

Receive from the Lord - It's Easy!

ARE YOU READY?

Are you ready to receive all God has for you? If you are like me, you want everything Jesus died for you to have. Do you know what He has given you or what you can receive? So do you know how receive it? These are questions that I had to answer to myself. The how was a person challenge for me for years. I saw people walking in miracles and seeing healings and doing things that wowed me and I thought, "Wow! I want that too! How do I do that?" Every time I asked these people how they did it, I would usually get one or two answers...

First, they often said were not seeking it, but God just gave it to them as they focused on loving and obeying God. Jesus Himself said, "Seek first God's kingdom AND THEN all these things shall be added." Note that God's gifts to us, the anointings, the miracles, the healings, any supernatural manifestation from God, are part of "the kingdom."

Second, they almost always said they simply received it by faith. It was that simple, period! I kept thinking, "It can't be that simple!" But it was. As I searched the scriptures, I found Mark 10:15 where Jesus Himself said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't RECEIVE the kingdom of God LIKE A CHILD will NEVER enter in." Do you see how simple God made it? He made it so simple that a child could receive. . How does a little child receive? They just receive. "You mean this is mine Daddy!? Wow! Thank You!" Even more, Jesus said this was the only way to receive from God, that if you do not do it this way, you will not "enter in," you will not receive.

In the book, Releasing God's Anointing, Mel Bond explains it this way...

LEARNING HOW TO RECEIVE

Many people do not enjoy all that God has for them, because they do not know how to receive. In fact, many enjoy very little, because they do not know how to receive from God. Jesus said in Mark 11:24, "Whatsoever things you desire ("desires" are not needs, but things that are excess) when you pray, believe you receive and then you shall have them." When you learn to believe that you receive, then you shall have. If you can learn to "have" in the mental and the spiritual realm, you will have in the physical realm.

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE!

When I asked Cheryl Fritz how to manifest the anointing in her hands to heal people, she responded, "Just believe that what you're speaking is going to happen. If you speak fire into your hands or onto someone, believe it is happening. Expect it to work."

When I asked Kathie Walters how to "activate" the things she walks in, even seeing angels, she said the same exact things. She said, "Just believe! Make faith declarations. Start declaring, 'I [xyz] in the spirit all the time,' 'I have the joy of the Lord' and 'I see angels all the time.'

Concerning receiving the things of the kingdom, she is known for saying we should declare, **"MINE! MINE! MINE!"** She says, "It is not enough to hear it, but you have to settle it in your heart that you have it, otherwise the demons will take it from you. Everything you receive in the kingdom is by faith, so started believing you are anointed and the anointing falls on you all the time. And start declaring it by faith. Once you get something down into your spirit, it is done, over. You do not have to pray anymore."

God once gave me a vision that showed me how simple it was to receive things from Him. In the vision, I stood at the base of a huge pure gold pyramid and at the top of it was a ball of light. It was an awesome sight and I thought, "Wow! How do I get there?" And the moment I said that in my mind, I was there, at the top. What the Lord showed me through this was that my desire to be there, my intent, took me there. It was that simple. I didn't question where I could have it or not, or whether God wanted me to have it or not, but I just knew it was a place I wanted to be and that alone was enough for me to receive it.

HOW BADLY DO YOU WANT IT?

That leads me to a very important competent to receiving. In the book *The Anointing and You*, David Walters points out...

"Some people have become disillusioned when asking for the anointing or the gift of tongues or other gifts, because they have been unable to receive. ... Why is it that some people receive and others don't? In most cases, it's to do with the intensity of the desire and the knowledge of how to receive. First, only hungry and thirsty people eat and drink."

David went on to point out the difference between someone who is literally starving and someone claiming to be hungry. One will go out of their way to get food and will eat anything put in front of them without concern about the condition or quality of it and without concern for where it came from while another who is not so hungry might be picky and even complain. For me, this point is well taken. In order to receive, you have to really hunger for it. You have to be willing to do whatever it takes to have it and activate it.

RECEIVE ALL

So, back to where we started, are you ready to receive all God has for you? Do you even know what God has for you? Consider this...

In Luke 12:32, Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Did you see what is yours? The kingdom! Romans 8:32 says, "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also with Him graciously give us all things?" So there you have it, God's kingdom, which is "all things." God owns everything and it all belongs to His children, those who believe in Jesus Christ as His Son. In fact, in Luke 15:31,

Jesus offered an example of what the Father is like when speaking of the Prodigal Son. The father told the elder son, "Everything I have is yours." We know this implied how God is with us because in John 16:15, Jesus said, "All that belongs to the Father is mine," and in John 17:10, Jesus prayed to the Father and declared, "All I have is yours, and all you have is mine." As we are in Christ, all that Christ has is ours, too.

So I say, why not have it all? How do you think God might feel if you reject a gift He wants to give you, especially knowing that His Son died for us to have it? Do you think it pleases Him? How would you feel if you sacrificed your only child for someone to have something only to have them reject it? Think about that. Really consider it.

Concerning the gifts of the Spirit, here's more from the book, *The Anointing and You...*

"Some people believe that we should look to see which one of those gifts is for us, as everyone has one special gift allocated to them. The ministers who brought us into the realm of the Holy Spirit taught us that we could use all nine gifts to minister. We did not know any different and so we believe it! We soon found out that we can operate in all the gifts, as the Spirit wills."

I agree with this as it matches my personal experience. While I tend to flow in certain gifts more than others, I have experienced that I can access all of the gifts as the Spirit enables me. When I need to operate in a certain gift, God enables me to.

UNBENDING FAITH IS REQUIRED

So what do you want from the Lord today? If you asked Him for it, just believe He answered you and simply thank Him for it and then aim to walk it out as if you really did receive it. For instance, you might say, *"Jesus said I could lay hands on the sick and they would be healed, so I declare that when lay hands on the sick, God heals them."* If it doesn't manifest immediately, just say, *"NO!!! I only accept what God says. Jesus said that if I laid my hands on the sick, God would heal them, so I command this healing to manifest right now!"* And stand on that! Let me say that if you do not take on this attitude, you may not receive from God because God requires attitude.

Everything we do is by faith. Romans 14:23, says, "Everything that does not come from FAITH is sin." We receive every promise of God by faith (Hebrews 6:12). We receive the Spirit by faith (Galatians 3:14). We walk/live by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 3:11, Habakkuk 2:4). We love by faith (Galatians 5:6). Faith is so important to God that Hebrews 11:6 says that it is impossible to please God without it and James 1:6-8 says that we have to have so much faith in Him that any doubt can keep us from receiving from Him. Hebrews 10:39 says that we displease God "if we shrink back." Faith is THE key that unlocks the door for everything you want from God. Without that key, you won't enter into what God wants you to have. Isaiah 7:9 says, "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." It clearly says you must stand firm. It's not just any faith, but an unbending faith that says, *"This is mine and I will have it!"*

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Let's briefly recap all this...

First, know what's yours. God has given His Son for us to have Him and His kingdom.

Second, know what's required to receive it, a hunger for it and an unbending unyielding faith.

Third, know that if you asked God for it and it agrees with His nature and character, it is yours. You already have it in the spirit. You now just have to receive it by faith.

Forth, know that you may have to stand firm until it manifests. We are wrestling against evil forces that do not want us to have what God has for us. You may have to demand the enemy hand it to you.