THE SEASON OF FINANCIAL STRESS

How to Handle the Seasons of Life – Part 6 of 9 Philippians 4:19

GOD'S GUARANTEE:

"God will meet <u>all your needs</u> according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:19

THE CONDITIONS: GOD PROMISES TO MEET MY FINANCIAL NEEDS...

1. IF I ASK _____

"You do not have, because you do not ask God." James 4:2

"You have not asked for anything in my name. <u>Ask</u> and you will receive, <u>so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy</u>." John 16:24 (NCV)

2. IF I LEARN ______

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have <u>learned</u> the secret of <u>contentment</u> in every situation." Phil. 4:12 (LB)

Contentment -- my happiness doesn't depend...

"There's great gain in godliness combined with <u>contentment</u> for we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it." 1 Tim. 6:6-7 (NRSV) "Remember this: Whoever <u>sows</u> sparingly will also <u>reap</u> sparingly, and whoever <u>sows generously will also reap</u> <u>generously</u>. Each one should give what he's decided to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make <u>ALL</u> grace abound to you, so that in <u>ALL</u> things at <u>ALL</u> times, having <u>ALL THAT YOU NEED</u>, you will abound in <u>EVERY</u> good work." 2 Cor. 9:6-8 (NIV)

"Honor the Lord by giving him the <u>first part</u> of all your income, and <u>he will fill your barns</u>..." Prov. 3:9-10 (LB)

4. IF I MAINTAIN _____

"The Lord demands fairness in every business deal..." Pr. 16:11 (LB)

"Better be poor and honest than rich and dishonest." Pr. 19:1

"The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds <u>no trouble</u> to it." Pr. 10:22 (NIV)

5. IF I TRUST HIM_____

"Your heavenly Father <u>already knows</u> perfectly well what you need ... and he will give it to you <u>if you give him first place in</u> <u>your life</u> and live as he wants you to." Matt. 6:33 (LB)

"Don't... put your hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but <u>put</u> <u>your hope in God</u>..." 1 Tim. 6:17

> *He gives food to those who <u>trust</u> him he never forgets his promises.*" *Ps. 111:5 (LB)*

3. IF I PRACTICE ______