IF

It’s a word that is used a lot. If I had only known! If I just had the money! If I had his looks! If I had her looks! The dictionary defines the word “a supposition; uncertain possibility: The future is full of ifs.” Isn’t it true? “If” is a “condition” or “stipulation.”

So many times people use the word to excuse failure. “If I had the education” as if education was not possible. “If I was brought up differently” meaning their lack of success is blamed on upbringing.

But there are other ways it is used, to show responsibility and how to meet it.

Remember when God decided to destroy Sodom because of its wickedness? Abraham approached God on the matter. And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” (Gen 18:26) Of course fifty couldn’t be found!

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear:” (Psa. 66:18)

“If his children forsake my law, And walk not in mine ordinances; If they break my statutes And keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. But my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness: I will not lie unto David:” (Psa 89:30-35)

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