



Luke 1:38-45

³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

RECEIVING THE GIFT

A "too good to be true" gift I once received -

Elements in Receiving God's Gift

1. Submitting to the sovereignty of God. v.38
2. A personal investigation of His great works in others .v.39-40
3. Believing "that what the Lord has said" to me
"will be accomplished". v.45
 - A. Believing humanly impossible
new life is possible.
 - B. Believing Jesus will do great things for us. v.32-33
 - C. Believing Jesus' reign is permanent. v.33
4. Recognizing that God's gifts often have a gestation period .
5. Accepting the stewardship responsibilities .