

17. He may not understand how the prayer will be answered, but he will have patience to wait on the Lord. The prayer will be answered in one of a number of ways: **(1)** discovery of a local pastor-teacher who can communicate biblical wisdom in the process of teaching the Bible, **(2)** learning the availability of electronic contrivances by which such teaching may be accessed for spiritual growth, or **(3)** discovering the source of solid biblical teaching in publications.
18. So the prayer is addressed to God and the appeal is to ask, not “of God” but “from God.” The preposition *παρά* (*pará*) refers to someone in the general vicinity and therefore is available as an immediate source. Therefore, the preposition indicates the appeal is “from the immediate source from God.”
19. The way God answers this prayer is to guide the believer to a source of Bible teaching that through serious study will fulfill the request. How did you discover serious study of the Word of God?
20. Everyone has his story. But there is a general theme to that discovery and it has to do with God providing a source to fulfill the desire to grow in grace.
21. Way too often in the twenty-first century there are no local sources of Bible teaching available so that believers with a hunger and thirst for the Word must be led to a remote teacher.
22. In this regard, efforts are currently underway to transfer virtually all electronic components of Joe Griffin Media Ministries over to maintenance and supervision by the Cloud. This will insure the consistent availability of several components provided by the Web site.
23. JGMM presently provides access to live and streamed Bible classes through the Web site, [www.joegriffin.org](http://www.joegriffin.org), which is also accessed through Roku® Streaming plus mobile apps including Android and Apple iPhones. Audio and video streaming is available through multiple platforms including PCs, Macs, iPads, Android, and Windows tablets as well as mobile phone support.
24. In addition, electronic versions of all of JGMM’s publications may be downloaded from the Web site. A new title, *The Gospel’s Missionary Journey*, is complete and will be published soon followed by other titles as the budget permits.

25. Over 3,800 hours of Bible classes are available to anyone who is positive to learning God's Word. Access to this information is made available by grace. As long as finances allow, these Web assets will continue to be provided.
26. In an era of electronic communication, anyone who lacks biblical wisdom and who keeps on asking God for instruction should ever find himself isolated from the teachings of the Word of God.
27. In fact, the verse goes on to inform us that God "will give to all generously and without reproach." With the filling ministry of the Holy Spirit and positive volition, anyone is capable of growing in grace through Bible study.
28. The grace response to positive volition is emphasized next by the phrase "Who gives to all generously and without reproach." The verb "gives" is the present active participle of the verb **δίδομι (didōmi)**: "to give of one's own accord." This is the mental attitude of grace and comes directly from the integrity of God.
29. Remember why we, each as an individual born into the human race, are imputed human life. It is God's desire that each of us become a witness for the Prosecution in resolving Lucifer's appeal before the Supreme Court of Heaven.
30. It is God's desire that all come to salvation:  
**1 Timothy 2:4** God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (NET)
31. The way that God makes sure that all mankind has a fair chance to become such a witness is His grace system of making Himself known to each individual.
32. The divine policy for mankind was made known initially through Theophanies, rituals, teaching angels, prophets, and development of the canon of Scripture.
33. God the Son created the human race and provided our original parents with the power to think, conclude, and ultimately decide to place their personal faith in Him for salvation.
34. Since then, each and every individual has been offered the opportunity to learn of God, His provision of salvation, and the imputation of eternal life by placing one's personal faith in Jesus Christ.

35. The provision of His immutable Word is made available by means of grace. His offer of salvation is provided by means of grace. His provision of a communicator of biblical truth is made available by means of grace.
36. Everything is by means of grace. So if a person wants to learn how to deal with life's trials, challenges, difficulties, exigencies, and personal sin, human good, and evil, he may freely consult divinely provided grace resources of instruction.
37. In verse three, God recognizes the assaults that are typical of life in the devil's world. They are a part of the angelic conflict. The ability to deal with its assaults is found only in His Word.
38. That man is destined to fail in his dealings with these assaults is understood by God. We are born in sin, we commit sin, and we are easily led into the muck and mire of human good and evil.
39. Two ideas follow the principle of God's grace. The first refers to divine generosity followed by the second, "without reproach."
40. The word for "generously" is a hapax legomenon, the adverb **ἀπλῶς** (*haplōs*). It and its derivatives **ἀπλότης** (*haplotēs*) and **ἀπλοῦς** (*haploús*)

... have a relatively broad spectrum of meaning. The basic meaning is *simplicity* or *wholeness*; it can be appropriately translated by English *purity* ("pure" being understood as meaning unmixed with any other matter). In more specialized usage *haplotēs* carries ... a positive valuation of *rectitude*, *uprightness* as well as "simple goodness, which gives itself without reserve." (p. 123)

God also gives *haplōs* (James 1:5), i.e., either *generously* or, in view of the context and diverse parallels, more likely *with pure thoughts, without ulterior motives*.<sup>1</sup> (p. 124)

41. In the Septuagint, *haplotēs* is stressed in the "wisdom" literature of the Old Testament:

As opposed to duplicitous people, those with divided hearts, those who are simple have no other concern than to do the will of God, to observe his precepts; their whole existence is an expression of this disposition of heart, this rectitude. In the first century BC, *haplotēs*, so exalted in the Wisdom writings, is considered the supreme virtue of the patriarchs.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Tim Schramm, "ἀπλοῦς," in *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*, eds. Horst Balz and Gerhard Schneider (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990), 1:123, 124.

<sup>2</sup> Ceslas Spicq, *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*, trans. and ed. James D. Ernest (Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1996), 1:170.