

### WARM-UP

- Are you the type of person who would go inside a store knowing exactly what to buy, or would you rather explore and see if there is anything that you would like? Share an instance explaining this.
- What is your most expensive or excessive hobby? Why do you still do this even if it costs you a lot?
- Have you ever gone on vacation only to get sidetracked by other things? Tell us about your experience.

**WORD** *<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.”* **GENESIS 1:28-29**

When God created Adam and Eve, He entrusted them with a huge estate—the whole earth. They were to fill it with inhabitants, manage and cultivate it, and enjoy its fruits. Even before they became aware of their needs, God had already informed them that His provision was in place. This week, we will look at the nature of God’s provision and what it means for us today.

## 1 | God provides purpose.

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From the beginning, God entrusted man with the responsibility of taking care of His creation. When God gave Adam and Eve the charge to *have dominion* over every living thing, it was a blessing—not a burden or job description. His purpose was to bless them. This is true for us today. God has a specific purpose for each of us. We don’t go to work just to get our job done. We work to fulfill God’s purpose for us. Knowing that your work is a blessing from God and is meant to fulfill His purpose for your life, how does this change your attitude towards it?

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## 2 | God provides for His purpose.

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(Read also **GENESIS 1:11-12.**)

Before God created Adam and Eve, He first created everything they would need to live. He had already provided what they would need ahead of time. The truth is, God provides everything we will ever need to accomplish His purpose.

This is something we, as Christians, need to fully grasp. We sometimes forget that God is our provider. We may put our trust in our jobs or in something or someone else, and when that is shaken, we may lose our hope and question our faith. But as this passage tells us, we can be confident in God's provision. He knows what we need. What does Philippians 4:19 say about God's provision?

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### 3 | God provides perpetually.

*And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food."* **GENESIS 1:29**

God assured Adam and Eve that His provision was already there even before they asked for it. If He provided in the beginning, He is able to provide at all times, and until the end of time. Genesis 1:12 tells us that God filled the earth with *plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind*. God's provision was not just for their current need but for their future need, and not just for them but for all earth's inhabitants, which He told them to produce. The seeds ensure God's continuous provision. We can be confident and secure that God's provision for us will never run out. In what ways has God shown you and your family His continuous provision?

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## APPLICATION

- Identify the “seeds” God has given you now. Ask Him for ways you can sow these seeds to ensure His continuous provision in your life.
- What is a cause or project that you know God is telling you to invest your time and resources in? List down the things that you need, and ask God to give you wisdom on what to do next.
- What is God telling you about His provision through this week’s lesson? What mindsets (if any) is He trying to break? Write them down and pray that God will replace them with the truth found in His word.

## PRAYER

- Thank God for His constant and unceasing provision in your life and family. Pray that you will be a good steward of what He has given you.
- Pray that you live your life with a clear sense of purpose from God. Ask God to fill your heart with joy and excitement as you live for Him.
- Ask God for open doors to share about what He has done for you. Pray for God to help you remember the people you know who may have lost their sense of purpose. Ask God for words to say to strengthen them and point them to Him.



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