

FAITH PROMISE #1 - GIVE PERSONALLY

II CORINTHIANS 8:1-5

To give personally to Faith Promise Missions – one must FIRST give oneself fully to God. Heart, mind, body, and POCKET BOOK.

I. SOME QUESTIONS

- A. Wrong: How much can I trust God to give me for missions?
 - 1. Only the missionary needs faith for that question
 - 2. He already owns it all. Psalm 50:10
 - 3. The earth is filled with His riches. Psalm 104:24
- B. Right: How much can I give trusting God for my needs?
 - 1. He knows your needs already. Luke 12:30
 - 2. He can supply. Philippians 4:19 (This is a Mission's verse)

II. SOME QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Missions giving is not a part of our tithe. Malachi 3:10
- B. Missions giving is not an offering. Luke 21:1-4

III. SOME REASONS

- A. We are commanded to look upon the fields. John 4:35
 - 1. White means ripe, ready, fully prepared, waiting...
 - 2. A standing crop will rot standing if not brought in
 - 3. Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves.
- B. We are commanded to pray for laborers. Matthew 9:37-38
 - 1. We can't do it all by ourselves. We need help from other churches and other Christians.
- C. We work with God in the field to harvest. Luke 10:2

IV. SOME REWARDS

- A. Laying up treasures in heaven
 - 1. No moth. No rust. No mildew. LASTING!
- B. The blessings of the LORD – FAITH=CROWNS II Timothy 4:7-8
- C. Results only known in eternity Matthew 25:31-40
 - 1. When saw we thee? We only see when we are looking!
 - 2. An Australian person, a Russian, an Albanian will shake your hand in Heaven and THANK YOU!
 - 3. We will share a part II Corinthians 8:14
 - 4. Equity – money from us, blessings from the field

CONCLUSION: The best way to give to missions is to put your own heart in the offering plate!