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Introduction

The path of the righteous is as a shining light that shineth more and more. (Proverbs 4:18) A promise from God's Words I have only seen come to pass in my life as a few flickering light moments. Longer than a decade ago, I radically gave my life to Christ. The love I experienced was mind-blowing. I had never felt this kind of love before. It is not judgmental, only had good in mind and was for the rest of my life, and even after I would be dead and gone from this earth. I knew this love was not superficial; I realized this deep within my heart.

Still, with the knowledge of the love of Christ, my life was a big mess. I was in burdensome financial debt, a people pleaser to the core, and severely wounded in my heart. In addition, I was a heavy smoker, had problems with the hormones in my physical body, and every relationship I ever had with a man stranded.

Now I went to church, listened to preachings, went to prayer meetings, was involved in a busy church life, and saw church members regularly. My life was changing slightly, but the promised shining path was still dim. The more I read the Bible, the more I thought, what am I missing? What am I doing wrong? His Word is full of miracles, healings, financial blessings, straight forward actions of Jesus (Jesus didn't please anybody, only God!). Even raising people from the death would seem an everyday activity in the New Testament (Acts 9:36-42).

I would read all these things and try my best to be a 'good' believer, but I found it a bit abstract. I didn't know how to put the Word of God into action; I only saw manifested fruit and light once in a while. So I decided to go after it, what Jesus is telling us to do in Matthew 6:33; seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.

Bit by bit, I understood more; gradually, I saw manifested fruit on a more regular basis. Now, don't get me wrong. I am not claiming I am there yet. Because I am not. The more I study the Word, the more I understand how much there is of what I don't know. The more I learn, the more I understand that I am as grass, one day here on earth, the next day withered away. (1 Peter 2:24,25) But I decided to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim 6:12). And I am more than happy to help you fight your good fight of faith as well. Because, after all, we are the body of Christ. We all need to walk upon that glorious shining path!

So this book, what you have in your hand right now, is helping you to make the Bible applicable. If you are like me and find it all a bit abstract, there is hope.

This book exists in three parts. I will explain each part briefly.

The first part will help you get a clear view of who God is and how great He is because He is! Unfortunately, too many people have a negative perspective of Him. If you have, this will affect your whole belief system. Therefore, you need to have the right kind of knowledge of Him. After all, it is all about Him.

The second part is focused on your thought life. What you are thinking affects your actions. If your thinking is not correct or in line with the Word of God, your efforts also will fall out of line. This part will also help you how to change this for the better.

The third part has everything to do with your actions. In this part, you will find, besides teachings, a lot of small testimonies of how I did it. Once again, don't get me wrong; I am not saying that my way is the only way. Thank You, Jesus, it is not. But sometimes, it helps to see how other people are doing it. Because this helped me a lot as well. I

would translate those testimonies I found of others to my life and act upon them. Hope you do the same.

The final thing I want you to know is that this is not a 'do these steps, and you get this and that book.' No, it isn't! God doesn't work that way. But still, to see manifestation in your life, you need to have some knowledge of the principles. For example, if you jump off a building, you will fall. This is because the principle of gravity starts to be put into action the minute you jump. The same is with God's principles of believing, giving, and many more. Therefore, it is essential for you to learn them.

Besides that, this book contains teachings; it is also a to-do book. For instance, if you have read the whole book and want to put things into action by speaking, you can browse to the confessions you find in the last chapter of this book. Or start to reread bits of part three. But if you need a clear update once again of who God is, you can go to part one all over afresh. I know I need it. Because life will always try to hit you, and if life isn't stretching you, the devil and his buddies will try to knock you down. They will do anything for you to buy into their lies and schemes. So don't buy the lies. Instead, soak yourself in the truth, which you can find in the Word of God, for God only speaks truth and cannot lie.

I take the privilege to bless you during reading and pray that the Holy Spirit, our Best Friend, will guide you. I pray and believe that you will see manifestation and fruit in your life through Him with all my heart!

Part 1

***“In the beginning God
created
the heaven and the earth.”***

Genesis 1:1 KJV

Chapter 1

Righteousness, your own or His?

God is such a good God! I can spend hours talking to you about His goodness and how great He is. I am not the only one who thinks this way. If you open up the book of Psalms, you can read the many songs that have been written about His significance and importance. Yet, this was done under the Old Covenant. Where righteousness was something you needed to earn in the Old Testament through the Law.

What does righteousness mean? How does this work in the New Testament? I didn't understand this for a long time in my Christian life. Yet, the Bible talks about it more than, for example, about faith. Even Jesus is telling us that we need to actively search for it in Matthew 6:33 KJV: *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* It explicitly says that we need to search for His righteousness and not ours. So it is possible we can even act upon our own righteousness.

Before I can answer these questions, let's look at the meaning of the word righteousness. This means, according to the dictionary: acting in accord with divine or moral law, free from guilt or sin. But also 'right standing with God.'

That sounds like acting and doing much to get this right standing with Him, right? This "doing" was done in the Old Testament. With the New Testament, there are new 'rules' and a new 'covenant' effected. This new covenant is based upon love and receiving instead of doing and acting to gain God's love and righteousness. The rules from the New Testament are that you receive a new nature by faith, and