I HAVE ALL THAT I NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS!

We tend to spend a lot of time dreaming about the things that we will be able to do “one day” for God. “One day, when I’m more mature, I’ll be able to share my faith.” “One day, when I know more, I can make a difference.” “One day, I will accomplish that goal — get free of that sin — experience that breakthrough.” “One day, I’ll really be something.” The ability to dream and set goals for our future is a beautiful gift from God, but if we aren’t careful, it can all become a crutch to keep looking for “one day” instead of living today. The real danger with “one day” thinking is that it places pressure to somehow attain the elusive prize of spiritual favor through our works and effort. Even more, it stands dangerously close to saying that the cross didn’t already give us the prize we seek. Here’s the truth: the only “one day” that God sees is the one day when he bought everything for you! Because of his purchase, he is the treasure in the field worth selling everything for. He is the One who acquired every storehouse of wisdom, peace, grace, freedom, joy, hope and life — and he gives it to his kids freely. You don’t need to wait for “one day.” Through his Spirit, you already have all that you will ever need! Believe it and walk with him today in inexpressible joy!

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ” Ephesians 1:3 – Emphasis added.

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His glory and goodness” 2 Peter 1:3 - Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. Can you relate to any of the “one day” limitations listed above? Which ones? Are there any other excuses that come to mind that you feel keep you from fulfilling all of God’s purposes for you today? Talk to the Holy Spirit about these, asking him to change your perception.

2. Are there any accomplishments, possessions or breakthroughs you feel you need to acquire in order to really be content and feel like you are successful/complete? What are they? Are there any people, circumstances, debts or challenges that you believe need to be removed before you can be content and feel successful/complete? What are they? If we aren’t careful, we can empower these entities in our lives, lifting them to a place of reliance or even idolatry — placing them before God, and robbing of us the joy that is ours today. When you received Jesus, you received everything you need. Be honest with God and ask him to break any false position of prominence you’ve given to any of these.

3. What do you currently need to appropriate from God’s storehouse that he purchased for you?
WORSHIP RESOURCE:
“The wanderer in me has stopped running.
I finally found the prize that I’ve been seeking!”

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PRAYER:
Father God, I take hold of all of the spiritual blessings already purchased for me through Jesus. Even those my mind cannot yet fathom, Father, I receive in my spirit. I thank you for providing everything that I need to live a life that pleases you and that points others to you. I demolish any crutch or perceived limitation to which I have given my attention. I repent for every place I believed I could not be content, effective, satisfied or happy unless some external circumstance was resolved. You are greater than any circumstance, and you are the treasure I seek. I remove that circumstance from its throne of power in my life. I have you, and therefore, I receive the fullness of joy today. Show me anything in my life that needs to be removed, changed or appropriated. Thank you for your goodness to me: bring glory to your name in every breath I breathe today.

LISTENING TIME:
Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING


TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:
What are some of the dreams God placed upon your for the future? What practical steps is he calling you to today to make those a reality? Thank him for placing those dreams in your heart and helping you walk out their fulfillment.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:
Specifically pray for someone to stop empowering their circumstances and to simply receive everything Jesus paid for.