



Introduction

When things don't turn out according to your expectations

When you look at your finances and realize that your savings will be totally eroded in a few months' time

When told by the boss to look for another job and out of the company in 1 months' time

Still sick after prayer

When told by the doctor you have cancer and 6 months' to live

Child turning rebellious

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When told by your spouse, he / she no longer loves you and wants out of the marriage

When told that your flight schedule has been changed and you need to spend a night at the airport

When your don't feel appreciated after all you have done!

How shall I respond? What do I need to do?

HELP!

Handles to cope and experience the Goodness of God when things go wrong!

I. I need to know that I do **not** know everything but rest in God who knows it all.

1. God is **Omniscient**.

Psalm 139:1-3

1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;

You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, and **are acquainted with all my ways**.

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1. God is **Omniscient**.

Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him** to whom we must give account.

2. I must recognise my finiteness and **limitations**.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make **man in Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Romans 3:23 for all have **sinned and fall short** of the glory of God ...

3. I must know that God **loves** me and **cares** for me.

Matthew 10:29-31

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. **30** But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Do not fear therefore; **you are of more value than many sparrows**.

- II. Therefore, I will hold tightly to His **Word - Promises** and continually **prayer-connect** with Him.

1. I must **cast** my stress, anxieties and fears to the Lord.

1 Peter 5:7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

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Philippians 4:6-7

6 **Be anxious for nothing**, but **in everything by prayer and supplication**, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7** and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2. I must **trust** the Lord i.e. have faith in Him to know and intervene in His **perfect** plans for me in the situation.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV1984)

5 **Trust** in the Lord with **all** your heart and **lean not on your own understanding**; **6** in **all** your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

3. I must stand on His **Word-Promises**.

Jeremiah 1:12 Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for **I am ready to perform My word**."

Isaiah 55:11 So shall **My word** be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall **not return to Me void**, but it **shall accomplish** what I please, and it **shall prosper** in the thing for which I sent it.

3. I must stand on His **Word-Promises**.

A. To overcome **fear**.

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?** The Lord is the strength of my life; of **whom shall I be afraid?**

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B. For **protection**.

Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will **rest in the shadow of the Almighty**. 2 I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'

3. I must stand on His **Word-Promises**.

C. For **provision**.

Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet **I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread**.

3. I must stand on His **Word-Promises**.

D. For **peace**.

Colossians 3:15 And let the **peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the **Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way**.

The Lord be with you all.

3. I must stand on His **Word-Promises**.

E. For His **presence**.

Hebrews 13:5-6

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "**I will never leave you nor forsake you**." 6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

3. I must stand on His **Word-Promises**.

F. For **wisdom** and **favour** to know what to do.

James 1:5 If any of you **lacks wisdom**, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Psalm 5:12 For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; **with favour** You will **surround him as with a shield**.

III. I need to recognize that I live in a **fallen** world.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

1. In God's Sovereignty, He gave man a **free-will -choice**.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, **that whoever believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 1:12 But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name ...

2. The world that I live in is **fallen** with fallen people, **imperfect** systems and structures that may be **faulty**.

3. Consequently, decisions made by others are **outside** my control and even that of God because of the free-**will** of man.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

4. **Consequences** follow accordingly from that choice, whether **good** or **bad**.

Galatians 6:8 For he who **sows to his flesh** will of the flesh **reap corruption**, but he who **sows to the Spirit** will of the Spirit **reap everlasting life**.

Romans 6:23a For the **wages of sin is death** ...

IV. The world (kosmos) lies under the power of the **evil one**.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the **whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one**.

1. The evil one is against Man and seeks always to **steal**, **kill** and **destroy** through the fallenness of the world.

John 10:10a The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

2. I, therefore, need to always be **alert** and **vigilant**.

1 Peter 5:8 **Be sober, be vigilant; because** your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



A. Know that I have **right** standing with God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him**.

1 John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and **the wicked one does not touch-harm him**.

B. Have a **clear** conscience.

1 Timothy 1:19 having **faith and a good conscience**, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck ...

C. **Discern** what is happening.

Hebrews 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their **senses exercised to discern both good and evil**.

D. Have a **clear** mind.

1 Peter 4:7 (NIV1984) The end of all things is near. Therefore be **clear minded** and **self-controlled** [serious] so that you can pray.

E. Stay **calm** and **composed** in the Lord.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

F. Align with **Father's** will in every response and decision.

Colossians 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may **be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ...

V. After (I) to (IV) go with the **FLOW!**

1. Know that nothing happens by **chance**.
2. Seek wisdom from above to ascertain as much as possible the **root causes** of the happenings.

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3. Ask the Lord for **grace** and **favour** for things to work out well.

Exodus 33:16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have **found grace in Your sight**, except **You go with us**? So we shall be **separate**, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

V. After (I) to (IV) go with the **FLOW!**

4. See the larger purpose of God to **mould** you to form **Christ** in you.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to **be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

V. After (I) to (IV) go with the **FLOW!**

5. See the larger purpose of God to be His **vessel** to be a **blessing** to others around you.

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as it is this day, **to save many people alive**.

V. After (I) to (IV) go with the **FLOW!**

5. See the larger purpose of God to be His **vessel** to be a **blessing** to others around you.

Romans 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to those who love God**, to those who are the **called according to His purpose**.

Bottom Line:

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly** to the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy** and **find grace** to help in time of need.