



## STANDING ON THE PROMISES (Part 3) Inheriting the Promises

In this lesson you will learn how to inherit the promises of God and what would keep you from receiving the promises. To inherit the promises you need to use the four simple parts of faith: receiving the Word of God, believing it in your heart, speaking it with your mouth, and acting with corresponding actions.

- I. Faith and patience are the keys to inheriting the promises of God.
  - A. Hebrews 6:11 – “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end.” “Diligence”
    1. Means to have focused attention, to achieve, to fulfill, and to do the duties required.
  - B. Hebrews 6:12 – “That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
    1. “Sluggish” means lazy, apathetic, slothful, indifferent, lukewarm, or complacent.
    2. “Patience” is steadfastness, endurance, not quitting, staying with it.
- II. It takes joy and strength to stand on the promises.
  - A. Nehemiah 8:10 – “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Joy and strength are vital to obtaining the promises of God. You need to focus on the promises, not the problems.
- III. Abraham received the promises of God by faith.
  - A. Romans 4:1-4 – Abraham did not become righteous or receive the blessings by the law or genealogy but by faith.
  - B. Romans 4:13-25 – Abraham received faith by grace, in hope he believed, he was not weak in faith, he did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God. You are not the weak getting weaker but the strong getting stronger.
  - C. Galatians 3:13-14,29 – “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law ... that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles Christ Jesus that we might receive in the promise of the Spirit through faith... And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When did you learn that it takes both faith and patience to inherit the promises?
- What area of your life are you focusing on the promise and not the problem?
- Share how you are operating in faith and patience to inherit the promises.

### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Confess this: *I’m an heir through my faith in Christ to all that God promised to Abraham and his seed. And I intend to inherit the promises through faith and patience.*

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:** Hebrews 6:12 – “That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”