

FAITH PROMISE #8 - GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

II CORINTHIANS 8:2

To wrap up the series on Missions Giving, we see that we must give not out of OUR excess but according to THEIR need. The size of one's bank account does not in any way hinder God.

I. THE CAUSE

- A. Is there not a cause? I Samuel 17:26&29
 - 1. David saw the insult to God as intolerable.
 - 2. He "gave" more than anyone expected (facing Goliath).
- B. Dire need – people dying every minute without Christ.
 - 1. "As sure as death and taxes." Hebrews 9:27
 - 2. People may defraud the Taxman but never Death.

II. THE CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. Deep poverty abounded to rich giving. II Corinthians 8:2
 - 1. We have little knowledge of true poverty.
 - 2. Great Depression - Want - Starvation - Joblessness
- B. Limited vs. Limitless
 - 1. Our Pocketbook should be God's.
 - 2. BUT - God's Pocketbook is NOT OURS. Psalms 50:10
 - 3. Space - "technically" limitless but still limited.
 - 4. God - completely WITHOUT limits. Revelation 1:7&8

III. THE CURE

- A. Giving sacrificially tends to blessings. Proverbs 11:24
 - 1. No magic spell - only in obedience. Proverbs 28:20
 - 2. God blesses faithfulness (Example - Outreach)
- B. God's blessings = the greatest wealth. Proverbs 10:22
 - 1. Money is the least important. Proverbs 17:1
 - 2. Obedience is the key to blessings. Luke 19:11-27

IV. THE CONCLUSION

- A. Sacrificial Giving
 - 1. Keep the wallet, place yourself in the offering plate.
 - 2. When God has our heart, the rest will follow.
 - 3. Become a ministry addict. I Corinthians 16:15
- B. Jesus is our example of sacrificial giving

CONCLUSION: God gave Himself sacrificially for us. The greatest gift the world has ever known but completely non-monetary. Not dollars! His was an infinite payment for sin.