

## God's Promises: Take Them to the Bank Profitable and Excellent

**The heart of God is that we increasingly live in what is excellent and profitable—the abundant life that comes from the overflow of loving Jesus.** As Christians, it is easy for us to live “right” lives, but still be very wrong and miss what God desires for us. One of the enemy’s greatest strategies to rob us from abundant life in Jesus is to get us to focus on dutifully serving God, without living from the overflow of loving Jesus.

### GET THINGS STARTED

Has there been a time in your life (relationship, work, hobby, etc.) where you noticed that you had moved from operating in love to operating in obligation? What changed? How long did it take before you noticed the shift of your heart and focus?

### GO DEEPER

1. Read Titus 3:4-9. What things or practices would you categorize as good works, according to this passage? How do these works reveal the heart and goodness of God to others?
2. What things or practices would you categorize as foolish controversies, dissensions, or disagreements (quarrels)? Do you personally get caught up in these? If so, why?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. When have you noticed your relationship with God operating more out of obligation than love? Why do you think it moved from love to obligation? Did it happen quickly or over time?
2. The temptation is to focus on the rules or needs rather than growing in our love for Jesus and others. What are ways we can actively grow and engage the love of God so we can live and love from the overflow rather than obligation?
3. What are purposeful and practical ways we can love others in order to reveal the Kingdom of God?

### PRACTICE IT NOW

In a prayerful attitude, read Titus 3:4-7 aloud (replace the pronoun “his” with “God”) and transition into a time of praising and giving thanks for the truth in that passage. Spend time praying and asking for Father God to highlight distractions and/or areas that cause us to wander into obligation so that we can actively fight against them, and for the ability to stay positioned in His love so that we can live and love others from the overflow of God’s love.