

Not One Thing of all Good Things  
(Joshua 23:14)

“Count your blessings, count one by one; you will be surprised to see what God has done”. The experiences of life we register in our minds through its pages are the ones that stand stronger. For some reason we tend to concentrate on the negative experiences more than on the positive ones; it is if we took those for granted, while we concentrated only on our pain and sorrow. The word of God gives us a recipe to overcome that in Philippians 4:8. It reads, For the rest, brethren, **whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them]**. To look back is not always recommended, except to bring back God’s blessings while we are in the valley of despair. The Lord always reminded Israel of His faithfulness when in time of trouble. In Isaiah 46:3-4 He said, Listen to Me, house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been sustained from the womb, carried along since birth. I will be the same until your old age, and I will bear you up when you turn gray. I have made you, and I will carry you; I will bear and save you. The Lord Who created us, has sustained us from the womb and carried us along since our birth; He assures us that He will be the same until our old age and will carry us when we turn gray. In short, He Who has made us, He will carry and He will save us in whatever circumstance we find ourselves to be. He is the same- never changing, ever present and ready to deliver us.

Joshua, before he died, summoned Israel to give them his last words and remind them of God’s faithfulness. He said, And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth; **know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one thing of them has failed** (Joshua 23:14). Joshua reminded Israel that not one thing of all good things had failed them. In retrospect, when we count our blessings, we will be able to assert God’s faithfulness from the small to the greater blessings. God’s faithfulness is to us as it was for Israel. Before YAHSHUA’S trials and His ascension to heaven He promised to be with us till the end; this wonderful promise has been fulfilled in the person of His HOLY SPIRIT. Even though sometimes we seemly feel alone in our pain and sorrow; but it is far from the truth. In the quietness of our heart we can hear His voice and feel His presence fulfilling His promise to us. He said, In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world! He blessed us with faith, He has given us His joy for our strength, so we can say, I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength. Without a doubt, we must go through fire, and through water, without them hurting us, for He is the Lord, our God. Not one thing of all the good things promised to us has failed us. See in your past experience the many blessings and you will be reminded of God’s faithfulness in your present trial. When we overlook the small blessings, as we look for the big ones, we will miss the road of contentment because we position ourselves outside of God’s will, opening the door for doubt to fill our minds. It will surely rob us of our faith and loneliness will take over. If we earnestly remember the deeds of the Lord in our favor, we would have the faith to sustain us in our present trial. If the Word of God said, and I believe

it to be true, then I must proclaim His faithfulness to all in the midst of my tribulation with worship and praises to Him, declaring His glory and His greatness, ascribing to Him the glory due Him, for He is faithful and His word will never fail to be fulfilled in my life. Just like Job did when emerged in his trials. He said, For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last He will stand upon the earth, and after my skin, even this body, has been destroyed, then from my flesh or without it I shall see God, Whom I, even I, shall see for myself and on my side! And my eyes shall behold Him, and not as a stranger (Job19:25-27a)!

Leaning on the promises of God, we will live by faith and hope will be strengthened, because the Just shall live by faith; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him (Heb. 10: 38b). In the midst of trial God's promises never fail; our spiritual eyes must see to embrace them and plant them in our heart, in order to produce fruit which will result in bringing glory to the goodness and faithfulness of His name. Godliness accompanied with contentment is great and abundant gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and obviously we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content (I Tim. 6:6-8). Contentment is a state in which the mind is completely satisfied, because gratitude is planted deeply in the soul; gratitude is the essence and foundation for contentment; and as long as gratitude resides in the heart, there will always be contentment registered in the attitude of a person. Gratitude to God springs forth with songs of praise and worship. We are truly blessed with His mercy, His love and His compassion; they never fail us, no never! In fact even our breath depends on them; Our God never sleeps and He makes sure that His mercy and loving-kindness are renewed every morning for us. Every morning, at the opening of our eyes, His faithfulness envelops us with His promises and not one of them has failed. Let's taste the faithfulness of the Lord by putting our trust in Him and in His word; and we will see that He is indeed good! Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known His doings among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on and talk of all His wondrous works and devoutly praise them! Remember the marvelous deeds which He has done; declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples, for great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all so-called gods; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever (Chronicles 16)! Search your heart to confirm that not one of the good things promised to you has failed. In time and in its season all promises will come to pass for those who trust in the promises of God.