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POWER OF PROVISION

- John 1:12-13 (ASV)

—We are His children, not slaves.

—We have been blessed with a new life in Christ.

- I Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

—God knows salvation is the first step. But He recognizes we live in a real world and will need spiritual wisdom daily.

Just like David, you can learn how to turn challenges into triumph, fear into unshakable faith, dread into hope and encouragement into provision.

- Psalms 23:5-6 (ESV)

Sometimes people will describe pessimists or negative people as those who see their glass as half-empty, and they'll say you need to be an optimist and positive person who sees your glass as half-full. The Bible has a higher analogy and way we are to view our cup, our blessings: not only is our cup full, but it's overflowing. It can't contain "all the spiritual blessings in the heavenly places" we're given in Christ. **Ephesians 1:3** says all believers already have "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places..." **1 Peter 1:3** says God has given His children "all things necessary for life and godliness." **James 4:6** says God continually "gives more grace ..." He gives more grace as our burdens grow greater. He sends more strength as our labors increase. To added afflictions He adds His mercy. To multiplied trials he multiplies peace ... His love has no limits. His grace has no measure. His power no boundary known unto men. For out of His infinite riches in Jesus He gives, and gives, and gives again. He gives continually so that my cup overflows continually. But if you're not thinking based on the Word, you won't have eyes to see the spiritual blessings of God's grace. In **Psalm 23:5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with

oil; My cup runs over. (NKJV, or “overflows” NASB)

For David, these were tender precious images of his Father’s intimate relationship. To David, the Lord didn’t merely fill his cup, the Lord was his cup (**Ps 16:5**). God satisfied his thirst (**Ps 63:1**). God satisfied his soul like the greatest meal on a table (**63:5**). Anointing with oil in the psalms signified joy and gladness from God, God-given joy or gladness above what others have (**Ps 45:7**). In Psalm 104:15 the imagery of **Psalm 23** is summed up this way: the cup of drink speaks of a glad heart, oil speaks of a shining face.

1. You have a choice

—How do you currently interpret your setbacks and challenges? You can interpret them as something that will be fixed. Maybe you are stuck and not changing. You can use your growth mindset to stretch yourself.

—The fixed mindset says are you sure you can do this? Or maybe you don’t have the talent. The growth mindset answers: I am not sure I can but I will try. I can learn with time and effort.

—Fixed mindset say what if I fail I will become a failure. Growth mindset is that most successful people have had failures along the way.

2. The breaking point is understanding the process of provision. It begins when you recognize what you already have.

- 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

3. Problems create Opportunities

—Lucky people get opportunities. Brave people create opportunities and winners are those who convert problems into opportunities.

—Crisis moments can ignite creativity to think outside the norm.

Pressure causes you to seek the provision and change your perspective.

God will never send you into a season without supplying you with what you need.

- 2 Kings 4:1-7 (NIV)

The only time God will stop pouring out the oil is when we run out of jars.