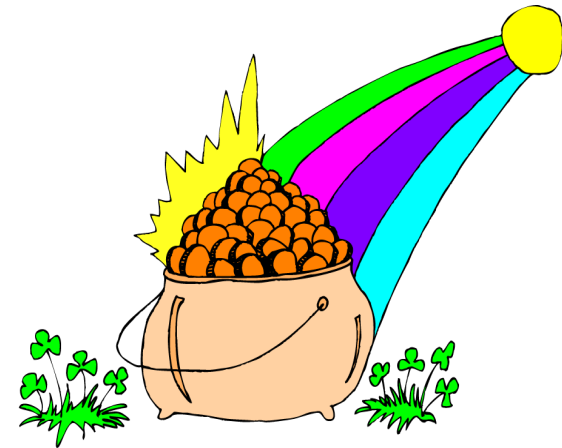


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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9)***. I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

NEED YOU ASK?

Luke 15:11 **And he said, A certain man had two sons:**

1. This is the beginning of the account commonly referred to as “The Prodigal Son.”
 - a. Prodigal means wastefully extravagant, lavish.

Luke 15:12 (NLT) **The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.**

2. Both of these sons symbolize types of believers today. The most common are those who go back and forth, in and out.

Luke 15:13-24 (NLT) **[13] "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money on wild living. [14] About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. [15] He persuaded a local farmer to hire him to**

feed his pigs. [16] The boy became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. [17] "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired men have food enough to spare, and here I am, dying of hunger! [18] I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, [19] and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired man." ' [20] "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. [21] His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' [22] "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the

house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger, and sandals for his feet. [23] And kill the calf we have been fattening in the pen. We must celebrate with a feast, [24] for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

3. Many of us have heard this incident of the prodigal son.
 - a. There are a multiple of directions that we can go through from here.
 - b. We can focus on the son who takes all of what his father worked for and lives a lavish lifestyle until he ends up sucking corn with the pigs.
 - c. We can focus on the father and his willingness, forgiveness and love that he displays.
 - d. But rarely hear about his older brother.
4. The older brother who remained at home seemed to be the worst of the two brothers.
 - a. He was critical and judgmental of his younger brother because he didn't approve of his choices.

- b. Sounds like some church folks you may know.

Luke 15:25-26 (NLT) [25] "Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, [26] and he asked one of the servants what was going on.

- 5. Now this would symbolize a believer who is doing what God had called them to do, working the fields for his Father, harvesting souls.

- a. We could safely say that this son is in the will of God

Luke 15:27 (NLT) 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the calf we were fattening and has prepared a great feast. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

- 6. This should be a reason to celebrate. When a wayward believer comes back to God, all of heaven rejoices.

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and

nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luke 15:7 (MSG) Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 15:10 (MSG) Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God."

- 7. Someone listening right now should come home and give some angels a reason to party.

Luke 15:28 (NLT) "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him,

- 8. Now, here is where it gets tricky because the older brother is NOT mad that his younger brother returned.

- a. Here's the fuel behind his anger.

Luke 15:29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I

serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

9. This represents a type of believer who is in the will of God. Notice:
 - a. He served his father.
 - b. He lived a clean and obedient life.
 - c. But he felt slighted because he was never honored or recognized openly.

Luke 15:30 (NLT) Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the finest calf we have.'

10. He's not mad that his brother came home, he's mad because he feels he deserves to be recognized and blessed for his many years of hard work.
11. When the older son asked his father why he had never been given a party in his honor or been given as many gifts as his younger brother, his father made an amazing statement.

Luke 15:31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

12. Now, please allow me to show you why most of you who are doing your best to live for God are still not getting your needs met.

Luke 15:31 (NLT) "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you and I are very close, and everything I have is yours.

Luke 15:31 (MSG) "His father said, 'Son, you don't understand. You're with me all the time, and everything that is mine is yours

13. The son assumed that since the house was always filled with gifts, his father would have naturally given some to him.
 - a. The son did not think to ask.
 - b. He just assumed and built up a resentment when the prodigal returned.

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

14. Everything you will ever need, want or desire in life has already been provided for you.
15. The key in this verse to obtaining these things is **through the knowledge of him.**

- a. The more you get to know Him, the more you will understand that all you have to do is ask Him

2 Peter 1:3 (MSG) Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received!

- 16. Everything needed for life and godliness has already been given to us by the work of the cross.
- 17. There is not one need you can have, spiritual, physical, financial or emotional which has not been met by the work of Jesus on the cross. It's a complete package deal.
- 18. Knowing everything has been given may bring comfort to our hearts, but it still does not bring the meeting of our needs.
- 19. So why does it seem that our needs are not being met, much less seeing our desires fulfilled?
- 20. Just because we are surrounded with blessings from God does not mean they will jump into our laps on their own accord.
 - a. Just because God has made everything available, doesn't mean He will simply give them to us without our **asking**.

Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

- 21. Even though the Father knows what we have need of before we ask, He still wants us to ask Him.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- 22. Jesus said all we have to do is ask.
 - a. We don't because we assume that if it is written and God already knows, if he loves us, He will just do it for us.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

- 23. If you want to live a full and joyful life, start asking.

James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

- 24. See, we have made the art of acquiring a difficult thing.
 - a. We lust, we want some things really bad, but we don't have it.

- b. We kill, either ourselves by working our tails off, killing our relationships, killing our bodies, killing our lifespan all in the name of “getting things.”
- c. We desire certain things, there’s just some things we would like to have but not necessarily need, but never seem to get them.
- d. We fight and put up with things just to get ahead and obtain a few luxuries, but never really obtain what we want.
- e. We have not **BECAUSE** we ask not.

James 4:2 (NLT) ...And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it.

James 4:2 (MSG) ...You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you?

- 25. Think about this. You had to "call upon the name of the Lord" to be saved.
 - a. Salvation was yours for the asking even though it was always there.
- 26. God would no more force His will on a believer for healing, financial prosperity or the desires of our hearts simply because these blessings are already available any more than He would force His will on a sinner just because the gift of salvation is present and available.

- 27. God has given everything as a gift to be received.
 - a. We receive by asking in faith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24 (NLT) Listen to me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it.

Mark 11:24 (MSG) That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything.

- 28. Everything you could ever ask or want is simply a prayer away...yours for the asking.
- 29. Let me mess with your doctrine a little bit. **Jesus is not going to ask for you!**

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

- 30. Here we see that Jesus does pray for us.
- 31. He is making intercession.

Intercession - Gk - *entugchano* - to chance upon, meaning to be ready at a moment's notice.

- a. Confer with, meaning to be at ready for a discussion in order to grant something.
- b. Entreat (in favor or against), meaning to handle something.
- c. Deal with, meaning to work in conjunction with.

Hebrews 7:25 (NLT) **Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save everyone who comes to God through him. He lives forever to plead with God on their behalf.**

Hebrews 7:24-25 (MSG) **[24] But Jesus' priesthood is permanent. He's there from now to eternity [25] to save everyone who comes to God through him, always on the job to speak up for them.**

32. This puts Jesus in the role of an Intercessor.

Hebrews 3:1 **Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the**

Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

33. He is the High Priest, head Intercessor over our words.

Romans 10:6 **But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)**

34. As the High Priest over our words, he takes our faith filled words and offers them up as righteousness speaking to the Father.

- a. But He is not doing the asking for us.

John 16:26 **At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:**

35. We think this reads that Jesus is asking for us.

John 16:26 (NLT) **Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf,**

36. You ask in faith, He presents it as righteousness before the Father.

John 16:26 (MSG) **Then you can make your requests directly to him in relation to this life I've revealed**

to you. I won't continue making requests of the Father on your behalf.

37. Now you can go to the Father “*In The Name Of Jesus*” and make your requests known.
38. Using the name of Jesus makes it as if Jesus Himself was doing the asking.
39. Stop being like the other brother, start living a more fuller and enjoyable life, it's all yours for the asking.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

James 1:6 (NLT) But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

40. Ask, expect. Believe and receive.
41. You have not because you ask not!
42. It's yours for the asking...get ready to be changed!