

# *SNACK FOOD FOR THE SOUL*

LIFE ENHANCING DEVOTIONALS INSPIRED BY  
THE BOOK, *THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE*.

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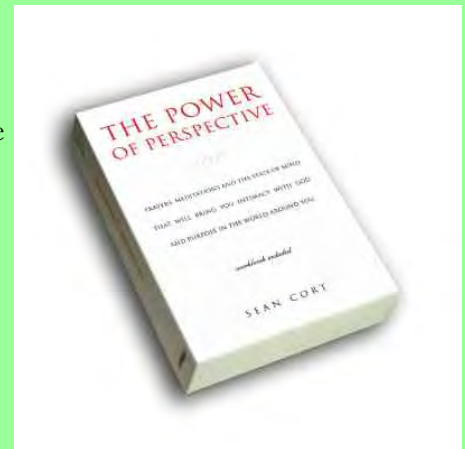
## THE BLESSING OF BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED

For many the phrase, "taken for granted" is a negative notion that brings about resentment and hurt feelings. But when you take a more profound look into the root of this phrase you find foundational words such as settled, approved and established. The word taken means, fully in use or occupied with. So therefore, the phrase "Taken for Granted" means fully taken with the established notion that something is proven, established and approved without proof or argument. Essentially being taken for granted almost makes you sovereign because your mere existence is almost unimpeachable.

We take the chair at the dinner table for granted every evening. We take a bar of soap or liquid soap for granted that every time we add water there will be a cleansing lather. We also know that a cold glass of water on a hot day will always refresh our body and our palate.

Ultimately when you encounter the presence of God you have the inner sense of expectation that something remarkable is going to happen to someone in the room.

Your perspective on the blessing of being taken for granted depends on your intimacy with the spirit of God. If you take God and His existence for granted then you will never appreciate the concept or value of consistent reliability and availability for fellowship and deliverance. If you take the Spirit of God for granted then you will resent being taken for granted.



If you see God as an entity somewhere who serves only certain people then you obviously are not intimate with Him. If you see God as an active part of your thought process and motive for what you think, say and do then you are intimate with the Spirit of God.

In this intimacy with the Spirit of God you may find that you spend a great deal of time asking and confiding in His wisdom and counsel. It is within this relationship that you are taught, healed, inspired and reprimanded. This unique relationship is like a brother and a friend because there is familiarity and unconditional trust and accountability.

This unique relationship with God is similar to that of a lover in that when you are in need of deep emotional satisfaction, the spirit of God immediately soothes and satisfies the ache and needs that mankind may overlook or shun because of the conditional emotional and physical nature of that kind of relationship.

The Spirit of God fulfills all of these needs in the same way that a manufacturer's instructional manual addresses and troubleshoots the functionality of a device. After all it is God who designed your intricacies and your ability to interface with every aspect of this life.

So therefore if your existence is engaged with the Spirit of God then being taken for granted can easily be viewed as mankind's expression toward the reflection of your intimacy with God showing on them. In other words when mankind takes you for granted it only means that you display the unimpeachable reliability and trustworthiness that you share with the Spirit of God.

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**Have an indescribably blessed week!**

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