

Standing on God's Promises

1. Have a full and complete understanding of God's character.

Hose 4:6

My people are being destroyed because they don't know me. It is all your fault, you priests, for you yourselves refuse to know me. Now I refuse to recognize you as my priests. Since you have forgotten the laws of your God, I will forget to bless your children. (New Living Translation)

If we don't know God's Word then we don't know God. Knowing God, understanding His character, is the only way to walk in true faith in His Word and to overcome attacks that go contrary to it (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Gen. 3:1-7).

If you think that God is a liar and untrue to His Word, or that He is unstable, saying one thing but then constantly changing His mind, or that He is cruel, merciless, unkind, unloving, or any of those things, then His promises will be meaningless to you. Faith in God's Word can go no further than the understanding of His nature and character.

2. Get grounded in God's Word.

Psalm 112

- a. Get it established in your heart.

b. These two steps (knowing God's character and getting grounded in His Word) should be something we work on on a consistent basis. We should not wait until we are confronted with a circumstance in which we need God's help and then we decided to do these two things. This must be a lifestyle of *preparation* for the issues in our lives that we are confronted with.

c. The Word fails to work for some people because they have made little to no preparation before they were confronted with trials and problems (Matt. 6; Mark 4). There is very little success for cramming for tests in the Kingdom. No soldier waits until He is in a battle before he studies and trains for it. He trains for war in preparation of war.

c. Be sure to always listen for God's voice and directions, especially when you are confronted with particular circumstances. Do not just go through the Bible cherry picking random promises. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead, direct, and guide you as you search the Scripture.

3. Take the promises to God in full unwavering faith that he will do exactly as he said that he would.

Num. 23:19; Eze. 36:37; Heb. 11:11

4. Expect Opposition.

Stop thinking it to be some strange thing when things appear to go contrary to what God has said and what you have been praying for.

Do not submit to the opposition as if this were the indicator of God's will rather than what God has promised. This is one of the craftiest lies of the devil to blame God's sovereign will in order to take the "fight" out of your faith.

Gain a full knowledge of your enemy and how he works. However, do not become obsessed with him. Be more obsessed with knowing how God works. However, one must also have knowledge of their enemy in order to defeat him, but one need not put their undivided attention on no one but their enemy. The best balance is to know one's enemy and how he works but to have an expertise in one's weaponry, and in our case, in the God that we serve who fights on our behalf as we cooperate with Him.

5. Resist every thought that will bombard your mind.

Thoughts that God will not come through, that maybe you missed it, that this may not be His will, to feel sorry for yourself, to give up and quit, etc. Cast down all of these imaginations.

You can only do this if you already possess the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

6. Continue to make declarations of faith and claim the promises regardless of how the circumstances may appear to you.

The promises of God arm you with the authority of God. You are authorized to tell the devil to remove his hand from any place in which God has promised. You have authority to cooperate with God in speaking things into existence.

Praise and thanksgiving unto God are part of our declarations of faith. These are verbal confessions of our faith in God in spite of circumstances that appear to be contrary to what God has promised and what we have sought from Him.

Tell yourself, "I will get through this. I am victorious because God is on my side. He has given me His Word. It is impossible for God to lie. This thing must come to pass in my life. The devil is a liar.