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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Have you ever anticipated the arrival of something special? Sure, you have. Maybe a friend coming to visit, maybe a gift for a birthday, or maybe a package of something special that you ordered.

I remember as a little girl how I could hardly wait for Christmas morning. Of course, like most children we were taught that Santa brought gifts. On Christmas eve I would go to bed looking out the window at the head of my bed, wondering if I would see him come. I always fell asleep, and in the morning the gifts were there. I tried and tried to stay away, but I couldn't. I don't remember how old I was when I learned that there was no Santa Claus, but I still awaited Christmas with much anticipation.

I am still like that about the arrival of special things. There is still that "little girl" inside of me that gets excited. Perhaps it is my personality type that just gets excited about things, but I would hope it is because I still have childlike faith. You see my friend we have to become like little children in anticipation of the good things that God has for us. We have to trust that his promises will come to pass.

Faith simply means that we trust God to come through on his promises. Sounds easy, right? Well, it is. As we grow from children into adulthood, we all are faced with persons that let us down and it causes us not to trust. You can be certain that people will let you down, but God cannot lie. If his promises are in the Word of God, then they are for you! We acquire them by faith. They don't just show up like presents under a tree though.

We have to earnestly contend for faith, and not let anything steal it from us. Satan is after our faith and will do whatever he can to destroy it. Yes, we learn that Santa Claus is not real, but God is real, and His promises are real too. We don't get them by hoping they are real. We receive them by believing they are for us. If Satan can convince you that a promise is not for you then you will not receive it.

Childlike faith trusts and expects with great anticipation. It may not come in the timing we would like it to, but God's promises will come. We have to simply believe they will. Don't be discouraged when it doesn't happen when you expect it. That is just a temporary delay. God wants us to have every good and perfect gift. Repent of unbelief my friends and trust God with all your heart and don't try to figure things out. Unwrap each promise daily and expect them to be for you. Your name is written on each one. Open them up and know they are good! Be blessed in your faith walk and be a blessing to others!