

## *So, You Want a Guarantee?*

It is interesting, that as we go through life and become more competent at doing things, people want a guarantee. They want us to guarantee that a job will be finished on time, a pizza will be delivered within a time limit, and a product will last for as long as they want it to do so, etc. Then, if those expectations are not met and the guarantee does not hold, they want their due recompense—somebody must pay!!

What has happened is that men have drunk deeply from the well of self-sufficiency. They believe, that because they can guarantee so many things, that everything in life ought to live up to their expectations. If that is not the case, then they expect a satisfactory explanation.

But think about it realistically. What can we expect when humans are involved? Who can say for sure that a project will be completed on time, or that a product will last as long as we say it will? Some people go beyond these types of things and look with critical eyes at the events which shape our world. Someone asks, “Why did the events of September 11, 2001 occur—Could we not have prevented them?” Or, take the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. So many people wonder how it could have happened and then say someone should guarantee that it won’t happen again. Such things are not possible to guarantee.

### **Who can guarantee that...**

Your job will be the same until you retire?

You will not experience a tornado or other natural disaster?

You will not have cancer or some other disease?

In my opinion, mankind has become too expectant of the extraordinary. There is nothing wrong with expecting someone to do their best to follow through on their word (We must keep our promises!), but there are times when a thing cannot be done—when something goes wrong. When you think about it you must remember that there is only one thing (being) that we can count on: God. He will be with us through all things and He will save us if we remain faithful (Revelation 2:10).

Men will continue to be weak and fragile, but only God will stand the test of time. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on you own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight”* (Proverbs 3:5,6).

—Lance Cordle