

Flourishing in the Rain 6

Flourishing by Receiving Grace

How to receive more enabling grace and favor in our life, business and relationships by receiving and releasing grace and receive MORE grace - increasing our mentality and capacity to receive more!

INC the Rain of His Blessings and Miracles – how form? - **att**

Att more imp than keys or laws

1 - Be **grateful** and **thankful** – what have
2. Never grow **wearry** of doing good

How – live **one day** at a time

Stressed – more **creative**

3. **Let go** – Let God - Flourish – even in setbacks

no matter - can never

Key: Ps 37:5

5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, ... he will act. ESV

Heb: roll over – let go

Do not **give up** on the **promise** – let go – strive control

Let go – control, strive – **gd goals**

Good to have goals – don't let it steal joy – **happy – whatever**

Oh if find husband happy – next – if I get rid of husband

- Takes away **power** of enemy – to trust us

– **mark - college - marry**

You desire to attend certain **college** – course – not happen – still be happy

Marry – not happen – still going to enjoy life – **child - phone**

He shall act - not way planned - in **amazing way**

– trouble - **qualify**

Allow – may not be the way you **planned** - in **amazing way**

this trouble just **qualify** me for **double**

How to **receive more grace - NOT**

What is the meaning of grace?

Grace – something aesthetic – nice, charming, attractive, courteous – oh I don't like those lady staff – **power!**

2 Timothy 2:1

Then my child, you be **empowered** by grace in Christ Jesus. LITV

Supernat power to do **supernat** – gifts of

Spirit – gifts of grace – wisdom,

discernment, miracles, healing

Supernat **favor** – receive much more –

ability – connection

Luke 7:36-48

Two – one sinner – unlikely – one teacher of the Jewish law

Phari asked Jesus – eat – **wo came** – sinner - **IF**

– brought exp perfume – stood behind weeping – wash feet with tears – wipe it with hair – anointed feet with oil

If he were a prophet – know what kind of lady

Simon – 2 debtors – 5000 – 500 – release - Which **love him more**

47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." NKJV

Forgiven **little - unfair?** – so loved the world

He himself didn't see – need of forgiveness

Context: He really need grace

No – **water kiss oil**

Came in – no water to wash feet – tears

No kiss – not ceased kissing feet since come in

Not oil – head – anointed – perfume

Simon – **didn't receive** – full of grace)

becos – cant **release** grace

Didn't **release** grace – **can't** receive **more** grace – **Dead sea - LITTLE**

Matt 25:29-30

29 For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough; but

... the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. TEV

Often it's the little grace – receive and

release – easy say – cross mt – win a

convert – hard on waiter think rude –

cashier not courteous

Talking of the servants didn't receive grace – using their talents:

How to receive more? Receive and release grace and receive MORE grace!

1. Steer clear from a critical spirit

Matt 7:1-2

Judge not, that you be not judged. NKJV

A critical spirit **block** the flow of grace in your life

City – 53 – signed petition – protest against

reckless driving - TV EV

– police set watch – few nites – 5

transgressors – all signed

Rom 14:4

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And **he will stand**, for the Lord **is able** to make him stand. NIV

When is it right to judge correctly?

You not **called** to **correct** and **straighten** the mistakes of **everyone**

Unfortunately, sometimes, people do that just make them feel good

Before you correct anyone – ask is it **my responsibility** – is it **necessary**
- lot of thing – what we think as **so imp** – will be corrected in God's **way** and time **table**

But some peo – **called** to judge:
Called to be a **Judge - Leaders** – discern – **boss** – judge discern - employ right peo – appraisal – **parent**

Not mean – rod all the time – sometimes, kids may be ill or needing attention – not discipline by laws but by the spirit – discernment

Miriam - Eli

In case of Miriam – not her resp

In case of Eli – becos didn't correct – lost his calling – their calling

Didn't correct themselves or those within their resp – start going around correcting others
Speak truth in love – timing – private

John 7:24

24 Do not judge according to appearance. NKJV

A **retired** couple holding hands as they walked along.

how delighted – see u so romantic at this age. – always holds when out shopping – old man whisper to ear - had to – let go – she shops

Prejudice – pre judge – label judge people - by what we can **see**:

We judge with prejudice – **hair – smoker - tatoo**

Oh he smokes - he is a **sinner**

Don't you know – body - temple

Ya but – some of us – way we **eating** – also destroying temple

Sick need doc

Museum – hosp for sinners

Long hair – Jesus – Moses – Charleston Hesston - long hair

Young man – tattoo all over – rough life – turn around – thinking to remove – told pas want to remove - ask why – new friends will accept

The pas gave gd advice – if new friends wont accept you the way you are – need to find other friends

That does not mean – OK to tattoo – already got it

– don't feel must get rid of it – to **gain** approval - already **accepted** in the beloved

We judge with prejudice - diff skin **colour** - color is only skin deep – **1/16** – 0.06 inch - blood is red

When I am born – black; grow up – black, in the sun I am black, sick – black; die – I am black

And you - When you born – pink, grow up – white, cold blue – sick blue, die – green and you dare call me coloured
What **race** Jesus ? **Light** of world – every colour

Learn – **enjoy diff, uniqueness - MISS**

Psa 139 14

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully [worshipfully, amazingly] and wonderfully [separately, uniquely, distinctly] made.
– what God has for you

2. Allow room for people to be a little human

How to make allowances for people's shortcomings?

Colossians 3:13

You must make **allowances** for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. **REMEMBER, the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others.** NLT

Your mum, dad, sis, bro, boss, staff – not perfect

Farmer – **boy** – buy puppy – 39 cents

Ok just select – playing with a few – saw one with a broken back leg

Immed drawn – that's – surprise

– never run - play – roll

Steel brace – one leg – I don't run well – this puppy – understand

Simon – think he is righteous but all of us – somewhat have a broken leg somewhere - **shortcomings**

Ephesians 4:2

Be humble and gentle. Be **PATIENT** with each other making **allowances** for each other's faults because of your love.

How to make allowances

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed **time** ... NIV

Not mean **condone** evil, **compromise** but with patience **accept** them while **being** changed – **process** – **How come** – so long

Gal 6:1

Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. NLT

How come still same – God not **finished** – give God **time**

Mushroom – durian tree; 6 hr – 65 yrs

That **girl** – **weird** - dressed like that – coming to ch

As least she came - rather here – than street - clubs

When God wants to make a mushroom, He takes six hours. When He wants to make an oak tree, He takes sixty years.

John – while being transformed – if look halfway - disappointed - called fire – apostle of love!

Jesus accepted him – while – still in the process!

1 **Corinthians 13:7**

LOVE is always ready to make **allowances**.

1 **Cor 13:4-8**

4 Love is patient and kind. 5 Love does not **demand** its own way. Love is not **irritable**, and it keeps **no record** of when it has been wronged. ... 7 Love never **gives up**, never **loses faith**, is always **hopeful**, and **endures** through every circumstance. 8 Love will **last** forever, NLT

One way help – allow accept – **understand** the **battles** – struggles – they going thru – und **stories** – try - walk in their **shoes**

Only see - as being - **rude, unfriendly**, Oh he's a **divorcee, drug addict**

Do you know how **raised – struggles – challenges – battles – wrong done on them**

You come from **good** background - **rich**

They - dysfunctional fam – hardly see mum and dad – passed to fam to fam – lots of pain and insecurity

As you that - **guy** – look - so hard going thru a divorce – handling kids hosp - rebellious

You – encounter with a **rude** cashier

It was – wrong – should not act that way – Baby hosp – husb – laid off

If someone – talk about you – go **against** you – draw a circle to **exclude** you – you be the bigger person – draw a bigger circle and include him

People against grace message – often don't know how to receive grace like Simon – may be a broken past – or never exp what grace means

If take time – **know** story – **much more** forgiving – forbearing

May be you will be just like – if you are walking in their shoe

Mrs **Thomson** – teaching a class – where - **Teddy Stallard** – 5 grade – boy she didn't like

– didn't seem **interested** – staring in air – **hair** dirty – **cloths** unkept - her birthday - **presents** – wrap – **brown** paper

– old looking bracelet half stones missing – bottle cheap perfume – like it – smell just like - mum

Touched - find out more

1st grade – gd att but poor hm situ - mother ill

2nd grade – mother dies

3rd grade – father no interest

Now – teach – look not eyes of judgment – personal challenge

turning point – not just a teacher – but God's agent-committed to love – do the extras

Years later – many **letters**

1 – graduate – 2nd high sch;

2 - college – 1st;

3 - I am now a dr

4 - I want you to be the first to know – going to be married – love the honor to have you seat - where mo sit if she is alive

Receive Grace and you'll be able to release Grace

Receive grace – **easy** to release grace – **Peter** – **John** - **Mary**

Peter – focus on – what do – forsake

John – Mary – at the foot of cross

God places you in this world not to judge and condemn but to release healing, hope and restoration.

College drop out – wild hair – Torn T shirt – holes – gave heart to Christ

One day decided to go particular chu

Packed with very distinguish peo – walk in late – no seat – horror of horror – floor

All of sudden college – **chief** deacon – walk down – distinguish – expensive suit – thinking correct him – slowly – walked down – sit with the young man

Pas – the sermon you heard remember till next Sat - sermon – saw remember rest of life

Verge of suicide, notorious motorcycle gang – all kinds of drugs

– give God a chance – ch – happened – front seat – cant remember a word – felt the warm of God's love – ushers – song – atmosphere – car park – kneel – leader of a motorcycle gang – leading hundreds to chr