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## **Introduction**

God is the God of all Truth, who *cannot* lie. Our life and eternity depend on taking what God says in His Word seriously.

- God *is* who He says He is.
- God *says* what He means.
- God *means* what He says.
- God *does* what He says.

### **Proverbs 4:20-22 (NLT)**

Pay attention, my child, to what I say. Listen carefully. Don't lose sight of my words. Let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning.

### **Scripture Versions Used**

The Amplified Bible (TAB)  
New International Version (NIV)  
New King James (NKJ)  
New Living Translation (NLT)  
*Key words **bolded** by author*

## **Every means EVERY**

**EVERY:** each, individually and separately; all that there could be

**Proverbs 30:5 (NLT)**

*Every* word of God proves true. He defends all who come to him for protection.

**II Timothy 3:16, 17 (NIV)**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for *every* good work.

**James 1:17 (NKJ)**

*Every* good gift and *every* perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

**Hebrews 12:1b, 2a (NKJ)**

Let us lay aside *every* weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

*EVERY person who does not know what God said in His Word of Truth, walks in spiritual darkness and will be deceived by lies.*

## **First means FIRST**

**FIRST:** precedes all others in series, rank, quality, importance, time, etc.

**Matthew 22:37, 38 (NIV)**

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the *first* and greatest commandment.”

**1 Timothy 2:1a, 3 (NLT)**

I urge you, *first* of all, to pray for all people. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

**Proverbs 3:9 (NKJ)**

Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the *first* fruits of all your increase.

**James 3:17a (NLT)**

The wisdom that comes from heaven is *first* of all pure.

**Matthew 6:33 (NKJ)**

Seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

*God knows that nothing works well, when we don't put Him FIRST.*

## **One means ONE**

**ONE:** single in kind, not two or more

### **I Timothy 2:5, 6a (NLT)**

There is only *one* God and *one* Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

### **John 14:6 (NLT)**

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No *one* can come to the Father except through me.”

### **Ephesians 4:4-6 (NKJ)**

There is *one* body and *one* Spirit, just as you were called in *one* hope of your calling; *one* Lord, *one* faith, *one* baptism; *one* God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **John 17:21 (NLT)**

My prayer for all of them is that they will be *one*, just as you and I are *one*, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.

*Religions say that there are many gods and many ways to God. According to what God says, are they right?*

## **Ask means ASK**

**ASK:** make a request, inquire

**James 4:2b, 3a (NIV)**

You do not have, because you do not *ask* God. When you *ask*, you do not receive, because you *ask* with wrong motives.

**I John 3:21, 22 (NIV)**

If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we *ask*, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

**James 1:6, 7 (NLT)**

But when you *ask* him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. People like that should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

**Mark 11:24b (NIV)**

Whatever you *ask* for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

*God wants us to ASK Him for even the things He promised us, so he can grant them to us. But remember, to wish for is different from ASKING for. And ASKING for is different from believing to receive it.*

## **Believe means BELIEVE**

**BELIEVE:** accept as true and real; trust with confidence, conviction and commitment

**John 3:16, 18 (NIV)**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever *believes* in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Whoever *believes* in him is not condemned, but whoever does not *believe* stands condemned already because he has not *believed* in the name of God's one and only Son.

**John 8:24b (NLT)**

Jesus said: For unless you *believe* that I am who I say I am, you will die in your sins.

**John 6:28, 29 (NIV)**

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to *believe* in the one he has sent."

**Mark 11:23b (NLT)**

All that's required is that you really *believe* and do not doubt in your heart.

***BELIEVE does not mean mere intellectual acknowledgement, but a conviction of the heart that something is absolutely true.***

## **If means IF**

IF: on the condition that, supposing that

**John 15:7 (NKJ)**

*If* you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**1 John 5:14b, 15 (NIV)**

*If* we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And *if* we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

**John 11:40 (NKJ)**

Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that *if* you would believe you would see the glory of God?”

**Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest *if* we do not give up.

**Matthew 16:25 (NLT)**

*If* you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But *if* you give up your life for me, you will find true life.

*God did not promise to give us whatever we ask for, IF we don't meet His conditions.*

## **Cast means CAST**

**CAST:** throw with force, fling, hurl out

**Psalms 55:22 (TAB)**

*Cast* your burden on the Lord (releasing the weight of it) and He will sustain you; He will never allow the (consistently) righteous to be moved—made to slip, fall or fail.

**I Peter 5:7 (TAB)**

*Casting* the whole of your care—all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all—on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully.

**II Corinthians 10:5 (NKJ)**

*Casting* down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

**Romans 13:12b, 14 (NKJ)**

Therefore let us *cast* off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.

*God did not mean CAST like a yoyo, with a string attached.*

## **Wait means WAIT**

**WAIT:** be still within, while eagerly expecting and patiently looking with anticipation

**Isaiah 64:4b (NIV)**

God acts on behalf of those who *wait* for him.

**Psalms 37:7a (NLT)**

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and *wait* patiently for Him to act.

**Isaiah 40:31 (NKJ)**

Those who *wait* on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**Philippians 3:20, 21a (NKJ)**

Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly *wait* for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body.

**Romans 8:25 (NLT)**

If we look forward to something we don't have yet, we must *wait* patiently and confidently.

***WAIT doesn't mean to do nothing. It means to faithfully do only what God says to do.***

## **Nothing means NOTHING**

**NOTHING:** not anything, no part, no trace, without exceptions, zero

**Philippians 4:6 (NKJ)**

Be anxious for *nothing*, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

**Philippians 2:3 (NIV)**

Do *nothing* out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

**Luke 1:37a (TAB)**

For with God *nothing* is ever impossible.

**John 6:63 (NIV)**

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for *nothing*. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

**John 15:5 (NKJ)**

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do *nothing*.

*Unless we trust and obey God, we can do NOTHING that counts for eternity.*

## **Heal means HEAL**

**HEAL:** cure, rid of disease, make well, make whole in health

**Isaiah 53:4a, 5b (NKJ)**

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...and by His stripes we are *healed*.

**I Peter 2:24 (NIV)**

He (Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been *healed*.

**Matthew 4:24b (NKJ)**

They brought to Jesus all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He *healed* them.

**Psalms 103:2, 3 (NIV)**

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and *heals* all your diseases.

**James 5:15a (NLT)**

Prayer offered in faith will *heal* the sick, and the Lord will make them well.

*Jesus still HEALS today.*

## **All means ALL**

**ALL:** everyone, entirely, no exceptions, 100%

### **Romans 3:23, 24, 25b (NLT)**

For *all* have sinned; *all* fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.

### **I John 1:9 (NIV)**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from *all* unrighteousness.

### **Psalms 145:9 (NIV)**

The LORD is good to *all*; he has compassion on *all* he has made.

### **II Peter 3:9b (NKJ)**

The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that *all* should come to repentance.

### **I Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)**

Give thanks in *all* circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

*When God says ALL, He doesn't mean 99.9%*

## **Grace means GRACE**

**GRACE:** undeserved, unearned favor

### **Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)**

For it is by *grace* you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not of works, so that no one can boast.

### **II Peter 1:2, 3a (NKJ)**

*Grace* and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

### **II Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)**

God is able to make all *grace* abound toward you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

### **James 4:6b (TAB)**

God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives *grace* continually to the lowly—those who are humble-minded enough to receive it.

*The God of all GRACE has already given us everything we need, but we must humbly receive each thing through faith.*

## **Eternal means ETERNAL**

ETERNAL: forever, never ending

### **John 17:3 (NLT)**

This is the way to have *eternal* life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

### **II Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)**

We know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down—when we die and leave these bodies—we will have a home in heaven, an *eternal* body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

### **Romans 6:23 (NKJ)**

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is *eternal* life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Titus 3:5b-7 (NLT)**

God our Savior washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did. He declared us not guilty because of his great kindness. And now we know that we will inherit *eternal* life.

*True believers “know” they will have ETERNAL life in heaven with Jesus their God and Savior.*

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