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Instructions

This is just like me. **How so?** I have been a grumbler. I have been a complainer. You have often heard me whining. **No kidding.** Has it been that bad? **You tell me.** It has been that bad. I know that grumbling and complaining and whining sounds pretty pathetic. No one is drawn to a grumbler and complainer and whiner. Nothing is quite as unattractive and unappealing as someone who is always grumbling, complaining and whining. I wouldn't blame you if you remained distant from my grumbling and complaining and whining. **Is that what you think I do, remain distant from you?** No, I don't. But, I'm sure that you have been disappointed and displeased with my grumbling, complaining and whining. **Why is that?** You have richly blessed my life. You have given me far more than I could have ever hoped for, dreamed of, or even imagined. It is a sin to be ungrateful. You want me to recognize and give thanks and praise to you for all your blessings. **Yes, I do.**

What will you do if you don't have something that you need? I know what I won't do. **What's that?** I won't grumble and complain about it. **That's good. What will you do?** I will do three different things. First, I will make my needs known to you. I will humbly come to you in prayer. With a heart filled with faith I will make my needs known to you. **That's good, what else?** I will listen carefully to your instructions. I will do whatever you ask of me. I don't know how I could expect you to answer my prayers if I am unwilling to hear and obey your instructions. Sometimes, I haven't had what I needed because I didn't follow your instructions. Many times you have provided for my needs as I have followed and obeyed you. **That's right, what else?** I will continually give thanks and praise to you. You have led me. You have guarded me. You sustained and strengthened me. You have richly blessed my life. I know that I can trust you. I know that I can rely on you. You are ready and willing and able to help me. You will supply what I need as I love, follow and serve you. **Yes, I will. You can be sure of that.**

Lord, I know I have been a grumbler and complainer. Forgive me. Help me to see how you have blessed my life. I know that you are answering my prayers. I will stop grumbling and complaining. I will give thanks and praise to you. I will follow your instructions. Amen

Miracles *Rain Down Bread From Heaven*

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NIV Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Bread From Heaven*

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

ESV Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Down Food From Heaven*

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions.

NLT Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Bread From Heaven*

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

NKJV Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Bread From Heaven*

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NRSV Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Bread Down From The Skies*

GOD said to Moses, "I'm going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day's ration. I'm going to test them to see if they'll live according to my Teaching or not.

MSG Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Bread From The Heavens*

Then the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

AMP Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Rain Down Food From Heaven*

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for them. Everyone can go out each day and gather as much food as he needs. And I will test them in this, to see whether they will follow my instructions or not.

TLB Exodus 16:4

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NASB Exodus 16:4

Miracles *Cause Food To Fall Like Rain From The Sky*

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will cause food to fall like rain from the sky for all of you. Every day the people must go out and gather what they need for that day. I want to see if the people will do what I teach them.

NCV Exodus 16:4

Miracles – Exodus 16:4

In Context: *Read Exodus 16*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How have you responded to a test by carefully hearing and obeying the Lord’s instructions?

How has the Lord blessed your life because you have carefully heard and obeyed His instructions?

When have you suffered because you did not carefully hear and obey the Lord’s instructions?

When have you grumbled and complained instead of making your needs known to the Lord?

How are you humbly coming to the Lord to make your needs known to Him?

How often do you give thanks and praise to the Lord for what he has provided for you?

How has the Lord miraculously answered your prayers as you have heard and obeyed His instructions?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Carefully hear and obey the instructions that the Lord makes known to you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will miraculously answer your prayers as you hear and obey His instructions.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is answering your prayers as you follow His instructions.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you carefully hear and obey the Lord's instructions.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will carefully hear and obey your instructions.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what instructions do you want me to hear and obey today?
