

Don't Judge the Gift by the Wrapping!

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Maybe you are in jam right now and it does not look like you have been blessed. Well let's remember that *we can never judge a gift by its wrappings.* We will never know God's greatest gifts until we open our hearts to fully trust Him!

A friend once told me about his disappointment with life! When I asked him why he was so disappointed with life he replied: "Everybody around me is being pounded with blessings by God, and look at me! No good breaks, nothing new is happening in my life right now, it's the same old thing and sometimes it is discouraging!" I then took him to Psalms 84:11 that says: "For the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." This Scripture makes something clear to every one of us: "God will grant favor and honor to all His children." The only condition He has is for us to live uprightly.

Every child of God everywhere on this planet can count on His favor and honor on a daily basis. My friend did not realize that what seems like no good breaks in his life, was actually God's doing. A year later he sold his house and moved to California, where the Lord blessed him with a church! The proceeds of the sale of his house was enough to buy the church and more! There, he also found love and was married.

The Scripture above tells us that our God does not hold back any blessing from us! The LORD freely gives every good thing to those who do what is right. Believe it or not, He treat us with kindness and honor, never denying any good thing to

those who love Him. And we read “LORD God All-Powerful, you bless everyone who trusts you.” Psalms 84:12

Maybe you are in jam right now and it does not look like you have been blessed. Well let's remember that we can never judge a gift by its wrappings. We will never know God's greatest gifts until we open our hearts to fully trust Him! Maybe, and only maybe, whatever is going on in our lives right now is a gift in disguise! Maybe this is God's way to prepare and propel us to fulfill our destiny. Unwrap your gift right now by opening your heart and recognizing that “No good thing will be withheld by Him, from those who love Him!” God bless!!

In His service,
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