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DON'T LET JESUS PASS YOU BY!

Often we have talked about receiving from God. Much of the time that is about receiving healing, especially when we are leading healing services. We made available some years ago a yellow sheet that contains 27 keys to receiving healing, together with scripture references. It is available for download from our web site, or you may request it of our ministry and we will send it - no charge. We also have a CD on this subject – *Keys to Receiving Healing*.



But receiving from God includes much more than just healing. There is being born again, receiving spiritual rebirth and salvation. And receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then there is receiving God's provision. He is the source, and there is much in God's word about receiving. For example, God provides all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19) or God gives those who delight in him the desires of their hearts (Psalm 37:4). We still have to receive what he has for us.

So many people today live oblivious to the fact that God is the provider of everything, and that his word is true and works today as it did thousands of years ago. People still receive healing, provision, answers to prayer. But lots of people just don't get it. They don't realize this is all real and true. God is real, I often say. That's true. And Jesus is alive. Real. Miracles still happen.

I want to encourage you not to settle – receive what God has for you, whether it is healing, salvation, provision, even the Holy Spirit!

Jesus, remember, has overcome the world – that means all the non-Christian human culture, human systems and organizations, all that is implicitly wrong and evil in secular society. And in him we believers overcome the world.

We recently recorded a television program on active receiving. You might even call it aggressive receiving. Really, it means not taking no for an answer. Another colorful way of saying it is “don't let Jesus pass you by.” Jesus is looking for people who truly believe, who act in accordance with his words, who obey his commands. He's not looking for couch potatoes.

There's so much to be said, and I encourage you to get our new CD - *ACTIVE RECEIVING!*. God's promises and statements are true and real. Using healing as an example, people sometimes receive the manifestation of healing immediately in a healing service or when they are praying and in touch with God at home alone. Other times people receive over time, hours or weeks or longer. Then there are those who keep seeking and keep seeking, yet to manifest what God has already done for them.

Jesus took care of all things that separate people from God. He said “It is finished,” and he meant it. Nothing more to do. He has done all that is necessary – now people have to receive. And sometimes that is difficult – a lifetime for many of sitting under stale sermons that preach a dead faith that accomplishes nothing today puts people in a difficult mind set. So does living around so many people who can’t believe, or will not allow themselves to believe, that miracles still happen.

Here is a good illustration of what I mean by active receiving. Matthew 11:12 is a difficult verse but it is on point. It says that from the days of John the Baptist (in other words just before Jesus) until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence and that violent people take it by force. Rather than being chased away by these words, focus on the original meaning of the Greek in which they were written. Violence here refers to forcing your way into something, and the original term for violent here means a forceful man, an energetic person. The whole idea is of someone who has realized how important the kingdom is and is determined to be in the kingdom, with all the blessings and benefits. (Healing, provision, and more come to those living in the kingdom). The word translated “take it” actually is the same verb used in Thessalonians to describe how believers are snatched up to meet Jesus in the rapture.

Here is another good illustration: In the road to Emmaus account just after Jesus’ resurrection (Luke 24:13-35), two disciples are walking to the village of Emmaus. They are talking and Jesus comes up to them. They don’t recognize Jesus, but as he recounts the theme of the Bible from Moses through the prophets, they are drawn in. Their hearts burn. When they get to the turnoff to Emmaus, **Jesus is intent on going on, thus not going with them.** If you read all this, you will see how insistent they are that Jesus come with them. They compel him to come. They will not let him pass them by. Even though they do not yet recognize him they are determined not to miss any of what this stranger (Jesus) is saying.

In Mark 6:45-51, the disciples are in a boat being assailed by a countervailing wind, and they are greatly afraid. Suddenly Jesus comes walking on the water, and **his intent is to walk past them.** But they cry out boldly and intently, and he comes over, gets in the boat, and all is calm.

You will have to read this and pray and meditate about it to truly get it. The point is **not to let Jesus pass you by.**

Even in the Old Testament this point is made in more than one place. In Genesis 32:24 Jacob one night is by himself just before his return to his home area, and he finds himself wrestling with a “man” whom he later realizes is God, perhaps an angel of God. And they struggle all night long, symbolic with the way God allows a person to struggle with him and gradually grow to understand more and more truth. As dawn approaches, the “man” asks Jacob to let him go, but Jacob will not. “Not until you bless me!” And the “man” changes Jacob’s name to Israel. Jacob realized he was wrestling with God, and he was not going to let God go without getting a blessing.

There is so much more like this in the Bible. The account of Elisha and Elijah on the day of Elijah’s leaving earth, for example.

Here is the point: When you are seeking to receive and you are seeking to get in touch with God, when you are so close to him, the power of the Holy Spirit is present, the “anointing” is present, that is the time to receive! Don’t let Jesus pass you by. Jesus wants people who are determined to receive what he has

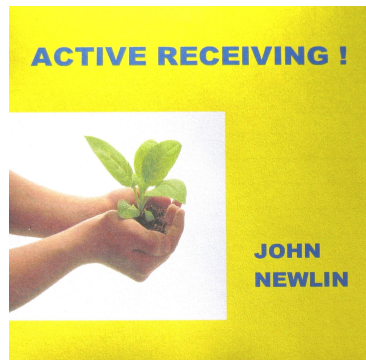
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for them. This is a major point, not a minor one. Sometimes the receiving comes instantly and easily without notice even to the recipient, but sometimes like Jacob or the disciples in the boat or the men on the road to Emmaus, you have to be bold and determined!

Seek to receive, by “standing on scripture that fits” and/or by getting around a great anointing such as exists in a large gathering of serious believers praising God or by just getting closer and closer to the Holy Spirit in your prayer time and opening yourself up to receive. Don’t miss what God has for you.

NEW CD – ACTIVE RECEIVING !



The Bible is true, the words real. Jesus is active today. Yes, the promises and statements of the Bible do indeed work. But you do have to obey. And you have to receive what God has for you.

This CD looks at the instructions the Bible gives regarding the overall subject of receiving from God. Do not settle in life. Be determined. If Jesus said it, it is true. And if you are a believer, then what he said is yours to receive.

Don’t let Jesus pass you by.

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So many people do not know that God is real, that Jesus is alive, that the Holy Spirit is active right now in our world, that miracles happen on a regular basis, and that Jesus is about to come back! Be a vital part of spreading the truth of the gospel. This ministry goes forward on the blessings and provision of God. That provision primarily is in the form of gifts and contributions from people like you. All contributions to John Newlin Ministries, Inc. – whether money or material goods or stocks or bonds – are tax deductible. John Newlin Ministries, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation.

Dear friends and partners, we live in difficult times, every day becoming more so for most people on earth. But if you are a believer you should know the truth and you should know what is soon to happen. The recent earthquake in Haiti is but another of the amazing number of world scale disasters in this decade, their very frequency fulfilling another of the many prophecies regarding the time before the Lord’s return. Make sure you are ready for that return.

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