

James 3:16 – Where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

C. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Ask:

“Is there anyone I need to forgive?”

“Is there a leader I’ve been criticizing instead of praying for?”

“Have I allowed gossip or offense to live in my heart?”

POINT 5 – FOLLOW GOD’S PRESENCE AND LEADING, NOT YOUR OWN PLAN

A. OT ILLUSTRATION – CLOUD, FIRE, AND THE ARK OF GOD

Exodus 33:15 (NKJV) Then he said to Him, “If **Your Presence does not go with us**, do not bring us up from here.”

B. NT QUALIFICATION – LED BY THE SPIRIT AS SONS

Key verses:

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons** of God.

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:18 (NKJV) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:25 (NKJV) If we **live in the Spirit**, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.

John 10:27 (NKJV) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and **they follow Me**.

C. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Begin each day: “Holy Spirit, I submit my life to You. Lead my steps, guide my decisions, check me when I’m off.”
- Practice sensitivity:
 - Pay attention to God’s peace or the lack of it.
 - Don’t override that inward “red light” for convenience or pressure.
- Expect:
 - Divine appointments.
 - Doors opening that you didn’t force.
 - Provision waiting in the place God leads you.

1. **Believe God’s report above what you see.**
2. **Honor God’s Word with obedient action.**
3. **Guard your heart and mouth from murmuring and unbelief.**
4. **Walk in love and covenant unity so your faith can work.**
5. **Follow God’s presence and the Spirit’s leading, not your own agenda.**

Deuteronomy 30:19–20 (NKJV) I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life... for He is your life...



Qualifying for What Belongs to Me

Cooperating with God’s Spiritual Laws

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FOUNDATION TEXTS

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV) Now all these things happened to them as **examples**, and they were **written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV) For indeed **the gospel was preached to us as well as to them**; but the word which they heard **did not profit them, not being mixed with faith** in those who heard it.

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **“blessed us with every spiritual blessing”** in the heavenly places in Christ,

2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) as His divine power has given to us **“all things that pertain to life and godliness”**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

But we **experience** that blessing as we live by **faith that works through love**, obey God’s Word, and follow the Spirit.

POINT 1 – BELIEVE GOD’S REPORT ABOVE WHAT YOU SEE

A. OT ILLUSTRATION – THE SPIES AND THE BAD REPORT

Numbers 13:30 (NKJV) Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for **we are well able to overcome it.**”

Numbers 14:8–9 (NKJV) If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, “a land which flows with milk and honey.” Only **do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people** of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and **the Lord is with us**. Do not fear them.

B. NT QUALIFICATION – MIX THE WORD WITH FAITH

Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV) For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

2 Corinthians 5:7 – We walk by faith, not by sight.

Mark 11:22 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. (“Have the faith of God” or “Have the God Kind of faith”

Mark 11:23 (NKJV) For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but **believes** that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Ask: “Which report am I believing about my body, finances, family, future—God’s Word or circumstances?”

POINT 2 – HONOR GOD’S WORD WITH OBEDIENT ACTION

A. OT ILLUSTRATION – JERICHO AND THE STRANGE STRATEGY

Joshua 6:2 (NKJV) And the Lord said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.”

Notice: God speaks in past tense (“I have given”), but Israel still had to **obey** to experience it.

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) This Book of the Law **shall not depart from your mouth**, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may **observe to do** according to all that is written in it. For then **you will make your way prosperous**, and then **you will have good success**.

B. NT QUALIFICATION – DOERS OF THE WORD ARE BLESSED

James 1:22 (NKJV) But be **doers of the word, and not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:25 (NKJV) But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be **blessed in what he does**.

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV) “Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, **and does** them, I will liken him to a **wise man** who built his house on the rock:

Matthew 7:25 (NKJV) and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

C. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Ask the Holy Spirit: “Is there anything You’ve told me in the Word or in my heart that I’m ignoring or delaying?”
- Examples:
 - Forgiving someone.
 - Tithing or giving.
 - Serving consistently.
 - Breaking off a wrong relationship.

POINT 3 – GUARD YOUR HEART AND MOUTH FROM MURMURING

A. OT ILLUSTRATION – THE COMPLAINING GENERATION

Numbers 14:27–28 (NKJV) “How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘**just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you.**’”

- Their complaining shaped their outcome.
- They were covenant people speaking **anti-covenant words**.

B. NT QUALIFICATION – PROTECT FAITH THROUGH THANKSGIVING AND GUARDING THE HEART

1 Corinthians 10:10 (NKJV) **Don’t complain**, as some of them also complained, and were **destroyed** by the **destroyer**.

Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God;

Hebrews 3:13 (NKJV) but **exhort one another daily**, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be **hardened through the deceitfulness of sin**.

Philippians 2:14 (NKJV) Do all things **without complaining** and **disputing**,

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV) Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:24 (NKJV) Put away from you a **deceitful mouth**, And put perverse lips far from you.

C. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Repent of habitual complaining—especially about money, health, marriage, church, or the times we live in. Start a “Gratitude Shift”:

POINT 4 – WALK IN LOVE AND COVENANT UNITY

A. OT ILLUSTRATION – KORAH’S REBELLION AND THE POWER OF UNITY

Psalms 133:1 (NKJV) Behold, how **good** and how **pleasant** it is For brethren to **dwell together in unity!**

Psalms 133:3 (NKJV) It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

B. NT QUALIFICATION – FAITH WORKS THROUGH LOVE

Galatians 5:6 – Faith works through love.

Ephesians 4:2–3 – Bearing with one another in love, keeping the unity of the Spirit.

1 John 4:20–21 – You can’t love God and hate your brother.