



Living Water Christian Center  
LIFE EMPOWERMENT LESSON NOTES

*God's Promises: Part 5*  
*"God's Promises Must Be Mixed with Faith"*



**Hebrews 6:11-12 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

1. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**Hebrews 11:6 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2. God's Word will not profit us unless we mix it with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 4:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. <sup>2</sup> For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, <sup>[a]</sup> not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

3. God's wonderful promises don't do us any good unless we \_\_\_\_\_ them.

The children of Israel were given a promise but they didn't believe the promise. Think of a seed. When planted in the ground a seed can grow up into a wonderful plant and bring forth much fruit. But if that seed is kept on your kitchen table or on some other hard surface, it will never do anyone any good. God's Word is like that seed. God's promises must be planted deep in our hearts and we must believe what God says.

Suppose your Father says, "I will put \$20.00 into your coat pocket so that you will have money to spend in town." If you do not believe this, then you could go to town and the money would do you no good, because you cannot spend something that you do not believe you have. The smart thing to do would be to believe what your Father said, reach into your pocket, grab the money and use it wisely!

4. In Genesis 18:10 God gave a promise to Abraham.

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<sup>10</sup> And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.)

- a. Did Abraham believe God's promise (see Romans 4:19-21)? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is God able to keep His promises (see Genesis 18:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Did God do exactly what He had promised to do (Genesis 21:1)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise: Claiming God's Promises

Here are some promises that God has given to believers:

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| A. Deuteronomy 31:6,8    | F. Hebrews 13:6         |
| B. John 10:28-29         | G. James 1:5-7          |
| C. John 15:11            | H. 1 Peter 5:7          |
| D. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | I. 1 John 1:9           |
| E. Philippians 4:13      | J. 1 John 3:22; 5:14-15 |

Below are some phrases that describe how we might feel at times or that describe a situation we might be in. We need to learn to claim the right promises for each and every situation in which we find ourselves. Put the letter of the promise that you would claim next to each of the following (in some cases you may use more than one promise):

- \_\_\_\_\_ **When I am afraid of what others might do to me**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I do not know what to do or how to do it**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I am sad and discouraged**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I wonder if my prayers will be heard and answered**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I worry about losing my salvation**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I am in need of strength**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I face a difficult task (something that seems too hard for me to do)**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I feel all alone**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I need forgiveness and cleansing**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **When I feel that no one cares about me**
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**Answers: 1) pleases 2) faith 3) believe**

### Resources

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