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I believe every child of God has the potential to accomplish something for the Lord. It may be to raise your children to follow the Lord...or something in a business or ministry...or whatever God has planned. God's Word says He has a good plan for each of us, and He desires for us to enjoy our future, according to Jeremiah 29:11.

In this issue of *Make Your Day Count*, I pray you can find inspiration to help walk out your God-given potential, find peace in any storm that may arise in life, and be encouraged with scriptures about God's plan to prosper His people. And I pray you'll enjoy

the testimonies from those who have been touched by this ministry, including our minister of music Dr. Leanne Benton, who comes from a family with four generations serving God.

I believe that as you read this magazine, you can be inspired to reach out to the Lord and ask Him about the plans He has for you. And I pray you are blessed in every area of your life!

As God pours His life into us, I pray we all can Make it Count for Him this summer!

Lindsay



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

—Jeremiah 29:11 NIV



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after I had lost a new-
born baby. You shared
about the loss of your
infant son. Thank you
so deeply. It forever
changed my life.

—Sharon from Alpena,
Michigan

Dear Sharon,

*Thank you for your
kind word! It's my
prayer that some-
thing we say or
do here will bring
a word that can
change people's lives
and sincerely make
the day count for
the Kingdom of
God!*

—Lindsay

news & views

Letters, emails from viewers
& news around the Studio

R.A. from Canada writes:

*The encouragement that your ministry
gives me... I ask God to bless you both,
Lindsay and Richard. God has given both
of you, your family, and your organization
the gift of giving love and help to us who
seek help and love! Thank you!*

I love your show! It's always a blessing! Thank you
for staying faithful to the ministry God gave you
and Richard.

—Sandy, Emporium, Pennsylvania



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Tapping into Our God-Given Potential

by Lindsay Roberts



Let me ask you a question:

What do an iceberg, Gideon, King David,
and soda have in common?

The answer has to do with a very important word—*potential*. Now, potential can be completely untapped, or it can be something we develop. So, what does God see when He looks at us? Is there some untapped God-given potential that satan wants to make sure that we are never aware of? And if so, how do we tap into it?

When God sees an acorn, I believe He also sees the mighty oak tree that the acorn can become. I believe God sees the finished product when He looks at you and me. And I believe that the potential we have in Him is worth fighting for.

God Sees Gideon's Potential

Judges chapter 6 tells us about Gideon, whom the Bible calls a mighty man of valor. At the time, the people of Israel were ruled over by an enemy nation known as the Midianites. God wanted to bring about Israel's deliverance by using Gideon.

And where was Gideon when God was ready to use him? He was hiding in his family's winepress—afraid of the enemy! Yet God saw his potential and said

to him, "I don't see you hiding in the winepress. I see the potential of a mighty man of fearless valor."

Gideon replied, "How can I possibly save Israel, Lord?" He didn't see himself as a deliverer through God's power.

**God said, "I'll be with you.
You can do it!"**

Gideon said, "But Lord, in my group, my family is the poorest. And I'm the poorest of the poor, and the youngest." It was as if he was saying, "God, what are You thinking? I can't do this. I don't have what it takes."

God's response to Gideon's excuses and doubts was: "If I say you can do it, it's because you can! And I'll help you do it!" In spite of those excuses, God continued to work with him.

Digging into Untapped Potential

I believe there comes a time in everybody's life where we can either choose to obey God or walk away in disobedience and doubt. When Gideon faced this moment in his own life, he chose to be obedient. Even when he didn't see

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himself as having the potential to succeed, he decided to trust the Lord anyway.

I believe we all have untapped potential. Many times, we may not see it. **We look at the surface of things—the exterior—but God sees our heart.** He sees all the seeds of potential that He has put inside us.

Think about icebergs. Icebergs have 90% of their strength and substance under the surface of the water, where we can't see it. But that substance is still there, whether we see it or not.

Do you remember how David was anointed to be king? God told the prophet Samuel that the next king of Israel was a son of a man named Jesse (1 Samuel 16). Jesse paraded his sons in front of Samuel, saying, "Is it this one? What about this one?" Each time Samuel said no, Jesse said, "Let me bring in this other one." But

he never brought in David.

You see, David was a shepherd working out in the field, and Jesse made it sound like David was just a kid, only interested in using his slingshot and playing his harp. Jesse didn't see his son's potential to serve the Lord, to be a psalmist, or to conquer the giant, Goliath.

These things were David's untapped potential. His own father didn't recognize it. But God did.

Remember Mary? At the time God called her, she was an unmarried young girl. The people who knew her must have seen her as just a teenager, but God saw her as a capable mother and a strong woman of faith. He saw that she had the potential to raise that precious child, and know that she was entrusted with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

We see potential in the world around us too. It's not just something that happened in the Bible.

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Coca-Cola™ was invented by a man named John Pemberton, who had been injured in the American Civil War and initially wanted to make a pain reliever. He eventually mixed a version of this *Coke™* syrup with carbonated water—by accident. That “mistake” eventually became a non-medical fountain drink.

Now, over a hundred years later, the *Coca-Cola™* Company sells over 3,500 products worldwide—all because someone had an idea with potential!

Let's Use Our Potential

Have you ever wondered how many things God has placed in our hearts... things that we don't pay attention to, because we don't see ourselves as having potential in Him? What would happen if we saw ourselves as God sees us? What would you do if you knew that God had a plan for you right now? Would you consider asking Father God what He has for you?

I encourage you to hook up your faith with Father God, who sees you through the eyes of potential. You may not see it. Your friends may not see it. But what does God see?

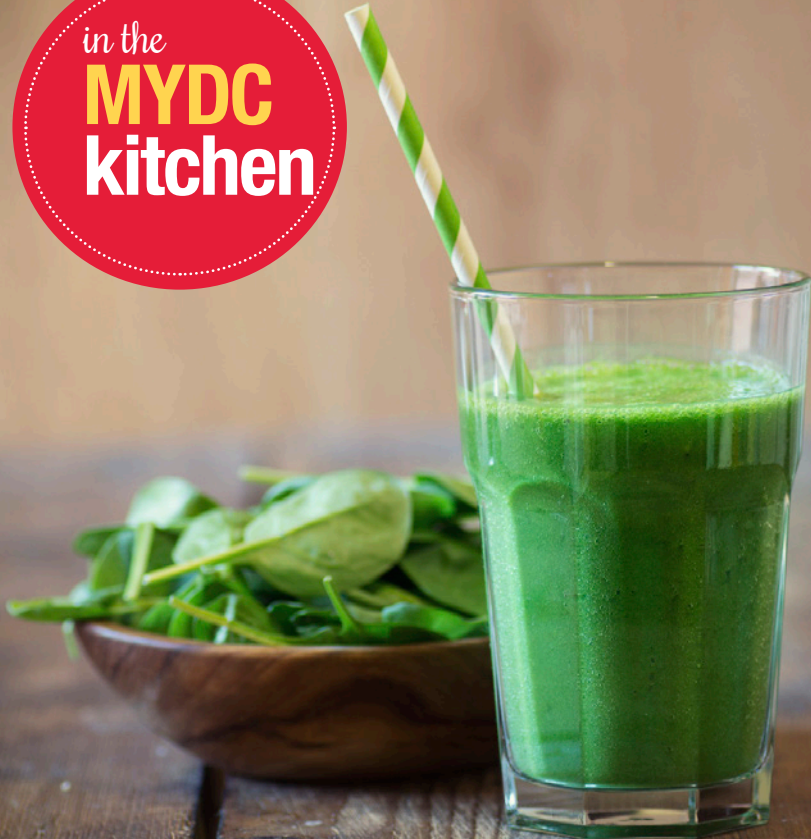
And I invite you right now to ask the Holy Spirit: “Lord, is there something You see in me that I might not see in myself? Is there something You'd like me to accomplish, according to Your



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Word and Your will? Is there something You'd like to talk about, or ask me to do?"

Why not give Him permission to have a conversation with you about you? As He reveals your potential to you, I pray that you begin to see clearly how to tap into that potential and be all that He has created you to be, so that you enjoy the fullness of His blessings and can be a blessing to those around you...in every area of your life...in Jesus' name. ☀



Jordan's Green Smoothie

(This is a great lower calorie option! High in vitamins A and C!)

ingredients:

- 1/2 cup frozen pineapple or peaches
- 1/2 of a banana (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 small Granny Smith apple
- 1 cup of unsweetened almond or coconut milk
- 1-3 drops of stevia or 1 Tbs. honey
- 1 cup fresh baby spinach*
- 2 Tbs. raw chia seeds (optional)

directions:

Blend together and enjoy immediately!

** I also add fresh baby kale into my smoothies, but it's a little stronger flavor, and some people may not like the green taste. Spinach is very light and to me, it comes out tasting like fruit.*

-Jordan

Summer Caprese Salad

ingredients:

- 1 carton grape tomatoes
- 1 bunch of fresh basil (4 Tbs chopped)
- 1/4 cup fresh mozzarella, cut into small cubes
- 3 Tbs olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

directions:

Slice tomatoes in half, lengthwise. Toss in bowl with chopped basil, cheese, olive oil, and seasonings. Serve well chilled.



Frozen Banana Bites

ingredients:

- 3-4 ripe bananas, sliced
- 1/4 cup almond butter (or any nut butter)
- 1 package chocolate chips
- Parchment or wax paper

directions:

On parchment lined baking sheet, lay half the banana slices 2" apart. Cover each slice with 1 tsp almond butter. Cover with the second banana slice to make mini sandwich bites. Chill In the freezer for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove from freezer.

Melt chocolate chips slowly in a microwave safe bowl, 10-15 seconds at a time, stirring often. Once melted, dip each frozen banana sandwich bite fully into the chocolate. Place each chocolate covered bite back onto the parchment. Chill for 2-3 hours, until very chilled and chocolate is hardened. Remove from freezer when you're ready to eat.



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“..because I still had trouble going up the stairs...I decided to call the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer.”

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In 2009 I had knee replacement surgery. After two and a half months of leave, it was getting close to time for me to return to work. My knee was still badly swollen and I was dismayed. I was staying with my son at the time because I still had trouble going up the stairs. I decided to call the *Abundant Life® Prayer Group* for prayer.

The prayer partner began praying, and I heard her bind things up in the name of Jesus—one of those things being blood clots. I received the prayer and thanked her for her obedience and faithfulness.

The next morning, I felt something crawling up my calf on the leg I had surgery on. I slapped my calf, thinking it was a bug! I removed the bed covers and there was no bug, but my calf had a bright red circle

about the size of a half-dollar, and it began to sting and got redder. I called a friend and she took me to the hospital to have it checked out.

The young doctor came into the room after examining me and running tests and told me I was fine. I'll never forget what she said: "A blood clot tried to get up and over your incision and when it couldn't, it got mad and burst!"

I was supernaturally protected from a potentially very dangerous post-surgical blood clot. Thank you, Richard and Lindsay, for your ministry and your prayer partners. The swelling in my knee dissipated within a week, and I am well and whole. ☀

—Marva from Georgia

Finding
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My friend Mary Jackson is a woman who has a passion for the healing ministry and helping people receive all the things that Jesus paid for us when He went to the cross. She was a guest on MYDC, and I'd like to share with you a little bit of our time together. -Lindsay

LINDSAY: Today I welcome my dear friend, Mary Jackson. She and her husband, Bishop Harold Jackson, have a wonderful church—Faith Works Ministry in Pasadena, California. Mary has several high-powered businesses, and she is a pastor's wife who has a heart for the healing ministry.

MARY: Yes, I have a heart for the ministry because I went through a scare with cancer. Once you've been delivered and healed by the power of God, you just want people to be healed.

LINDSAY: When you were told you had cancer, you had a choice. You could either say, "My life, my businesses, my family, and my ministry... all over." Or, you could look to the Word of God and choose to believe the Word of God.

MARY: But you know, believing God's Word is not without effort. I believe at first when you get a negative report, you're so fearful. That's the first thing that grips you, even when you're a believer. Then you have to back up a minute, and draw on the Word of God that's in you. And that Word has to be in you for you to draw on it. Oftentimes we think we know God and His Word, but we don't really know Him until we go through a time of trouble. I never realized that I wasn't as close to Him as I needed to be. So when that bad report came, I got angry, because I really felt like I had been living my life for Christ. And I said, "Why me?"

LINDSAY: I think that's our humanness. You know, we're not in Heaven yet. But you've been through the storm, and you found peace in the midst of the storm. Can you share about that?

MARY: I had to find out what peace really meant. I thought I was living in peace until I got that report. And then

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Lindsay and her guest, Mary Jackson

all chaos broke loose. I found out that shalom (the Hebrew word for peace) is God taking authority in the situation and binding anything that would destroy my peace.

LINDSAY: I saw one meaning of the word peace in the Bible is “destroying the stronghold that creates chaos.” And you said, “All chaos broke loose.” When all chaos breaks loose, you have to rebuke it—and I believe that God’s peace can come and counteract chaos.

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MARY: You have to have a different mindset. At first when I got a negative report, my mind was all over the place. I was thinking, “Should I do this? Should I do what the doctor says? Should I do what the technicians say?”

LINDSAY: And perhaps the Lord

might lead you to do all those things.

MARY: Right. Absolutely—because He can use it all for His glory.

LINDSAY: So, while you are making all those decisions, how do you hold on to the peace of God?

MARY: For me, there’s an antidote for fear—the Word of God, praise, and thanksgiving. These lead me to a closer relationship with God through His Word. And that relationship caused chaos to leave.

LINDSAY: God said that we are to praise Him, to give Him thanks, in all situations. He didn’t say to give thanks and praise *for* all situations (1 Thessalonians 5:18). And the Bible says that He inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). If God inhabits, lives, and dwells in the middle of you and your praises, don’t you think when you get God, you get all the properties of God? You get the whole deal.

MARY: All the benefits, yes! And that's one thing that I found out. I could receive all the benefits from praising Him in the midst of my storm. The Bible tells us to cast all our cares on Him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). I had no choice. I was either going to carry it, or I was going to cast it on Him. So, I'm going to cast anything I can because I know I'm not the one who can change it. Only He can change it.

LINDSAY: What are you doing right now for someone else to hear that message?

MARY: When I see someone dealing with illness, it penetrates my heart, and I immediately start interceding and praying for that person. I thank God for the opportunity to lay hands on the sick and believe they shall recover. There's no doubt in my heart that God heals today as He has always done. And I believe that the healing ministry has been on the back burner for some Christians because they have not experienced it in their life. I think everything that we go through in life has a purpose and a plan. I was allowed to go through the cancer report, for whatever reason. Now I know how it feels, and I don't want anyone to feel that. I want them all to be set free, because that's what Christ came for—to set the captives free.

LINDSAY: I cannot miss the opportunity to ask you to pray for people today.

MARY: I would love to. First of all, if you're in a state of sickness and there's chaos all around you, I believe God is the One Who comes to give you peace in the midst of the storm. So I set myself in agreement with you and with the Word of God that anything that has risen up against you to try to captivate your life and put your blessings on hold, it ends today. Together, let's rise up and show the world that God is alive and well, and He is still in the healing business. Father God, I give You all the glory. You're a healing Jesus. I bind sickness, disease, and chaos in the name of Jesus. And Father, You came to set the captive free, so we glorify You and thank You. I give You glory and honor, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen. ☀

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The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a draped, wavy pattern. The colors are deep blue, white, and red.

Gratitude for our Servicemen and Servicewomen

by Richard Roberts

Every Fourth of July, Americans celebrate their independence. I encourage you to remember the sacrifices that our brave servicemen and servicewomen have made over the years so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have today. And we are so thankful to the families of those servicemen and servicewomen and the sacrifices they have made. We are praying for all of you!

And, we're instructed to pray according to 1 Timothy 2:1–4 for those who are in authority—including our president, our elected officials at every governmental level, our nation's judges, police officers, firefighters, and everyone who serves our communities. So, we pray for our nation and ask you to join us in prayer as well.



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IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO

Four Generations Serving God



Recently on **Make Your Day Count**, Lindsay spoke about how mothers can raise their children to know God, His Word, His power and anointing. Joining Lindsay was **Dr. Leanne Benton**, the Oral Roberts Ministries minister of music, who accompanies Richard and Jordan Roberts on the television shows and overseas for evangelistic crusades. Leanne's family is well acquainted with the Oral Roberts Ministries.

Leanne, holding her daughter Bella, with her mother and grandmother.

LINDSAY: We have a very large picture of an amazing crowd from one of my father-in-law Oral Roberts' tent meetings. Our ministry's pianist, Leanne, walked by the picture one day and said, "Oh, my gosh! That's my mother in that photo! That's my grandmother, my mother, my uncle...my family."

I was awestruck to think that Leanne represents **four generations** connected with this ministry and serving the Lord. And now she has a baby of her own—her beautiful Bella—who was born on Richard's birthday. Tell us, Leanne, what did that mean to you when you saw that picture? And what does it mean to carry on generations believing in the healing power of God?

LEANNE: Well, my family would always talk about Oral Roberts and the ministry. I'd heard about that my whole life. But to actually see a picture from 65 years ago, I just realized that I'm blessed to have a generation of grandparents and parents who have raised me basically on the front row in church. In that picture, my mom was about the age that my daughter Bella is right now. My family told me how they had to get in line that morning with two toddlers in the heat in Fort Worth, Texas. I remember talking to my grandmother about this. And she said, "Honey, we wanted to be right on the front row so we could see the miracles."

LINDSAY: Where the action was.

LEANNE: Yes! And I feel like my mom was basically saturated in the ministry. And now I bring Bella to the television studio for the same reason.

LINDSAY: Bella loves Richard!

LEANNE: You know, there's something about being on the front row with the ministry. I want my daughter to be saturated with the Holy Spirit, with the ministry, with the healing, and with the Word of God.

LINDSAY: You've played the piano for as long as I've known you. And you have a doctorate degree in music. But you chose the path of taking that talent and traveling to places like our African crusades—places that are not easy to get to, and places that are not easy when you get there. Sometimes

“ *I want my daughter to be saturated with the Holy Spirit, with the ministry, with the healing, and with the Word of God.* ”

you're sitting and playing in the background, but it's not background music. You are ushering in the anointing. And that was your choice not to go in a classical route or a route that maybe would have been a lot more money. But this was your choice.

LEANNE: Well, it's a calling. It's not just a choice. I felt like from a very young age, I was called into the



Roberts Healing Campaign
Fort Worth, Texas June 26, 1969
Estimated Congregation 11,000

1949 Oral Roberts tent meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. Leanne's family in red box.

ministry. My grandmother, who's sitting on the front row in that photo, played the piano in church her whole life. My grandfather played the clarinet in church. They were raised in ministry, and so was I. So, I feel like this isn't a sacrifice. This is a calling.

LINDSAY: When my girls were young, I would put a blanket on the floor, and they would be sitting with us when the anointing came. Richard and I wanted them to feel and see the anointing in action. My children were raised that way. And you're raising your daughter the same way. What better thing could you expose her to than the anointing?

LEANNE: Yes! I want her saturated in the things of God. So, what better place is there to do that than in church and also in this TV studio where we preach, pray and worship? We also worship the Lord in my living room, and Bella dances and sings to the Lord. I feel like it's a generational blessing that I'm passing down to Bella. I've been blessed by it too. My grandparents sowed seeds into the Oral Roberts Ministries long before they knew I would be a part of it. It's just amazing!

LINDSAY: You know, you and I were not exposed to the things that Bella and her generation are exposed to today. Things that I prayed I would never see on television are just the

norm now. So, what do you do to combat it?

One day, I was praying to the Lord about it, and here's what He said: "You cannot stop the moving train. However, you can provide an alternative." It's true that some things are in motion that we cannot stop on television or the Internet. But we can provide an alternative by exposing our children to God's anointing. That's what Bella is receiving into her spirit.

Bella praying with the crew before a TV taping.



LEANNE: Yes, I hope she really gets it, and it just sinks into her spirit. We're the example to her, you know. So, I'm glad she gets to experience it and not just talk about it.

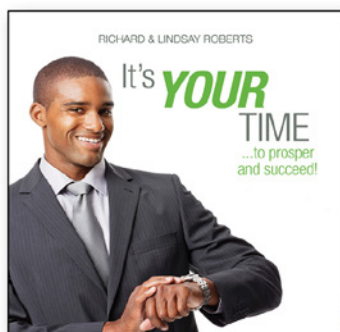
LINDSAY: As a mother or grandmother, you may worry, feeling like "I can't do this for my child, my grandchild." But let me share with you one thing I believe we can always do. We can pray for our children, our grandchildren, our parents, and our grandparents. I believe we can expose our family to the Word of God and prayer. ✨

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The Bible says

God wants you to increase & prosper!

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And my God will **meet all your needs** according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 NIV

A generous person will **prosper**; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 NIV

And God is able to **bless you abundantly**, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper in all things** and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

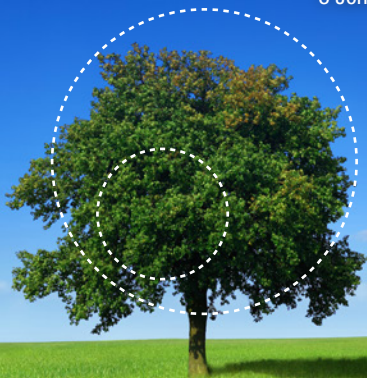
3 John 2 NKJV

If you give, you will receive. **Your gift will return to you in full measure**, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—large or small—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38 NLT

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, Who **teaches you to profit**, Who leads you in the way that you should go.

Isaiah 48:17 AMP



Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be **prosperous and successful.**

Joshua 1:8 NIV

But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who **gives you the ability to produce wealth**, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and **whatever he does shall prosper.**

Psalms 1:1-3 NKJV

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then **your barns will be filled to overflowing...**

Proverbs 3:9,10a NIV

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord **lack no good thing.**

Psalms 34:10 NIV

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he **rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

The Lord is my shepherd, **I lack nothing.**

Psalms 23:1 NIV

“Let the Lord be magnified; Who has pleasure in the **prosperity** of His servant.”

Psalms 35:27 NKJV

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