God’s way of blessing His people often involves testing their faithfulness. He rarely gives all His gifts or responsibilities at once. Instead, He starts small, observing how we handle what we receive. When He sees genuine faithfulness and integrity, He rewards us with greater blessings. This principle is rooted in Scripture and aligns with God’s character as a just and wise Father.

Example 1: Joshua the High Priest

In Zechariah 3:6-7, God speaks to Joshua, the high priest after the exile:

> “Then the angel of the LORD said to Joshua, ‘...If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.’”

The promise to Joshua was conditional—his faithful obedience was a prerequisite for greater responsibility and intimacy with God. This reflects a core biblical principle: faithfulness precedes promotion (Luke 16:10):

> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...”

Just as not everyone can approach a nation’s president without invitation or authority, only those who are faithful gain closeness to God. This is not about earning salvation, but about stewardship and the honor of greater service in God’s kingdom.

Scripture lists faithful servants who stood near God—Abraham (Matthew 8:11), Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Job, David, the apostles, and others—highlighting that God rewards faithfulness with fellowship and authority in His presence.

Example 2: William Branham

William Branham’s story is a modern-day example of God’s reward for faithfulness. Born in 1909 in humble circumstances, Branham received divine visions early in life. Despite hardships, including personal loss, he remained committed to God.

One night, an angel revealed to him his divine calling and

promised gifts including healing and spiritual discernment. God’s gifts are always tied to responsibility and require perseverance (1 Corinthians 4:2):

> “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

Branham demonstrated such faithfulness, performing miracles, preaching a message of repentance and holiness, and challenging denominational divisions. His ministry is a powerful example of how God uses faithful servants to prepare His church, especially in the Laodicean era (Revelation 3:14-22).

Stewardship and Faithfulness

Faithfulness is a key theme in biblical. God entrusts His people with gifts, callings, and opportunities as stewards (1 Peter 4:10). How we manage what we receive reflects our relationship with God and determines future blessings (Matthew 25:21):

> “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful

> with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”

Failure to be faithful leads to loss of blessing and influence. Examples include King Saul’s disobedience (1 Samuel 15) and Jeroboam’s pride (1 Kings 12).

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