

Devotion

"...the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the world."

—Deuteronomy 28:1, NLT

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Enjoy His Blessings

You've worked hard to get to the top, and finally you're there.

The corner office with a view, the six-figure salary, more vacation time that you'll ever really take—they all belong to you.

Success has come knocking, and you've graciously opened the door.

But in a moment of reflection you can't help thinking about those who haven't had it so good. You're reminded of the coworker who got sidestepped for a promotion just days before you received one. And you think about the classmates in college who flunked out of school and ended up working for minimum wage while you pressed your way through and made something of yourself.

You're a success, and you really want to enjoy what God has given to you. But feelings of guilt won't let you. Deep inside there's a stirring going on—a restlessness and dissatisfaction that's causing you to wonder, *Why should I be enjoying life and living so good when so many others are experiencing such misery?*

Stop right there. You've done nothing to feel guilty about.

In fact, you've done all the right things. And because of it, you're now reaping God's rewards.

Some people are satisfied to settle for whatever life dishes out while others are content to do just enough to get by. Still others will try for awhile, but as soon as adversity strikes, they give.

But then there are those who have a press—a driving desire to go as far as God will take them.

That's you, and that's why you're in a place of success today.

Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours, which means His desires and plans for our life are better than anything we can ever imagine. And when we choose to obey Him and His Word, to do all that He commands of us, we can expect to live the abundant life that is promised in His Word.

The Bible teaches that, as born-again believers, we have the same love and compassion for mankind as Jesus. So, it's natural that we feel concern for others. But don't get compassion confused with guilt, or it will get in the way of you enjoying the blessing of God in your life.

It is God's will and delight to prosper you. And because you love and obey Him, He will fulfill His promise to abundantly bless you, your possessions and whatever you do—making you the head, the lender and not the borrower. He is pleased to bless you so that you can be a blessing to His Kingdom and others.



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