

# **GOD DOES MORE THAN YOU EXPECT, Part 1**

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## **Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)**

**<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Ephesians 3:20-21 (MSG)**

**<sup>20</sup> God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.**

**<sup>21</sup> Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!**

## **Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Passion)**

**<sup>20</sup>Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.**

## **Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Passion)**

**<sup>21</sup>Now we offer up to God all the glorious praise that rises from every church in every generation through Jesus Christ—and all that will yet be manifest through time and eternity. Amen!**

# **I. BE AWARE OF THE DEVIL'S WORK**

## **John 8:44 (NKJV)**

**44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

## **John 10:10a (NKJV)**

**<sup>10</sup> The thief does not  
come except to steal, and  
to kill, and to destroy**

**Thief: Kleptes—a stealer**

**Steal: klepto—to filch, to steal**

**Kill: Thyo—to breathe hard, to blow, smoke, slaughter for any purpose**

**Destroy: apollymi--destroy fully, perish, lose**

## **JOHN 10:10<sub>B</sub> (NKJV)**

**I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

***CONFUSION AND STRIFE ARE  
THE DEVIL'S TOOLS...***

***CAST HIM OUT AND  
REIGN IN JESUS!***

## **1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV)**

***33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace...***

## **2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)**

**7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

## **James 3:16-17 (NKJV)**

**<sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy**

**II. JESUS IS IN CHARGE—  
*EXPRESS HIS DOMINION!***

**Luke 19:13**

***Occupy till I come***

***KINGDOM LIVING is not  
running in agitation and  
fear, but to transform life  
and living with the  
presence of Jesus***

## **Isaiah 59:19 (NKJV)**

**19 ...When the enemy comes in, like a flood The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.**

## **James 4:7 (NKJV)**

**7 Therefore submit to God.  
Resist the devil and he  
will flee from you.**

## **James 4:7 (MSG)**

**7 So let God work his will  
in you. Yell a loud no to  
the Devil and watch him  
scamper.**

# **1 Corinthians 2:16 (NKJV)**

**16 But we have the  
mind of Christ.**

## **Romans 5:17b (NKJV)**

**...those who receive  
abundance of grace and of  
the gift of righteousness  
will reign in life through the  
One, Jesus Christ.**

## **Romans 5:17b (NLT)**

**17 ... even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.**

**III. REMEMBER, JESUS  
WINS AND *YOU REIGN IN  
LIFE IN HIM!***

# **ACTS 8:1-3 NKJV**

**<sup>1</sup> Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup> As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.**

## **ACTS 8:4 NKJV**

**4 Therefore those  
who were scattered  
went everywhere  
preaching the word.**

## **ACTS 8: 5-7 NKJV**

**<sup>5</sup> Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. <sup>6</sup> And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.**

## **ACTS 8: 8 NKJV**

**8 And there was  
great joy in that city.**

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YOU EXPECT!***