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## **GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY**

**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)**

The concept of **ALL IN HIS TIME** reminds us that our Triune God is all powerful and has perfect timing. In other words, He is ABLE. In this letter to the saints in Corinth, St. Paul was praising their generosity to Christians in Jerusalem who were in dire need. He reminds them to give cheerfully and without anxiety as God would bless them abundantly with everything that they needed.

About 20 years ago, our family experienced financial hardship. I literally walked around with a single dollar in my purse most days. We had trouble meeting our basic expenses. During that time, St. John's adult education featured a stewardship course. One Sunday, driving home, Chuck and I decided to step out in faith and start tithing. It was life changing. God blessed us abundantly in ways that we could never have expected; all of our earthly needs were met. But we experienced more as our faith increased a great deal as we learned to trust God's generosity, ability and perfect timing. We learned that these blessings are not only material but spiritual as well.

This verse promises us that we will always have ALL that we need to abound in good works. This assurance is what makes the Christian life one of peace and not anxiety, no matter what we face. But we have to remember that the timetable is not ours, but His.

***Prayer:*** *Dear Heavenly Father, We live in a chaotic world and face daily challenges. Keep us ever mindful that You are all powerful and all-knowing and able to provide us with everything that we need, all in Your time! Amen*

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