

# The Bible, My Instruction Book

*II Timothy 3:16* All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

*Proverbs 4:13* Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

## 1. For \_\_\_\_\_

*Ephesians 5:25* Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

*Ephesians 5:33* Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife [see] that she reverence [her] husband.

## 2. For \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 22:6* Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

*Proverbs 13:24* He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

*Proverbs 29:17* Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

*Proverbs 29:15* The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left [to himself] bringeth his mother to shame.

*Proverbs 22:15* Foolishness [is] bound in the heart of a child; [but] the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

*Ephesians 6:4* And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

## 3. For \_\_\_\_\_

*I Corinthians 6:19, 20* - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

*Romans 12:1* - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

*Romans 12:2* - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## 4. For \_\_\_\_\_ to be answered

*1 John 3:22* - And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

*Psalms 66:18* - If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

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## Why I'm Thankful for Prayer

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*Hebrews 4:16* Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

### Someone once said:

- "Prayer moves the hand of God"
- "The secret of all failure is our failure in secret prayer"
- "If you only pray when you're in trouble...you're in trouble!"
- We never want to be in the place where we think we don't really need God!

## 1. We can come \_\_\_\_\_ unto God

*Hebrews 4:16* Let us therefore come **boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain **mercy**, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

- As God's children we have a direct access to Him anytime, anywhere
- In times of need, we can find grace and mercy

## 2. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him

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*Psalm 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

- He wants us to call unto Him & spend time with Him
- He is near to those who call upon Him

*Psalm 145:18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*

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- As our Heavenly Father, He wants to provide for all our needs
- We have NOT because we don't pray

*James 4:2 .....yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

## 4. We can expect \_\_\_\_\_ from God

*Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

- The power of prayer!
- When everything else fails, prayer succeeds!

# God's Provision

*Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

*2 Kings 4:1-7 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.*

<sup>2</sup> *And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.*

<sup>3</sup> *Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.*

<sup>4</sup> *And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. <sup>5</sup> So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. <sup>6</sup> And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. <sup>7</sup> Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.*

## 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ for His obedient children.

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*1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

*Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

## 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ what you have to give you more.

*And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.*

**Luke 16:10** *He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*

**3. God blesses when we \_\_\_\_\_ every word even if it does not make sense.**

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**4. God \_\_\_\_\_ is more than we can ever imagine.**

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## Why I'm Thankful for Serving

**Matthew 20:26-28** *...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

- If there's a word that describes Jesus, it's "servant".
- If there's one thing Jesus admonished His followers to do, it was to serve others.

### Four Reasons I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve:

**1. Serving makes a difference in \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mark 2:3-5** *And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.*

**2. Serving makes a difference in \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 20:34-35** *Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

- When I serve, I'm blessed (Acts 20:35)
- When I serve, I have the mind of Christ (Phil 2:6-7) – "Let this mind be in you... a servant"

**3. Serving is pleasing to the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Matthew 23:11-12** *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.*

**4. Serving is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord**

**Matthew 10:42** *And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*

- I'm thankful for a place that encourages us and gives us an opportunity to serve the Lord by serving others!
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## Why I'm Thankful for Singing

1. Because it's a way for me to express my \_\_\_\_\_ and appreciation for all that God has done for me!

*Psalm 89:1, Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.*

2. Because it encourages people to be \_\_\_\_\_!

*Psalm 40:3, And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.*

3. Because it teaches others including the next generation to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Psalm 22:22, I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.*

*Psalm 146: 4, One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*

4. Because it prepares us for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Revelation 19:5, And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*

*Zephaniah 3:17, The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.*

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## Why I'm Thankful for Church

*Acts 2:41-47 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

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