

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

II Corinthians 9:8

Introduction

Genesis 22:12-14, Psalm 23:1, Psalm 34:9-10, Psalm 37:25, Psalm 84:11,
Matthew 6:31-33, Romans 8:32, 2 Corinthians 9:8

- I. The **Power** of God's Promise – “God is able...” – 2 Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 2:18, Hebrews 7:25, Jude 24, 25

- II. The **Potential** of God's Promise – “...to make all grace...” – 2 Corinthians 8:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:9

- III. The **Proportion** of God's Promise – “...abound toward you...” – John 10:10

- IV. The **Provision** of God's Promise – “...that you, always having all sufficiency in all things...” – Proverbs 11:24-25, Proverbs 19:17, Philippians 4:19

- V. The **Purpose** of God's Promise – “may have an abundance for every good work”

Conclusion

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Getting Started

1. Think for a moment about someone you really trust. How has this person come through for you? What is it about that person's character that makes you trust him/her so much?

Going Deeper

1. How does trust get built between two people? What are some of the required relational conditions for trust to be established?

2. Talk about some of the characteristics of God that cause us to depend and rely on Him. Look at the following verses and discuss the features of God that make Him trustworthy.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19 –

Psalm 139:7-10, Matthew 28:20 –

Isaiah 40:11 –

Isaiah 40:12-18 –

1 John 4:10, Titus 3:4-5 –

Matthew 6:25-30 –

3. How do we respond to someone we trust? What is our normal interaction with this type of person? How do you follow, or relate to, someone you trust?

4. Read the following verses. Discuss the ways these people behaved because they trusted God.

Genesis 6:13-14, 17-18, 22 –

Genesis 12:1-4 -

James 2:21-24 –

Joshua 2:1-16 –

Job 1:20-23 –

Daniel 3:16-18 –

5. How does trusting God translate specifically into our tithing and our habits of generosity, especially during difficult times?

Applying the Message

1. How has God come through for you in the past? How has God come through for people you know? How does that contribute to your ability to trust Him now with your resources?

2. Make a list of some of your resources (e.g., time, skills, money, possessions, etc.) that God might be able to use for His purposes. What do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to use to help build God's kingdom?