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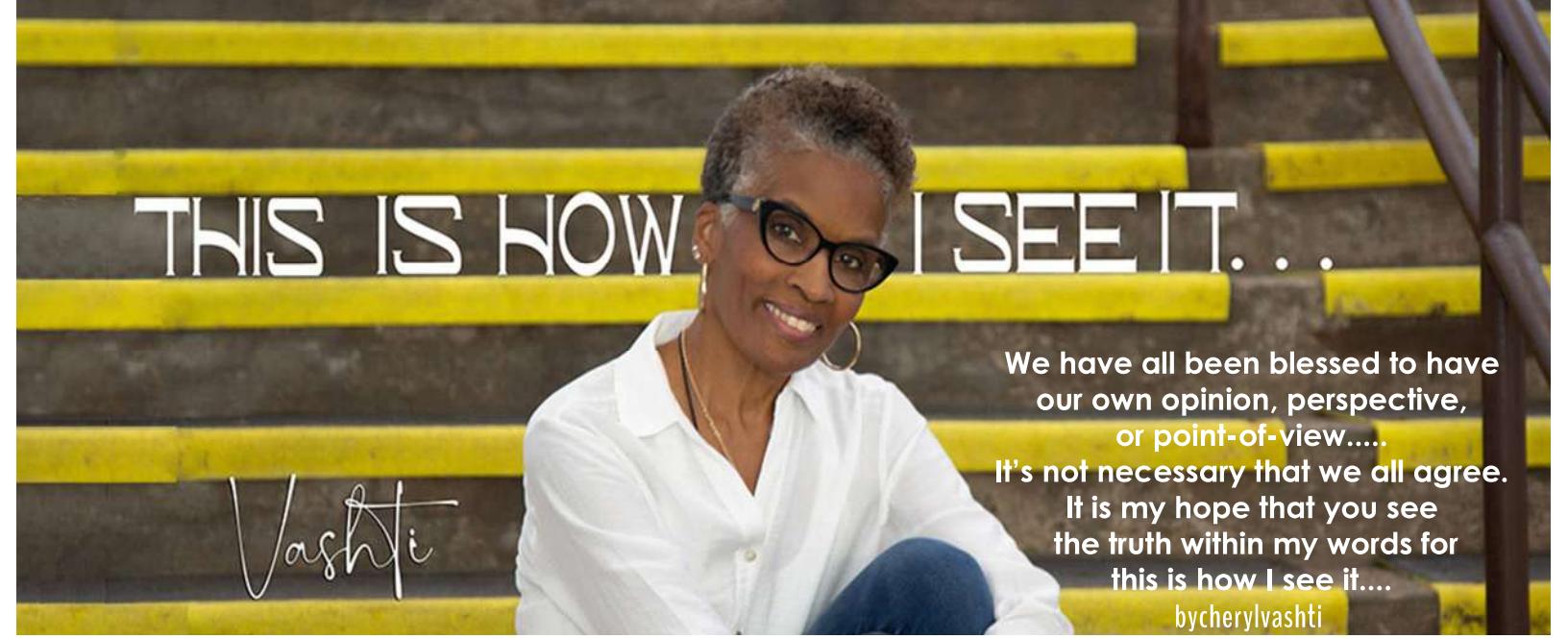
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We have all been blessed to have
our own opinion, perspective,
or point-of-view.....

It's not necessary that we all agree.

It is my hope that you see
the truth within my words for
this is how I see it....

bycherylvashiti

WHEN THE FRUIT DOESN'T MATCH THE FAITH: “EXPOSING THE GAP BETWEEN BELIEF AND BEHAVIOR”

There is a verse in 1 Peter 4:18 that lingers with weight: “**And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**” At first glance, this might sound discouraging, as though salvation for the righteous is barely attainable. But this scripture doesn’t imply doubt about God’s power to save. Rather, it points to the difficulty and seriousness of walking out a righteous life in a world that often resists truth.

The word “scarcely” in Greek is *molís* — meaning with difficulty, through struggle. It doesn’t mean unlikely or almost lost. It means that the path is narrow, the cost is high, and the journey is refining. Even Jesus said, “narrow is the way that leads to life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:14).

What does righteousness look like when it’s costly? What does it mean to live surrendered when obedience hurts?

Righteousness looks like choosing to forgive when betrayal has pierced the heart. It’s a wife who forgives her husband after an affair not because it’s easy, but because she chooses God’s healing over bitterness. Hard looks like obeying God when it costs you friendships, money, or reputation. It looks like enduring illness without turning bitter because you trust God’s love more than you understand your pain. Hard looks like living with integrity when no one is watching, loving your enemies when every part of your flesh screams for revenge, and remaining silent when slandered, trusting God to vindicate.

Yet some may wonder: Can righteousness ever become so natural that struggle seems absent — as though the Spirit fully overtakes the flesh? Do some believers become so consumed by the Spirit that forgiveness flows like second nature, or peace anchors their soul in chaos?

Yes. That is the power of a truly transformed heart and born-again spirit. When someone

fully accepts God — His love, His truth, and His new heart (Ezekiel 36:26) — they become led by the Spirit instead of ruled by the flesh. For them, the spiritual life is not forced behavior, but natural overflow.

The flesh still exists — but it no longer reigns. Temptation may knock, but it no longer owns the key. These people walk in a level of surrender where their responses reflect the indwelling Christ. Their lives are shaped by grace, not grudges. They pray instead of panic, bless instead of curse, and choose holiness when compromise is easier.

But even for these, the walk of faith still costs something. That's why 1 Peter says "the righteous" still endure struggle. Salvation is a gift, but discipleship demands death to self. So what does it mean when someone claims faith but constantly walks in manipulation, anger, or pride? What do we make of people who are quick to argue, eager to tear down, and yet stand up to preach or lead?

This is often a form of spiritual hypocrisy.

It may also be:

- Religious Hypocrisy — Appearing godly but living contrary to Christ's spirit (Matthew 23).
- Carnal Christianity — Believing in God but still led by the flesh (1 Corinthians 3:3).
- Spiritual Abuse — Using scripture or position to control or dominate others.
- Double-mindedness — Saying one thing, living another (James 1:8).

When the fruit of someone's life (how they love, live, speak, and treat others) doesn't match the faith they profess, it raises a critical question: Are they truly submitted to the Spirit of God?

Jesus said, "By their fruit you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). If those are consistently absent, something deeper than behavior is broken.

Faith isn't proven by preaching. It's proven by how we love when it's hard, how we serve when it costs, and how we respond when we're wronged. The Spirit of Christ leads us to humility, not arrogance — to restoration, not division.

In the end, the righteous may scarcely be saved, not because God is stingy with His grace, but because the path requires continual surrender, spiritual maturity, and fruit that proves the root. May we not just talk about faith. May we live it — in the quiet decisions, the humble apologies, the selfless love.

That's the kind of righteousness that still stands when everything else falls.

This is how I see it.

This Is How I See It!



*"Faith isn't just what we say
—it's what we sow.
When the fruit of our lives
doesn't reflect the faith
we claim, it's time to
examine the root."*

“God’s Unlimited Riches!”

Tapping Into the Overflow of Heaven’s Provision

by michaelgordon

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:19 (KJV)

We serve a God of abundance—a God who is not lacking in anything, nor limited by anyone. From the beginning of time, He has demonstrated His heart to provide. When He created man on the sixth day, He didn’t drop Adam into a barren wasteland. He placed him in a lush garden—Eden—a place of complete sufficiency, where every need was already met before Adam ever knew he had one. That is the nature of our God. Jehovah Jireh—The Lord Will Provide.

God has never been caught off guard by our circumstances. He doesn’t scramble to meet needs after they arise. He sees the end from the beginning. He looks into our lives and prepares provision ahead of time—just as a loving parent stocks the pantry before the child ever feels hunger. His awareness of our needs is not casual—it is intimate, precise, and timely.

In his letter to the believers at Philippi, the Apostle Paul reminds them of this divine truth. He tells them, “My God shall supply all your need—not according to your bank account, not according to your job title, not according to your financial knowledge—but according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

That word “riches” in the original Greek—*ploutos*—is used to describe extreme,

overwhelming wealth. In today’s terms, we might call it “filthy rich,” though there is nothing filthy about God’s glory. Imagine wealth so vast it cannot be measured or diminished. That’s the level of divine provision Paul is describing. A treasury so full, it overflows. A supply so vast, no request can bankrupt it.

Paul wasn’t just speaking theoretically. He was responding to a generous gift from the Philippian church. They had sacrificially supported his ministry, and Paul was reassuring them that they had not lost anything by giving—they had only made room for more. He was reminding them that God is not only a supplier—He is the supplier. And His storehouse is limitless.

But here’s what makes God’s provision even more amazing: it’s not transactional. God isn’t a vending machine, dispensing blessings only when we insert the right offering. He doesn’t wait until we give a certain amount of money, or perform a certain number of good deeds, or reach a level of perfection, before releasing His riches. He blesses us because of who He is—not because of what we do.

Yes, giving matters. Yes, generosity pleases God. But make no mistake: God is the initiator of every blessing. The very ability to give comes from Him. He won’t allow us to be more generous than He is. We cannot out-give God. When we give, it simply aligns us with His heart—it’s a reflection of trust, not a transaction to earn favor.

Sadly, some have distorted this truth. There are churches and ministries that teach people to treat God like a spiritual slot machine: "Sow a big seed and expect a big return." While giving is biblical and powerful, it should never be manipulated. The Bible says clearly that "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms has been given to us in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). That's already done. Already deposited.

So why give? We give because we love. Because we trust. Because we recognize that everything we have came from Him anyway. We give, not to unlock a blessing, but to walk in the flow of His already-released grace. If you're struggling today—if you're feeling lack in any area—take heart. Your Provider sees you. He hasn't forgotten you. His riches haven't run dry. Your name is known in heaven, and your needs are already being met in ways you may not yet see.

God's riches are not just material—they are spiritual, emotional, eternal. His peace, His presence, His wisdom, His healing—all of it flows from the same endless source. And that source is yours in Christ Jesus.

May you rest today in the confidence that your God is not just able—He is willing. He is ready. And He is rich in all that you need.

It's All Greek to Me!

“DIVINE RESISTANCE”

When God Stands in Opposition

by michaelgordon

"...God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."—James 4:6 (KJV)

Throughout the pages of Scripture, one theme echoes loud and clear: God opposes pride. From the fall of Lucifer to the downfall of nations, pride has been the root of rebellion, separation, and divine judgment. Pride doesn't just distance us from God—it causes God to actively resist us.

In James 4:6, the word translated "resists" comes from the Greek word "**antitasso**." It's a powerful term made up of two parts:

"**Anti**" meaning against,
"**Tasso**" meaning to arrange or position.

Together, they paint a sobering picture: God arranges, sets, and aligns Himself against the proud. He literally takes a stand in opposition to those whose hearts are lifted in self-importance, arrogance, or defiance.

Now ask yourself—who are the proud?

They aren't always the loudest people in the room. Sometimes pride hides behind silence. The proud are those who refuse to submit to God's will. They reject correction. They don't repent. They trust in themselves instead of in the One who created them. Pride is subtle—it convinces us we're in control. It whispers, "I've got this," while silencing the deeper cry for help that invites God in.

But here's the good news: God isn't resisting out of cruelty—He's resisting out of love. He knows pride is a wall we build around our hearts, and walls block blessings. Pride closes the door to grace. And grace is what we need most.



The resistance ends. The floodgates open. God says, "Here I am to help you." He lavishes grace—unearned favor—on the humble.

So here's the call:

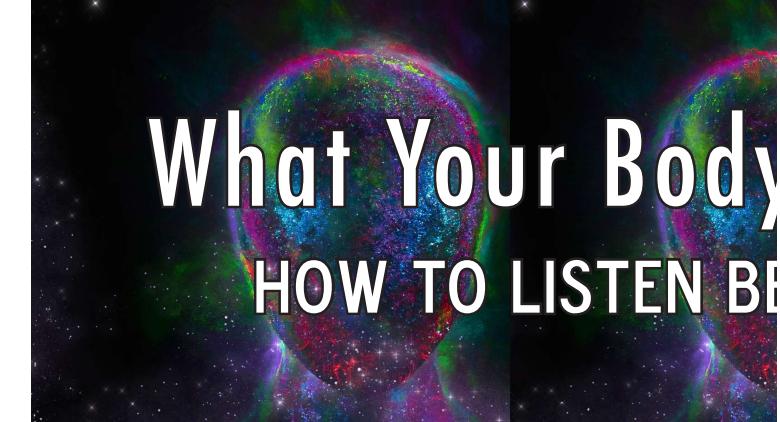
Always repent quickly. Always yield. Always empty yourself of pride. Don't put yourself in the position where God's hand is not lifting you up but holding you back. Don't let divine resistance be the posture He must take toward you.

Instead, live low so God can lift you high. For those who humble themselves, grace is not withheld—it is released in abundance.

God doesn't want to resist you. He wants to restore you. But He will not share space with pride. The question is—will you surrender?



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What Your Body SAYS

HOW TO LISTEN BE

Your body talks. The question is—are you listening?

Before full-blown illness or chronic fatigue sets in, your body drops hints. Quiet nudges. Subtle changes. And if you tune in early, you can make small shifts that prevent bigger problems down the road.

Let's break down a few messages your body may be sending you.

1. TIRED ALL THE TIME?

If your energy's on "E" every day—even after a full night's sleep—something's off. Chronic fatigue can point to poor adrenal function, sluggish thyroid, nutrient deficiencies (especially B12, iron, or vitamin D), or even chronic dehydration. It's not just about getting more sleep—it's about getting better sleep, fueling your body with whole foods, and supporting your energy systems. And yes, sometimes it just means you need to slow down and rest intentionally, not just collapse at the end of the day.

2. CRAVINGS THAT WON'T QUIT

Think your sweet tooth is just about willpower? Think again. Sugar cravings can be your body's way of asking for magnesium, healthy fats, or even emotional comfort. If you're constantly craving something salty, crunchy, or sweet—try to decode it. Is your blood sugar unstable? Are your meals missing nutrients? Are you emotionally depleted and reaching for food to cope? The craving is the symptom. The root goes deeper.

3. SKIN ACTING UP

Your skin is your body's biggest detox organ. When it breaks out, gets itchy, or inflamed, it's often reflecting what's going on inside. Acne around your jawline could point to hormonal imbalance. Dry patches or eczema may signal gut inflammation

Hippocrates —

'Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food'

What Is Telling You: BEFORE IT SCREAMS

by michaelaarongordon

or liver overload. Instead of layering on more creams, take a step back and ask: how's your diet? Your digestion? Your water intake? Your stress?

4. DIGESTIVE DRAMA

Gas, bloating, constipation, or acid reflux are not just "normal." They're signs your gut is under stress. Maybe you're eating too fast, not chewing thoroughly, or relying too much on processed foods. Maybe your gut bacteria are out of balance. These signals aren't meant to annoy you—they're meant to protect you. Fix your digestion, and you fix a lot more than your stomach.

5. ACHES, PAINS & STIFFNESS

Aching joints or tight muscles may seem like normal aging, but it's often a sign of systemic inflammation, dehydration, poor circulation, or mineral imbalances (especially magnesium or potassium). Movement helps. So does hydration, anti-inflammatory herbs (like turmeric), and reducing sugar and processed foods. Don't wait until your body locks up—stretch, nourish, and move it regularly.

6. MOOD SWINGS OR ANXIETY

When your mood's all over the place, it's not "just in your head." Your nervous system is influenced by your gut, hormones, sleep, blood sugar, and even the people you're around. If you're snapping at loved ones or stuck in anxious loops, it could be your body's way of begging for more support—nutritionally, emotionally, and spiritually.

FINAL THOUGHT: TIME FOR A GENTLE RESET

If your body is speaking up, sometimes the best response is to give it a break from the noise. A short body reset-like intermittent fasting, a mono-fruit fast (grapes, watermelon, or citrus work wonders), or even a full "solid food vacation" with just herbal teas, fresh

juices, and broths—can give your cells time to clean house. This allows the body to clear out waste, break down old or damaged cells, and spark healing on a deep level.

Your body is always working to keep you balanced. Sometimes it just needs you to get out of the way and let it do what it was designed to do.



PRAYER

"A HEART GOD WILL NOT RESIST"

Gracious Father,

You are holy, and You are kind. You see beyond our words and actions—you see the posture of our hearts. Today, we come before You, not with pride, but with a deep desire to surrender. Your Word says that You resist the proud but give grace to the humble, so we lay down everything that tries to exalt itself above You—our opinions, our need to be right, our self-reliance, our hidden pride.

Forgive us for the moments we've built walls that grace could not climb. We don't want to live on the side You must resist. We want to live in the flow of Your favor, in the light of Your presence, in the depth of Your mercy.

Lord, teach us to bend. Teach us to kneel. Not just once, but daily. Let humility be the lens through which we see You, others, and even ourselves. Where pride once stood guard, let grace now take root.

Soften our hearts. Break down our walls. Open the inner doors where only You can enter and heal. Pour out Your grace in the places where we once resisted You.

We don't want to be opposed by You—we want to be embraced by You. Help us to live low so You can lift us high, in due time.

In the name of Jesus, the most humble King, we pray. Amen.



♥ PRAYER REQUEST ♥

KINGDOM AWARENESS IN THE CHURCHES
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OUR INDIVIDUAL NEIGHBORHOODS
OUR NEIGHBORS
THE POLICE AND THE PEOPLE
DOCTORS AND NURSES
FIREMAN AND FIRST RESPONDERS
PARAMEDICS / LAWYERS
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

PLAN OF SALVATION

Jesus loved you enough to die for YOU so that you could have eternal life. (John 3:16) If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, He will come into your life now. (Acts 16:33; Luke 13:3) Just do these four things to begin your new life in Christ.

1. Realize that God loves you and has a good plan for your life. (John 3:16; Romans 10:10)
2. Realize that Man is sinful and separated from God and, therefore, cannot know or experience God's love and plan. (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)
3. Realize that Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Only through Him can you know and experience God's love and plan. (Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
4. Realize that we must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:1-8)

If you are ready, I invite you to pray this prayer and God will come into your life right now: *Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be.*



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