

## **Resources—Live in Light of Eternity**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. We will not be fulfilled until we reach the place of total commitment.
- B. Every time you pass a test, it simply qualifies you for another test. There is no one shot Lordship.
- C. The promises of God are some of our most valuable resources.
- D. Texts: 2 Peter 1:3-4, 2 Corinthians 1:20.

### II. We gain experiential knowledge of Jesus Christ through the promises of God.

#### A. General promises—these must be claimed in prayer.

- 1. The fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 2. Forgiveness for sins. (1 John 1:9)
- 3. Escape from temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

#### B. Specific promises.

- 1. Paul was given a specific promise for the Gentiles. (Acts 13:47, Isaiah 42)
- 2. Guidelines.
  - a. The test of conditions such as obedience. (Exodus 17)
  - b. The test of Scripture.
  - c. The test of open fulfillment. We must be patient. (Joshua 1)
  - d. The test of openness towards the promise based upon a need.
- 3. God makes and keeps promises for his glory. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

### III. Suggestions.

- A. Personal life. (1 John 2:15-16)
- B. Family life. (Romans 15:13, Isaiah 54:13, Philippians 2:22)
- C. Ministry. (1 Samuel 10:26; Isaiah 43:4; 45:14)

**Application questions:**

1. How have you seen God act in your life for his glory?

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2. What is the difference between the general promises and specific promises?

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3. How can one go about obtaining personal promises for his or her life? Explain.

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