

# WORD BASICS

## SUPPLY

### 1. GOD CAN SUPPLY ALL OUR NEEDS:

#### A. HE HAS PROMISED TO SUPPLY OUR NEEDS:

Phi.4:19	God shall supply <u>all</u> your need according to His riches
Mat.6:33	Seek ye first the Kingdom of God...& all these things shall be added unto you
Psa.23:1	The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (lack)
Psa.34:10	They that seek Lord shall not (lack) any good thing
Psa.37:25	I (have) not seen righteous forsaken...begging bread
Mat.7:7-11	Every one that asketh receiveth...your Father (shall) give good things to them that ask Him
Rom.8:32	He that spared not His Own Son...shall He not also freely give us all things? (See also Deut.2:7; Psa.68:19; 81:10; Mal.3:10; Mat. 6:8,25-34.)

#### B. GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL SUPPLY:

Psa.145:15,16	Thou openest Thine hand, & satisfiest the desire of every living thing
1Chr.29:14	All things come of Thee, & of Thine Own have we given Thee
Psa.104:13-15	He causeth...herb (to grow) for man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth
Jam.1:17	Every good gift...is from above, & cometh from (God) (See also Psa.65:9-13; Gen.1:29; 9:3.)

#### C. HE OWNS THE ENTIRE WORLD:

Exo.19:5	All the earth is Mine
Psa.24:1	The earth is the Lord's, & the fulness thereof
Psa.50:10,11	Every beast is Mine...& the cattle upon a thousand hills
Psa.89:11	The earth is Thine: the world & the fulness thereof

### 2. GOD CAN DO MIRACLES TO SUPPLY:

Num.11:21-23	[God promised meat for a month, Moses doubted it, so] the Lord said, 'Is the Lord's hand waxed short?'
2Ki.4:1-6	[The prophet's widow borrowed vessels & they miraculously filled with enough oil to pay her debts]

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#### A. FOOD:

Exo.16:12-15	[God miraculously supplied quail & manna in desert]
Num.11:18-20	[God sent a month's supply of quail ] (See vs.31,32)
Psa.78:23-29	He opened the doors of Heaven, & rained down manna ...corn of Heaven...angel's food...meat to the full (See also Psa.105:40)
Psa.132:15	I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread
1Ki.17:4	I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there
1Ki.17:16	The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail [during the 3-1/2 year famine]
1Ki.19:5-8	An angel said unto (Elijah), "Arise & eat"...& behold, a cake baked on the coals, & a cruse of water
2Ki.4:42,43	[Elisha fed 100, multiplying 20 loaves & some corn]
Mk.6:34-44	[Jesus fed 5,000, multiplying 5 loaves & 2 fishes. 5,000 <u>men</u> , <u>besides</u> women & children--Mat.14:21]
Mk.8:1-9	[Jesus fed 4,000, multiplying 7 loaves]
Rev.12:6,14	[Church "fed, nourished" 3-1/2 years in wilderness] (See also Psa.23:5; Lk.5:4-7; Jn.21:5,6,11.)

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#### B. WATER:

Gen.21:14-19	[Hagar dying of thirst, God showed her a well]
Exo.17:1-6	[At Horeb, the Lord brought water out of a rock]
Num.20:2,7-11	[At Meribah, God again brought water from a rock]
Judg.15:15-19	[God supplied water from a jawbone for Samson]
2Ki.3:9,17,20	[God miraculously supplied water for an army] (See also Psa.78:15,16; 105:41; Isa.41:17,18.)

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#### C. GOD CAN EVEN PURIFY IMPURE FOOD & WATER:

Exo.15:23-25	[Bitter waters of Marah miraculously made sweet]
2Ki.2:19-22	[Undrinkable waters of Jericho healed]
2Ki.4:38-41	[Poisonous gourd in the pottage rendered harmless] (See also Mk.16:18a)

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#### D. CLOTHING & OTHER NECESSITIES:

Deut.29:5	I have led you 40 years...your <u>clothes</u> are not waxen old...thy <u>shoe</u> is not waxen old upon thy foot
Mat.6:25,26, 30	If God clothe the grass...shall He not...clothe you? (See also Gen.3:21)

### 3. SUPPLY DURING FAMINE:

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#### A. SORE FAMINES PREDICTED IN THE LAST DAYS:

Mat.24:3,7 [In] the end of the world...there shall be famines...in diverse places  
Mk.13:8b There shall be famines & troubles

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#### B. THE LORD PROMISES TO FEED US DURING FAMINES:

Job 5:19,20 In famine He (God) shall redeem thee from death  
Psa.33:18,19 The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him...to keep them alive in famine  
Psa.37:18,19 The Lord knoweth the days of the upright...in the days of famine they shall be satisfied  
Pro.10:3 The Lord will not suffer (allow)...the righteous to famish  
Ezk.36:29b,30 I will increase (the corn), & lay no famine upon you. I will multiply the fruit of the tree,  
&...of the field

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#### C. HE USUALLY WARNS HIS PEOPLE SO THEY CAN MAKE PREPARATIONS:

Gen.41:25-36, [God showed Joseph & Pharaoh that a famine was coming & they prepared for  
47-49 it by storing away food  
Acts 11:27-30 [God warned that a dearth was coming, & believers sent relief money to their affected  
brethren]  
(See also Amos 3:7)

### 4. CONDITIONS TO GOD'S SUPPLY:

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#### A. WE MUST PLEASE GOD & BE OBEDIENT:

Mat.6:33 Seek first...& all things shall be added unto you  
2Chr.1:7-12 [God gave King Solomon fabulous riches & wealth when he sought the good of the  
kingdom first]  
Psa.34:9 There is no want (lack) to them that fear Him  
Psa.34:10 They that seek Lord shall not (lack) any good thing  
Psa.37:3 Do good...& verily thou shalt be fed  
Psa.37:18,19 The Lord knoweth...the upright...in the days of famine they shall be satisfied  
Psa.37:25 I have been young, & now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken...begging  
bread  
Psa.84:11 No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly  
Pro.13:25 Righteous eateth to satisfying... wicked shall (lack)  
Isa.1:19 If ye be willing & obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land  
1Jn.3:22 Whatsoever we ask, we receive...because we keep His commandments, &

do...things...pleasing in His sight  
(See also Deut.11:10-15; 29:9; Psa.111:5.)

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**B. EXAMPLES OF OBEYING & DOING OUR PART FIRST:**

1Ki.17:2-5	Get thee hence...& hide by the brook Cherith...ravens feed thee there. So he went
1Ki.17:9,10	Arise, get thee to Zarephath. So he arose & went
2Ki.4:1-6	Go borrow...of all thy neighbours empty vessels, borrow not a few. So she went & (did)
Mat.17:27	Go cast an hook, & take up the fish...thou shalt find a piece of money (in his mouth)
Lk.5:4-6	Launch out into the deep, & let down your nets
Jn.2:1-10	Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them
Jn.11:39	Take (roll) <u>ye</u> away the stone
Jn.21:5,6	Cast the net on right side of the ship...They cast

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**C. PRAY, BELIEVE GOD'S WORD & DEPEND ON HIM TO SUPPLY:**

Mat.7:7	Ask, & it shall be given; knock, & it shall be opened
Mat.21:22	All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive
Heb.11:6	He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (See also 2Chr.26:5; Isa.45:11; Mat.9:29.)

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**D. REMEMBER TO THANK HIM FOR SUPPLYING:**

Psa.68:19	Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loadeth us with benefits
Psa.116:12-14 17,18	What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits? I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**5. REASONS WHY WE SOMETIMES LACK:**

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**A. BECAUSE OF SIN OR DISOBEDIENCE:**

Jer.5:25	Your sins have withholden good things from you (See also Psa.81:15,16; Jam.4:3.)
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**B. LACK OF FAITH OR FAILURE TO ASK THE LORD:**

Jam.4:2	Ye have not, because ye ask not
Jam.1:6,7	[Wavering & not asking in faith]

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**C. LAZINESS:**

2Thes.3:10	If any would not <u>work</u> , neither should he eat
Pro.13:4	The soul of the sluggard desireth, & hath nothing
Pro.20:4	Sluggard will not plow...therefore shall have nothing

Pro.21:25      The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour (See also Pro.23:21)

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#### D. TO KEEP US DEPENDENT UPON GOD & HIS SUPPLY:

Deut.31:20      When they...have eaten & filled themselves, & waxen fat; then will they turn to other gods

Pro.30:8,9      Give me (not) riches...lest I be full & deny Thee  
(See also 1Tim.6:10,17; Rev.3:17-19.)

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#### E. TO SHOW US THAT IT'S TIME TO MOVE:

1Ki.17:7-9      [When the brook dried, it was time for Elijah to move]  
(See also Gen.26:1-3; 45:6-11; Ruth 1:1-6,16-18; 2Ki.8:1,2.)

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### 6. GOD LOVES YOU & WANTS TO SUPPLY:

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#### A. HE KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED & IS LOOKING AFTER YOU:

Mat.6:8      Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him

Mat.6:25,31, 32      Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or drink ...(God) knoweth that ye need all these things

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#### B. IF GOD PROVIDES FOR THE UNBELIEVING WORLD...

(See Mat.5:45; Acts 14:15b-17.)

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#### C. IF HE EVEN PROVIDES THE NEEDS OF ANIMALS...

(See Gen.1:30; 6:14-22; Psa.104:21,26-28; 147:8,9.)

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#### D. ...WON'T HE MUCH MORE CARE FOR YOU?

(See Mat.6:26,30; Psa.34:10; 145:15,16; 2Cor.9:8.)

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### 7. DOING WHAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPLY:

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#### A. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE:

1Tim.5:8      If any provide not for...those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, & is worse than an infidel

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#### B. WORKING FOR OUR NEEDS:

Acts 20:35      How that labouring ye ought to support the weak

Eph.4:28      Let him labour, working w/ his hands thing which is good

1Thes.4:11,12      Work with your own hands...that ye may lack nothing

2Thes.3:10-12    Some work not at all...If any would not work, neither should he eat  
Tit.3:14            Let ours learn to maintain good works (profess honest trades) for necessary uses  
(See also Gen.41:39-44; Dan.2:48,49; 6:1-3; 8:27.)

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#### C. MISSIONARIES OCCASIONALLY TAKE ON SECULAR JOBS:

Acts 18:1-3        [Paul temporarily made tents to support himself] (See also Acts 20:34; 1Cor.4:12 .)

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#### D. GOD BLESSES DILIGENT, HARD WORK:

Gen.31:38-40      [Jacob's sample of diligent shepherding]  
Gen.39:1-6        [God blessed Joseph's hard work] (See also vs.20-23)  
Pro.10:4            The hand of the diligent maketh rich            (See also Pro.13:4; 22:29; 21:25; Eccl.5:18.)  
Pro.28:19          He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread, but he that followeth vain  
                          persons...poverty  
Mat.25:14-30      [The reward of the diligent servants who increased their talents]

### 8. WHEN GOD USES OTHERS TO SUPPLY HIS WORKERS' NEEDS:

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#### A. WELL-OFF SUPPORTERS OFTEN HELPED GOD'S MESSENGERS:

Gen.47:1-6        [Pharaoh gave the best land in Egypt, Goshen, to Joseph's father & brothers]  
1Ki.18:3,13        [Governor Obadiah risked his life to save & feed 100 of the Lord's prophets]  
2Ki.4:8-11        [Rich woman of Shunem supplied food & lodging for Elisha & his servant]  
Neh.2:7,8          [King Artaxerxes gave Nehemiah permission to take as much timber as he needed from  
                          the king's forest]  
Jer.37:15-21      [King Zedekiah defied Jeremiah's enemies & commanded Jeremiah be given bread  
                          continually]  
Dan.2:48,49        [King Nebuchadnezzar gives Daniel power & "many great gifts", & gave his friends high  
                          positions]  
Lk.8:1-3            [Joanna & other wealthy women helped support Jesus]  
(See also Rom.16:23; Phlm.1,2,7,22.)

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#### B. DON'T ABUSE OTHERS' GENEROSITY:

1Cor.7:31          They that use this world, as not abusing it

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#### C. GOD'S WORKERS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THOSE TO WHOM THEY MINISTER:

Mat.10:9,10        Provide neither gold, nor silver in your purses...for the workman is worthy of his meat  
1Cor.9:7-14        The Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel  
2Ki.4:42            A man...brought (Elisha) bread of the firstfruits, 20 loaves & corn [to feed his 100  
                          disciples]

Lk.22:35            When I sent you without purse...lacked ye any thing? And they said, "Nothing."  
1Tim.5:18            Shalt not muzzle ox that treadeth the corn. The labourer is worthy of his hire (See  
Deut.25:4; Lk.10:7.)  
(See also Acts 28:7-10)

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#### D. STAYING AS A GUEST AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE:

Mat.10:11            In whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who is worthy; & there abide  
Lk.10:7,8            In the same house remain, eating (what) they give  
(See also 1Ki.17:8-16,24; Acts 10:5,6; 16:14,15; 17:5,7; 18:2,3,7; Rom.16:23a; Phlm.22.)

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#### E. BUT DON'T OVERSTAY YOUR WELCOME:

Pro.25:17            Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee; & so hate thee

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#### F. ACCEPTING INVITATIONS TO A MEAL:

Mat.9:9,10            [Jesus & disciples ate with Matthew] (See also Lk.5:29)  
Lk.7:36                One of the Pharisees desired that He would eat with him  
Lk.19:1-6            [Jesus invited Himself to eat at Zacchaeus' house]  
1Cor.10:27            If any (unbelievers) bid you to a feast, & ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before  
you, eat

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#### G. REFUSING INVITATIONS TO A MEAL:

1Ki.13:7-9,15-17    [Young prophet ordered by God to refuse invitations] (See also vs.18-24)  
Pro.15:17            Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than (steak) & hatred therewith (See also  
Dan.1:5,8,12-16)  
Pro.23:6-8            Eat not the bread of him that hath an evil eye

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#### H. SHARE AMONGST YOURSELVES WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN YOU:

Acts 2:44,45            (They) parted them to all men, as every man had need  
Acts 4:32            They had all things common  
Acts 4:34,35            Distribution was made unto every man...as he had need  
Acts 11:29            Every man according to his ability...(sent) relief  
2Cor.8:12-14            That...your abundance may be a supply for their want (lack)...that there may be equality  
2Cor.8:15            He that gathered much had nothing over; & he that gathered little had no lack (See  
Exo.16:18)

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### 9. GIVING TO GOD'S WORK:

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#### A. GOD CAN EVEN USE UNBELIEVERS TO GIVE TO HIS PEOPLE:

Job 27:16,17	Though he heap up silver...innocent shall divide (it) ...prepare raiment...but the just shall put it on
Psa.2:8	Ask...I shall give the heathen for thine inheritance
Pro.21:1	King's heart is in hand of the Lord...He turneth it
Psa.105:44	(He) gave them lands of the heathen: & they inherited the labour of the people (heathen)
Pro.13:22	The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just
Eccl.2:26	To the sinner He giveth travail, to gather & to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God
Isa.23:18	Her merchandise shall be...for [servants of] the Lord, to eat sufficiently, & for durable clothing

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#### B. EXAMPLES OF THE NEED TO ASK:

1Sam.25:2-8	[David sent men to ask Nabal, a great & rich--but wicked--man, to donate food to him & his men]
1Sam.25:7,8	[David explained the good work his men have done]
1Sam.27:5-7	[David asked for place to stay for 16 months]
Mk.11:1-7	[Jesus' disciples requested a donkey for Him to ride]
Mk.14:12-16	[Jesus' disciples asked for the use of an upper room, already furnished & prepared]
Lk.5:1-3	[Jesus asked for the use of a boat to preach from]
Jn.4:6,7	[Jesus asked for a drink of water]

### 10. GOD PROMISES TO PROSPER OUR WORK & BUSINESSES:

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#### A. FINANCIALLY:

Deut.28:1-13	[Mighty promises of <u>prosperity</u> to the faithful]
Psa.112:1,3	Blessed is the man...that delighteth greatly in His commandments...wealth shall be in his house
Pro.10:22	Blessing of the Lord maketh rich, He addeth no sorrow

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#### B. OTHER WAYS GOD PROSPERS HIS PEOPLE:

See Gen.39:2; Lev.26:3-13; Deut.29:9; 30:9; 2Chr.26:5; Psa.107:35-38; 127:3-5; Isa.3:10; Ezk.34:26; Acts 14:17.)

### 11. GOD SUPPLIES OUR NEEDS, NOT ALWAYS OUR WANTS:

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#### A. BE CONTENT & DO NOT DESIRE MORE THAN YOU NEED:

Lk.12:15	Beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in abundance of things which he possesseth
1Tim.6:6-8	Godliness with contentment is great gain...having food & raiment let us be therewith content
Phi.4:11	I have learned, in whatever state I am...to be content
Heb.13:5	Let your (life) be without covetousness; & be content with such things as ye have
Psa.37:16	A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked
Pro.15:16	Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure & trouble therewith
Pro.30:8	Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me
2Cor.6:10	As poor...having nothing, & yet possessing all things (See also Psa.62:10b; Psa.119:36 ; Pro.17:1 ; 23:5.)

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#### B. DANGERS OF DISCONTENT & MURMURING:

Exo.16:3	[Longing for fleshpots of Egypt, & complaining that God will let them die of hunger]
Num.21:5,6	[The people complained against & loathe the manna & were attacked by fiery serpents]
1Sam.15:3,9, 22,23	[Saul disobeyed God's orders to utterly destroy, saving the best of the goods. God rejected Saul as king]
Psa.73:3-20	[Warning not to envy the prosperity of worldly wicked]
Psa.78:15-21	[Israelites miraculously received water, then doubtfully murmured for meat. God angrily judged them]