



Message Four: God Won't Provide for Me
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Today, we bring this series of talks to a close. We will look at another lie of the devil. It is one that tries to make us doubt God's integrity. This is a very old lie. It was used on Adam and Eve in the garden, and it worked.

Can God and his Word be trusted or are all the promises of God just church "happy talk?" Each one of us must wrestle with this and come to a decision.

IN GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING, THERE IS PROVISION

The God we serve would never ask us to do anything that he would not enable us to do.

God said that he would bless us out of the **reservoir** of **His grace**.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (NIV)

God said that he would bless us out of the **resources** of **his house**.

Malachi 3:10, 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test

me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' (NIV)

God said that he would bless us out of the **riches** of **his glory**.

Philippians 4:19, And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

God said that he would bless us out of the **reserves** of **His Kingdom**.

Proverbs 3:9-10, Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (NIV)

God said that he would bless us out of the **reliability** of **His Word**.

Luke 6:38, Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (NIV)

THE JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

1. Examine the **evidence**.

Isaiah 40:8, The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever. (NIV)

2. Take a step of **faith**.

James 2:26, *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.* (NIV)

3. Expect God to **respond** according to his promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20, *No matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.* (NIV)

4. Live under the covenant **blessing** of God.

Isaiah 43:1-3, *But now, this is what the LORD says... 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God.* (NIV)

- 1 Kings 17:16-24 is the life illustration of today's message.