# Dt28a StC4 God wants it to work

# Deuteronomy 28:1-14

## The first half of the blessings and cursings in which there are 10 mirrored images

### It starts on the positive

#### What does winning look like?

# God wants to bless

## God blesses the obedient

## It’s a general rule not a test

### Bad things will still happen

## The blessing is of God’s presence seen in everyday life

### Measure yourselves by the connection you have with God and by the obedience you have to Him

# God has a plan

## This section is very structured

### If you fully obey the Lord (1)

#### If you obey (3)

##### If you keep the commands (8)

#### If you pay attention (13)

### Do not turn aside (14)

## The ‘nugget’ is in verse 9

# God wants to make all of His people holy

## Set apart for God’s purposes

## Set apart for a unique relationship with Him

## Set apart for special duties and rewards

### God will be for you because your heart is for Him

## Set apart as a witness to the world

# We can be part of it

## In Christ the barriers of guilt and sin have been overcome

### You can step up and be a part of that picture

## Now, in Christ, the blessings are yours

# God’s blessings have a cost

## Obedience

## Listening to God, opening your heart to God, accepting that He knows best

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The benefits of a good deal

## Whenever we spend money we are making a deal with the vendor for an item

### What constitutes a good deal for you?

## Friendships are also ‘deals’ about mutual interests and care

### What makes a great friendship deal?

## Marriages are also a deal where promises (vows) are exchanged

### What are the benefits of a good deal in this?

# God’s deal

## To bless and to make you holy

### What are the benefits of being ‘holy’?

### What are the drawbacks?

## Who do you consider are your ‘heroes’ of holiness?

### What makes them ‘holy’ to you?

## According to the text what areas of a person’s life will be blessed?

### What areas are NOT covered?

### Does it say ‘everyone will love and admire you’? Why not?

# All commands are positive except one

## Which one?

### Where will you end up if you don’t?

## Which promises are conditional? (they have an ‘if’)

### What must God’s people do to gain that set of blessings?

### In your opinion, are the blessings worth the commitment/deal?

#### Give reasons for your answer

# The blessings

## What do the individual blessings actually mean?

### Is it ‘health, wealth and happiness’?

### How could you tell that a person’s life is blessed?

#### Is blessing in the eye of the beholder?

##### Explain your answer