## THE LIFE GOD BLESSES THANKSGIVING 2018 – A SEASON OF BLESSING PT 3 Harlyn Matson Nov 25, 2018

### Four Pitfalls on Your Path to Blessing & the Solution.

# 1. PITFALL: Cultural Distractions

### SOLUTION: Be Different

"A man's life doesn't consist of the abundance of things he possesses." Luke 12:15

"You cannot serve God and money at the same time." Matthew 6:24

God observed all the corruption in the world, and he saw violence and depravity everywhere." Gen. 6:12 (NLT)

*"When God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the <u>trend and direction</u> of <i>men's lives were only towards evil, he was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart."* Gen. 6:5-6 (LB)

"When the son of man comes again it will be like it was when Noah lived." Luke 17:26

"But Noah <u>was different</u>. God liked what he saw in Noah." Gen. 6:8 (MSG) "Noah was a pleasure to the Lord." (LB)

2. PITFALL: Voices of Doubt

SOLUTION: Read God's Word Everyday

*"There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."* Proverbs 14:12

"The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9

*"It was by faith that <u>Noah heard</u> God's warnings <u>about things he could not yet see</u>." Heb. 11:7a (NCV)* 

"We don't look at troubles that we can see right now. Instead we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For troubles we see will soon be over but the unseen joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18 "My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

"Can two people walk together if they don't agree?" Amos 3:3

"Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil because you are with me." Psalm 23:4

# 3. PITFALL: <u>Tempting Shortcuts</u>

SOLUTION: Obey God

The entire Book of Proverbs: Ethical, Moral, Financial, Spiritual, Relational

### 4. PITFALL: <u>Discouraging Delays</u>

SOLUTION: Refuse To Give Up On The Word God Has Given Me.

"Noah <u>trusted God</u>. When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah <u>believed</u> him even though there was <u>no sign</u> of a flood..." Heb. 11:7a (LB)

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right. For after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9

"...<u>By his faith</u>, Noah showed that <u>the world was wrong</u>, and he became one of those who are <u>made right with God through faith</u>." Heb. 11:7b (NCV)

"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Gen. 6:8 (KJV)

"God is looking for people to bless." 2 Chronicles 16:9

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, that he may show himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him." 2 Chronicles 16:9