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Large Family Miracles --Part 1, Set Yourself Up for Success

When we talk miracles, we mean a supernatural manifestation of God's power evident in overcoming the obstacles we face daily.

Moms need to have everything in place in order to be successful.

MISE EN PLACE: Everything in place.

The first thing to have in place is a heart that trusts in and is sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

And lean not on your own understanding;

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

GRACE: Unmerited Divine ASSISTANCE

We want His assistance, but when we are proud He resists us. This is why we often experience so much frustration and so little fruit.

Our frustration levels go way UP when we are working our own plans.

Our frustration levels go way DOWN when we are working HIS plans.

Set Yourself Up for Success

- Humble your heart
- Resist the devil's plans
- Set your mind on God
- Expect His voice
- Obey



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Large Family Miracles --Part 2, Go Beyond Plans and Systems

In order to cook up a delicious place for the Holy Spirit we need to have certain things in place, such as a way to give God first place in our day. This isn't easy when you are a mom of many!

T.H.E. Method:

Thanksgiving--from the smallest things to the greatest things.

Humility-- "Lord, I don't know what to do, but You do. Help me today."

Expectation--I know You will help me because of Your gracious and kind character. I'm looking for Your provision for every problem I face.

Plans are good, they just need to be subordinate to the Lordship of Christ.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

If you can't get devotions done first thing, carve out time later in the day.

A happy mom is spelled N-A-P!

Spending time with Jesus overcomes our natural, negative, destructive habits.

Use Tech to Keep You in Touch

- Put a Bible app on your phone so you can read anytime, even in the dark.
- Play the Bible out loud throughout the house or in your earbuds as you vacuum.
- Take advantage of podcasts and sermons from good teachers and preachers.
- Design and print out memory verses as posters and cards and then post them on the fridge and anywhere you can view them periodically throughout the day.

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3



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Large Family Miracles --Part 3, Work Hard to Have Rest

Jesus said this in the Gospel of John: If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. John 15:7

God is not concerned with our petty, selfish, old desires. He does not answer capricious prayers that are meant to feed our flesh. James 4:3--You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

God wants to give us the desires of our heart: Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

In order to experience the fulness of answered prayer, we need to position ourselves, and we do this by abiding in Him and having His words abide in us.

This does not mean we must do good in order to merit His miracles and blessings. There is nothing we can do to be good enough.

God blesses us because of who He is as a benevolent, generous Father, but we need to be in agreement with Him in order to see the miracles and blessings flow.

We do this by resting from our own works. This is a hard thing to do.

We must work hard to enter into the rest of faith and trust that God will do what He says He will do. It's so easy to try and take things over and fend for ourselves. This leads to all sorts of problems. Self will will not accomplish God's will.

Hebrews 4:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Trying to take care of our family and our selves with our own ideas and strength is nothing but pride, and we have discussed how pride leads to frustration because God cannot bless it.

Laying down our own plans and leanding whole-heartedly on God's strength and wisdom is the evidence of true rest. This leads to peace as we experience His GRACE=unmerited assistance.



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Large Family Miracles --Part 4, You've Already Got it!

God is a mathematician. The universe shows us He is a God of order. He wants us to rightly divide the resources He has given us.

When we do not put the resources He has given us into the right places in our lives, we end up causing our own frustration.

God gives us above and beyond what we need each day to fulfill His will for us (He is not stingy or on a budget).

God does not have a lack of time for me or too many things for me to do so that I can feel justified in throwing huge pity parties because He asked too much of me.

If we cue in He will direct us so we can once again bring everything into balance.

Here are some examples of some directives He might give us:

- Get a hold of the time you spend on devices. There are times when screens are definitely a blessing, but when we find ourselves watching one cooking or cleaning or kitty video after another, we are being caught up in time-sucks.
- Work on your tendency to perfection and ask for help from other family members. This works to build your family togetherness while it helps cut down on your frustration.
- Cut down on daily time deficits by practicing efficiency in cleaning, cooking, laundry, etc.
- Trust God with interruptions. Even if your plans are interrupted, God has plans you don't know about that will end up in more blessing in the end (remember Romans 8:28).

We are powerful when we live by Kingdom principles.

Pride keeps us from enjoying His help in our circumstances because He resists the proud. Humbly hiding in God gives us the grace to be generous with others.

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. James 4:6