HOW TO GET INTO THE FLOW OF DIVINE SUPPLY

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God is a good God – all the time James 1:17, Luke 18:19

It is impossible for God to lie Hebrews 6:18
Paul says that God will meet your needs Philippians 4:19

It is according to our giving that God gives to us Luke 6:38

God has set His principle Proverbs 11:25

Righteousness has its rewards Proverbs 10:24b, Proverbs 13:21b

Righteousness is imputed to us through Jesus 2 Corinthians 5:21 Everything is received from God by faith Hebrews 11:6

GOD HIMSELF is our SOURCE and RESOURCE.

Our first step is to come into "family" relationship with Him, through faith in Jesus. (John 14:6)

GOD is good all the time and keeps His promises.

He has, however, set "faith" steps for us to walk in. He wants to develop His nature in us so we truly reflect His likeness in this world. This is the most effective way He can shed His love to those who don't yet know Him. (Romans 5:5)

GOD is a giver. (John 3:16) He desires this quality in us so much that He <u>dares</u> us to test Him. (Malachi 3:10-12)

This training is so important in God's plan of our development in righteousness that He has set a standard for us, as He did for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. (God's share there was one tree only.) – For us, God's share is one tenth. We can choose to obey or disobey. If we obey, God moves us to step 2.

OFFERINGS - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Of everything we have, God's share is one tenth, but God gives us not only our basics but "extra". Offerings are our love gift to God (at this world's level, to anyone we feel a desire to give to). Offerings are a demonstration and measure of <u>our love</u>. Exodus 23:15,(last phrase) recommends that we always bring a gift to God. The woman who gave such a small amount (Luke 21:1-4) was commended because she gave all. Her faith and need were great! However she trusted God and was so full of love for God that she KNEW her source and resource. HE would never fail her.

As we are faithful channels of God's love, expressed in real currency, God promises to fill us up again. Sometimes we have been "ripped off" but as we dedicate that (enforced) giving to God, He fulfils His promise.

Jeremiah warned people (Jeremiah 2:13) – God was no longer their resource and they had chosen <u>any</u> other resource for their needs in His place.

Isaiah tells God's promise to those who choose His way. (Isaiah 1:19)

When we choose God's way ONLY, He promises to supply. No matter where humans fail, God says "Stop trusting in man". (Isaiah 2:22) This is the only way to be in the flow of divine supply – and GOD is GENEROUS – in this writer's experience. "Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD". (Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 34:10b)