

# Scriptures Teach It

**Phil. 2:12, 13**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.



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**Matthew 6:33**

**But seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness, and all these  
things shall be added to you.**



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**1 Cor. 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



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**James 5:15**


And the prayer of faith will save the sick,  
and the Lord will raise him up. And if he  
has committed sins, he will be forgiven..



# Examples

## Joseph

Gen. 45:7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now *it was not you who sent me here, but God*; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.



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## Esther

**Esther 4:14** For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"



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- **Seize every opportunity (Rev. 3:8)**
- **Pray with anticipation (Matt. 7:7-11)**
  - **Prayer of Jabez**
    - Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore *him* in pain. And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. (1 Chron. 4:9, 10)



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    - Help me not to forget your law and sin against You
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  - Use every event for growth (Rom. 8:29)
  - Enjoy life (Eccl. 11:9)
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