



Responding to Bad News

4 Keys to Full Life:

1. Know who God is
2. Know who the devil is
3. Know who you are in Christ
4. Know how to operate in spiritual things

Many times we receive bad news. How should we RESPOND & handle that?

[Philippians 4:4-9 NASB](#) **Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! (5) Let your **gentle spirit** be known to all men. The Lord is **near**. (6) Be **anxious** [or worry] for nothing, but in everything by prayer [**worship**] and supplication [**petition** or asking] with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell** on these things. (9) The things you have **learned** and received and heard and seen in me, **practice** these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1. _____ in the Lord ALWAYS! Even when bad news comes! Discuss why we can rejoice.
2. Be _____ & remember that even though I got bad news, the Lord & His character & promises are NEAR to me!
3. Don't be _____ or WORRY!
4. _____ God for how good He is & will be in this situation.
5. _____ God or ASK God for what is needed.

6. Start _____ Him for what you have received & what is manifesting in your life now! CONFESS His promises as DONE!
7. Looking at the problem will only push your protection away. Look ONLY to the _____ of God that will guard your heart & mind & surpass your comprehension & understanding.
8. _____ ONLY on things worthy of praise! If it's not worthy of praising God for, then don't dwell on it!
9. Look to Godly leaders who are having spiritual success & _____ from them. ASK questions & _____ what they do. Follow them as they follow Christ.

The Importance of Acting On the Word

Luke 6:46-49 NASB "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? (47) "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: (48) he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. (49) "But the one who has **heard** and has not **acted** *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

1. Great ruin came to the one who _____ the Word & did not ACT accordingly.
2. But the one who HEARD & _____ on the Word built on a solid foundation & the storm did NOT shake him!

We must be DOERS of the Word & not just agree with it or know about it! We have to employ it in our lives!

Choose the God of Blessing & His Money System!

Genesis 26:12 NASB Now Isaac **sowed** in that land **and reaped** in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him,

1. God's system always includes _____ & _____ .

Isaac believed that he was in the line of blessing through his father Abraham. He decided to employ the same system that his father had used. He decided that the God of his father, Abraham, was his God as well. So he sowed & God blessed him too & he reaped!

Galatians 3:8-9 NASB The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." (9) So then those who are of faith are **blessed** with Abraham, the believer.

2. We are _____ through the promise to Abraham too! If we will employ God's spiritual system of finances, we'll receive those same blessings!

Genesis 26:2 NASB The LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land [**place**] of which I shall tell you. (see also 1 Cor. 12:18)

3. Blessings are in the _____ where God plants you!

Genesis 26:13-16 NASB and the man became **rich**, and continued to grow richer until he became very **wealthy**; (14) for he had possessions of flocks and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. (15) Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up by filling them with earth. (16) Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are too **powerful** for us."

4. When Isaac gave himself to God & God's money system AND he became RICH & became VERY _____ !
5. The context of this passage is NOT spiritually rich. It is materially _____ , possessions, flocks, herds, etc... today we would say money!
6. A NORMAL blessing of God in finances makes the world say that "you are TOO _____ "!

3 John 1:2 NASB Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may **prosper** and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

7. God desires that you _____ in EVERY area as you spiritually prosper! Always understand that we need to grow in Jesus & keep His things as our priority!

1 Samuel 2:30 NASB ...but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me--for those who honor Me I will **honor**, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.

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How many people are having their eyes opened so far in this series?

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