



EXPERIENCING
TRIUMPH THROUGH
PRAISE



Series Overview

Praise is far greater than simply singing. A praise-filled life is a daily, even moment-by-moment exercise designed by God to lift us above our circumstances, and give us true joy in the middle of sorrow, death, and pain.

Part Five

God's blessings are a by-product of a praise-filled life.

The praise-filled life is a life-long practice, daily experience, and a permanent habit.

The Hebrew word used for "blessing" in the Old Testament, berakhah, shares a root with the word for "kneeling," in that same way, in order to experience blessings, we must submit to Him in everything.

In Luke 6:38, Scripture tells us that:

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

When we give to God as an act of praise, we are kneeling and placing ourselves in a place of receiving His blessings.

It is possible to give out of selfish motives, without praising God, but it is impossible to praise God without giving.

King David embodied the lifestyle of praise, giving generously towards the building of the temple. 1 Chronicles 29:3-4 expresses that his giving was a tangible expression of his personal gratitude to God. David goes on to express that loyalty to God is expressed in giving and praising.

In 1 Chronicles 29:14-18, he says:

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

*We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers.
Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.*

*O Lord our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.
I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.*

*All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent.
And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.
O Lord, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.*

1 CHRONICLES 29:14-18

The New Testament

In the 1 Corinthians, Paul follows up chapter 15, which concerns the joy of the resurrection with chapter 16, which deals with giving.

In this, he is saying that Heaven and giving are intertwined.

1.) Giving back to God is an indication that He owns everything.

Everything that we own belongs to and is on loan from God.

2.) Giving is a seed that you sow for future blessings.

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

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

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

God's desire for His children is abundance, and that they may abound in ALL things.
We have a responsibility to sow seeds through our giving.

3.) Giving feeds praising, and praising feeds giving.

Praising and giving is contagious. Our praise and giving creates a hunger for God in the lives of the lost.

Christ, our savior, is worthy of all praise and all giving, because He has given us everything.