If This, Then That

Many Of Gods Blessings Are Conditional

- If we wait, then God provides. (Psalm 27:14; Psalm 37:7; Isaiah 40:31)
- If we **trust**, then God directs. (Psalm 25:1-3; Psalm 62:8; Proverbs 3:5-6)
- If we **commit**, then God establishes. (Proverbs 16:3; Psalm 37:5; Psalm 90:17)
- If we **obey**, then God blesses. (Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 7:12; I Chronicles 28:7; Psalm 25:10)
- If we **delight** in Him, then God grants His favor. (Psalm 37:4; Psalm 84:11; Psalm 112:1)
- If we **endure**, then God will reward. (Galatians 6:9; James 1:12)

The promise land was not an **if then** proposition to the Israelite slaves

Exodus 6:8

8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord."

Yet while in the wilderness

The **If Then** chapter

Deuteronomy 28:1-15

28 If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. **2** All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

- 3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.
- 4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.
- 5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.
- 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

7 The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

8 The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

9 The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him. **10** Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. **11** The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

12 The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. 13 The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. 14 Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

15 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees, I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

The fruit of the Spirit is God's blessing the If Then

What must I do?

Notice Jesus

Luke 22:42

42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Commit To Do God's Will As Primary Priority

If I want the outcome of the then I must comply with the If

James 1:22-25

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Why Does It Work?

Natural Man Functions Best Within The Designing Engineers Parameters

Ephesians 5:18

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

The Message Translation

18-20 Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.

Man Living In Obedience Is Supercharged By God's Spirit

Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

Samson

Judges 14:5-6

Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother. When he got to the vineyards of Timnah, a young lion came at him, roaring. The Spirit of God came on him powerfully and he ripped it open barehanded, like tearing a young goat. But he didn't tell his parents what he had done.

Acts 1:8 (New International Version)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

If You Will Read, Study, Meditate Focused On One Question What Does This Tell Me To Do?

Then do it, God will always bless you