingdom." – Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

d. Pop quiz. What do you do when you want to buy a house or a car, or an unexpected expense comes knocking at your door? If your first thought was a natural source (loans, credit cards or people), you answered incorrectly. This does not mean you shouldn't have a job or never take out a loan—but it does mean that your first thought should go straight to God—your Source.

F. Most of us want to believe God is our Source, but when it comes down to it,

our actions speak louder than words. We have been trained by the world to make natural options our source—even to rely on them exclusively. Some have fallen for the trap. They make God their Plan B, choosing instead to rely on things like:

G. many believers forget they are not of this World although they live in this World - *If you belonged to the world, the world would treat you with affection and would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world [no longer one with it], but I have chosen (selected) you out of the world, the world hates (detests) you* John 15:19(AMP)

h. Credit card debt ;Loans; Government assistance; Parental support ;A job or employer; Social Security or Medicare; Donors or congregants Are some believers first thought as their source

i. Then, when natural means fail, they fall to their knees and cry out to God for help, when all along, they had access to the best plan of all.

J.A big enemy of making God your Source? Impatience. God takes too long to answer. I'll have to wait forever to get a house. I can't afford to pay cash for a car.

K. Do the above thoughts sound familiar? There's good news for you today: God wants you to have everything you need—and even the desires of your heart. But you have to do it His way. This means investing all your confidence in Him first—not just when things turn bad.

L. Anything that bumps God out of first position is a code-red situation. It would be like relying on a blow-up raft with a hole in it when you have been invited to board a yacht sailing right next to you.

M. Let us get one thing straight. Your job, the government, your family, your savings account, your retirement account or your credit cards—those things can fail. God will never fail, so don't make Him your Plan B!

(Hebrews 13:5) Lift up your eyes to the sky and look to the earth below. For the sky will go away like smoke. And the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing and those who live in it will die like flies. But My saving power will be forever. My being right and good will not come to an end. (NLV)

3. **God Is Your Source When You Believe**

a. "Have faith in God." –Mark 11:22

b. Now, it's time to take God off Plan B status and move Him to Plan A, or No. 1, where He belongs. God is your Source when you believe He is your Source. That means showing a poverty mentality the door. It means you must stop wondering if He really wants to bless you, and it certainly requires pushing the mute button on the "what ifs" in your vocabulary.

C. When you learn to make God your Source—to really know and believe in your spirit that He will provide everything you need—your life will move from stress to peace, lack to abundance, and confusion to certainty.

D. In other words, have faith in God, and your life will be forever changed. Is it really that simple? Yes. Yes, it is.

E. Believing is the key to ending the daily struggle—that feeling that you just

can't get in front of everything life throws at you. It's moving from opinions to revelation.

F. Abraham caught the revelation. He knew and believed so strongly that God was his Source, that he took his son Isaac to sacrifice to the Lord. Abraham believed God would provide. When Abraham "lifted up his eyes and looked" (Genesis 22:13, ESV), there was a lamb in the thicket. He looked into the realm of the supernatural because he knew that is where his provision would come from.

G. That's the key. You've got to lift your eyes up to Him instead of looking down at your bills or your circumstances.

H. Say, "God is my Source." Keep saying it and keep meditating on the Word. Let the revelation come alive in your heart until you believe that He is your one and only Source of supply.

i. God Is Your Source When You Obey His Word. "No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." -Psalm 84:11 (AMP)

j. When you really believe God is your Source, you are going to obey everything He tells you to do. You won't question it. You will not try to get out of it. You will be standing at your post, responding with a hearty, "Yes, Sir!" at every command because you'll know His aim is your well-being and provision. (2 Corinthians 10:6)(1 Samuel 15:22)

4. **God is trying to teach us through the Scriptures about the tremendous power of giving, but are we understanding His message?**

A. God gave us something very precious to Him. He set the standard for giving. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

B. God is a giver. He trusted that what He gave in Jesus would be enough and be the answer for mankind. He gave something very expensive and valuable. This Scripture shows a connection between love and giving. Love was God's motivation for giving; it should be our motivation as well.

C. All our actions should be motivated by love. We can give all our goods to the poor, and give our bodies to be burned, but without love it profits us nothing (1 Corinthians 13:3).

D. And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase (Psalm 107:37).

E. God is a God of increase. To see that increase, we must be willing to sow abundantly.

F. Giving is a form of sowing that allows us to experience increase in our lives. Just like a farmer, we cannot expect to get a harvest if we do not sow. They that sow in tears will reap in joy (Psalm 126:5).

G. Sowing will not always feel comfortable, but the Scriptures promise we will reap joy if we give regardless of the way we feel at the moment.

H. Motive is everything. Giving simply to get does not work; our motives determine our harvest. He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that

regardeth the clouds shall not reap (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

i. If we focus too much on things going on in the world, we will not sow. There will always be something competing with our intent to sow and observing lack in our lives can distract us from sowing.

5. We have to fight the fear of not giving. Its only when we trust God First everything falls into place.

A. When we do not have enough, we can put the situation into God's hands. Jesus did exactly that when He fed the multitudes after ministering to them (Matthew 14:14-21; Mark 8:1-9; John 6:1-13).

B. Jesus told His disciples to feed those who were reclining and at rest. We can be at rest when we know that God will take care of us.

C. There will always be plenty left over. After Jesus fed the people, there were twelve baskets left over; each basket was large enough to hold an adult.

D. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones (Proverbs 3:5-8).

F. To trust is to lean on or rely on. God loves to be trusted in all areas of our lives, including our finances.

G. We please Him when we acknowledge Him by saying, this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes (Psalm 118:23).

H. Trusting God even in tough times reassures us that things will get better. Even in a time of disaster he will watch over them, and they will always have more than enough no matter what happens. (Psalms 37:19) Passion Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5).

i. We can learn a lesson from the five foolish virgins. We must trust God now, not when it is too late.

J. God does not want us to trust more in what we understand about the situation than in Him.

K. Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency from righteous labors and with the firstfruits of all your income. So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine (Proverbs 3:9, 10, AMPC)

I. We honor the Lord with our money when we trust and acknowledge Him. To honor someone is to give their words more weight than anyone else's.

m. The contemporary translation of "storage places" is our checkbooks and savings accounts.

N. We need not suffer. When we turn everything over to God, His grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9). He will turn our mourning into joy (Jeremiah 31:13).

O. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another (Psalm 75:6, 7).

P. If we want to advance at work, God is ultimately responsible for our

promotion. We cannot count on others.

Q. For God to be the source of our promotion, we must believe and trust Him. We cannot rely on our own abilities and on what we have done to earn a promotion. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ (Colossians 3:23, 24).

R. When we serve Him, He will be the one to reward us above and beyond what the world could ever be capable of.

S. Real prosperity is actually measured in proportion to how much is left over after we give. When Jesus was watching the treasury, the poor widow gave all she had (Mark 12:41-44).