

**Devotion 13**  
**God Will Do His Part (#1)**

**Friday, Week 2**

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." (2 Corinthians 9:8-9)*

Pastor Brad Cusson shares this experience: "Upon high school graduation, the plan was for me to move down to Newport Beach with a couple of my friends, get a job, go to school, and play football at Orange Coast College, a very respected Junior College. It was all working out fine, until the grocery store I worked at said they would not let me work the shorter hours once the football season started. Well, I struggled with it. I quit the job and continued playing while I looked for another job to get me through, but to no avail. Being rather independent, it never entered my mind that the coach would do something for me, so I simply walked into the coach's office and told him I had to quit. I started back at the store the next day. Years later, a friend of mine took an Athletic Training course taught by the coach. On a whim, my friend mentioned my name to him. Amazingly, the coach remembered me and said, "He should never have quit. Why did he?" Upon hearing the reason, he said, "Why didn't he tell us? We get jobs for kids all the time! We could easily have provided a job for him!"

God will provide. Do you know this? Do you believe it? I think perhaps one of the greatest barriers we have to living lives of Christian stewardship is the fear that, somehow, we won't have enough. But God does not call us to be paupers. Rather, He calls us to be managers—stewards—of all He has given us. Yet, it seems to me that what often drives our stewardship decision making is not a firm trust in the provision of God, but rather doubt—unbelief, if you will—that God will indeed provide both for us and through us for the work of His kingdom. If this is true for you, read through the above text one more time. It really is a powerful promise. It says simply that by grace (God's undeserved love showered down upon us) "*in all things at all times*" we will have all that we *need*. Quite a promise! And why is this so? So that we might abound in every good work in our lives of stewardship!

One more thing: Our text says God scatters "*His gifts to the poor*" (those who are in physical want and need). Spiritually, the poor are also you and I. Each of us was born into the abject poverty of sin, totally cut off from the riches of life with God. But thanks be to God, Jesus became poor for us that we might be rich in Him! If He did this "while we were still His enemies," how much more will He provide us with all we need "*so that we might abound in every good work*" in our lives of Christian stewardship!

**Prayer:** Dearest Jesus, Thank You for showering us with all the gifts of salvation through Your death and resurrection. Empower us also to trust Your promise of provision in our lives of stewardship and to act on it. In Your name we pray. Amen.