

GIVING WHICH GOD WILL NOT REFUSE

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Thesis: To motivate the brethren to give in a that pleases God.

INTRODUCTION

1. Jehovah God has enquired; who has first given me something that I have not replenished? (Job 41:11; Rom. 11:35).
2. God is faithful, and whatever He promises He fulfills.
3. He does not give excuses, nor does He disappoint.
4. He has said give and it shall be given unto you (Luke 6:38).
5. Question: what if he refuses what we give, how can we know?
6. In this lesson, I will be sharing with you three points which are the three must about giving which will cause God not to refuse!

- I. THE GIVING MUST BE FROM SOMETHING CHERISHED MOST.
- II. THE GIVING MUST BE FROM SOMETHING THAT COST.
- III. THE GIVING MUST BE FROM A CHEERFUL HEART.

DISCUSSION

- I. THE GIVING MUST BE FROM SOMETHING CHERISHED MOST (Gen. 22:1-3; 1 King 17:10-16).
 - A. How important to you is that thing you are giving?
 1. The heart must desire to keep that thing.
 2. God gave His Son who He had said “in Him I am well pleased” (Mat. 3:17).
 3. Jesus asked for another way to save us but there was only one way which was for Him to give up His life (Matt 26:39,42,44).
 4. Abraham gave out Isaac his most cherished so (Gen. 22:1-3; Heb. 11:17-19).
 - B. How much will you suffer without it?
 1. The giving must be something you suffered to get and may suffer without it.
 2. It must be a sacrifice to God.
 3. Consider Elijah and the Widow (1 King 17:10-16).
 - C. Are you lending to the lord or dumping away? (Prov.19:17; Mal. 1:6-8).
 1. God deserves our gifts and praises.

2. When we give to the poor we have lent to God, so we must give what cherish.
3. The Jews in the days of Malachi the prophet gave what they did not want.
4. They just dumped what they did not want to God.
5. Those writings in the book of Malachi are for our learning.

II. THE GIVING MUST BE FROM SOMETHING THAT COST (2 Sam. 24:23-24).

A. How much did it cost God for this relationship we have with Him? (2 Cor. 8:9).

1. God loved us and gave His only Son (John 3:16).
2. Jesus shouted it is finished, every debt was paid in full (John 19:30).
3. The Godhead illustrates to us that giving should come from something that cost.
4. It cost Christ His life to become a man and to save us (Phil. 2:5-8).

B. How much does our giving cost us?

1. What is the value of that which you are giving?
2. This is not necessarily about the quantum but the value of it to you.
3. Will God refuse that which cost you.
4. An illustration is what we can learn from David; he gave nothing that will not cost him to God (2 Sam 24:23-24).

C. What is the opportunity cost of your giving?

1. To test whether your giving cost you or not, consider the cost of the things you could have done with what you are giving.
2. Opportunity cost is the loss of value or benefit that would be incurred (the cost) by engaging in that activity, relative to engaging in an alternative activity.
3. What would you have done with your giving?
4. Mary gave that which cost so much to the Lord (John 12:3-5).
5. She gave all to the Lord being aware of the value that could have brought to her.
6. Judas saw the opportunity cost of what Mary offered considered her giving as waste, but the Lord disagreed.
7. "Honor the Lord with your possessions and with your first fruit." (Pro. 3:9)

III. THE GIVING MUST BE FROM A CHEERFUL HEART (2 Cor. 9:6-10; 8:1-5).

A. How fast is your heart pumping to give with joy?

1. The giving must be offered out of a cheerful heart.

2. The heart and the mind must be desirous to give with eagerness and excitement.
3. God expects us to give what is dear to our hearts with smiles.
4. God longs to see our desire to give out with joy the things that cost us so much.
5. That is what

B. How much is your heart entreating you to give? (2 Cor 8:1-5).

1. If we give what is not willing, we do not please him.
2. Our giving can be costly, desired, yet if it is not given cheerfully, God will not accept it.
3. The Macedonians gave with joy even in their affliction.
4. We must give and do all things as for the Lord (Col. 3:23).

C. How willing are you to give to people and to God? (2Cor. 9:6-10)

1. Giving must not be by compulsion.
2. It must be by free will whereby the individual expresses his love toward God.
3. Giving must be according how the individual has purposed and not grudgingly.
4. This is important because God loves a cheerful giver.

D. What should motivate us to give with a cheerful heart?

1. Giving is lending to the Lord and He shall repay (Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:38).
2. God does not need anything from us but a means to bless us (Ps. 50:9-13, 2 Cor. 9:8-11, Hag. 2:8).
3. Givers never lack (Prov 11:24-26).
4. Giving has a golden rule: “give and it shall be given unto you (Luke 6:38).

CONCLUSION

1. All that we have were received and we are just stewards (1 Cor.4:7; 1 Cor. 4:1-2, 1 Pet. 4:8-10).
2. Therefore, we give because God first gave us.
3. However, our giving must meet the standard for God to accept.
 - a. It must come from something we cherished most.
 - b. It must come from something that cost us.
 - c. It must be given from a cheerful heart.
4. Giving brings blessings to the receiver and the giver. (Prov. 19:17; Acts 20:35).
5. Let us make our minds to be cheerful givers!