

Isn't it interesting that when God created Adam, He created him complete and lacking nothing? Why? God, being Adam's Father, was required by His very nature to provide for what He had created. Notice that God did not create Adam, watch him roll around the ground gasping for air, and then decide, "Gee, I had better create air so he can breathe." It was the same with food and water. He didn't wait until man was dying of hunger or thirst in order to provide it. With God, nothing is an afterthought. God created everything in abundance. He created everything that is needed to sustain life, and then He created life itself. *All things already existed in the mind of God before He ever spoke it into being.*

It is the same way with us. Before we were ever born, God, in His infinite wisdom, formed us. He created our appearance, our temperament, and our sense of humor. He numbered every hair on our head and created the desires of our heart. We were not randomly born to our parents, joined with our brothers and sisters, or introduced to our spouse. We have been blessed with all of the generations that will follow, and none would be a matter of chance.

Not only did He provide us with all of our daily needs and material goods, He also provided us with all of the spiritual blessings from on high (love, joy, peace, mercy, etc.). Did He stop there? Absolutely not. When He was done doing all that, He gave us a specific plan and purpose for our life, a special mission and calling to give us contentment, joy, and fulfillment in life. We were created in Heaven, and Heaven was no afterthought. We were then sent here to do what God has called us to do. He did not create us and then wonder how much He should give us or what we should become.

For example, the Bible tells us to honor God with our tithes and offerings. This is called the first fruits, or the first 10 percent of what we have received. This tells me that God has already given us the first 100 percent. This is not an afterthought. What I am saying is that before we were ever born, God created us with all that we would ever need to be who we are. He then spoke us into being and gave us our first breath. This being true, what is required of us? Just accept who He is (tap into the source of life) and know that He has created and uniquely designed us with a specific plan and purpose for our lives. Believe. Stop praying over and over for what He has already provided. It's like praying for air. God will just say, "Did you ever think of breathing?" It's already there.

The best example I can give is my daughter. When she comes home from college (already provided) and gets out of her car (already provided), she steps into the house (already provided) and goes straight to the refrigerator (already provided). All she has to do is open the door. Why? Because she knows it's full of a variety of good food and drinks.

Why was the refrigerator full? Because I love her and have promised to provide for and give her all of the very best that I have to offer. She was no afterthought; I knew she was coming. God is the same way. He has filled our refrigerator with all kinds of good and wonderful things, such as love, joy, good health, wealth, a boyfriend, a wife, and a cure for whatever ails us. He has placed in us all of the desires of our heart, and all we have to do is believe that whatever we need has already been provided for by our Heavenly Father. Open the door to the fridge and thank Him for giving you the very best that life has to offer. Go ahead, feast on His goodness. You were no afterthought.

STEP SEVEN: YOU ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING