

How to Receive

One of the reasons we do not reign as kings in life is because we do not receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness.

Roman 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

- a) Notice that only those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.
- b) Notice that: When we receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, we will then reign in life.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

- a) We **receive with meekness**. If we aren't meek (humble), we won't receive. Meekness allows us and positions us to receive all that the LORD has already provided for us by grace. Pride makes us want to work or perform rather than receive.
 - i) Meekness means humble or mild. It's speaking of humility.
- b) We receive because it has already been provided by grace. We can't receive what is not already available. If we aren't meek, we aren't in Faith. Faith is meek and receives all that God has already provided by grace.
- c) Only meek people get to be thankful. Proud people have nothing to be thankful for. Thankfulness displays and is a sign of meekness. Unthankful people, "have made it without anyone's help?"

d) Also notice that we need to lay aside all filthiness and superabundance of wickedness as well. If we are not laying aside this wickedness, it hinders us from receiving. It does not stop God from providing because He has already done that but hinders us from receiving and tapping into what God has already provided by grace.

i) We need to live godly as it helps us receive.

1 Timothy 4:4 *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

a) We receive with thanksgiving.

b) James 1:21 Showed us that we receive with meekness—here we see also that we receive with thanksgiving. If we are not thankful, we will not receive. Thanksgiving causes what we are believing for to manifest.