

FAITH PROMISE GIVING

II COR 9:1-8

1. Paul is writing concerning the collection for the Saints at Jerusalem
2. The Churches of Achaia were zealous in their giving - the Church at Corinth was one of these.
3. God's plan of giving is laid down in V. 6-8
4. In the Faith Promise Offering we zealously give to missions by Faith as the Lord provide

I. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS SCRIPTURAL

- A. The Church is commissioned to go into all the world LK 16:15, MATT 28:18-20
- B. God called - Church sent missionaries go into all the world ACTS 13:1-4, RM 10:13
 1. They are to be supported by the Churches II COR 11:7-9
- C. We give each week, by faith, the amount that God lays on our heart, as God supplies for the furtherance of the Gospel
- D. The Faith Promise Plan is a FAITH ministry II COR 5:7
 1. We cannot please God any other way HEB 11:6

II. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS SENSIBLE

- A. It encourages God's people to look to God to supply
 1. We are PILGRIMS & STRANGERS on earth looking to God
 2. When God blesses we are encouraged -- this is testimony of Faith Promise giving
- B. It builds up the Saints
 1. Whenever a step of faith is taken and God blesses, then that person is stronger in the faith -- He knows that God blesses faithfulness
- C. It involves everyone -- It is available to all who will take part
 1. Dad - Mom - Son - Daughter
 2. Whole families & Churches are blessed by using this plan
- D. It supplies the need in a dignified & honorable way
 1. No whining or begging or gimmicks
 2. No selling - cakes, pies, suppers, records, etc...
 3. No gambling - lottery tickets - drawing for prizes-etc...
 4. No high pressure money raising campaigns
 5. It is entirely voluntary on the part of each individual for the cause of Mission

III. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL

- A. Many Churches across the land can testify to this
 1. The mission offerings of these churches multiply - double - triple - quadruple
 2. The General offering of these churches multiply - double - triple - quadruple
 3. The Berean Baptist Church is an example - from nothing in 1967 to \$2,670 in 1968, to \$88,753 in 1985 (20%).
- B. Three ways for us to help make it successful
 1. Make sure you are in the Will of God
 - a. You can't hear the Voice of God unless you are right with Him
 2. Give that offering the first Sunday
 - a. Some teach that we should wait until God gives the entire offering to us
 - b. NOT SO God's order is LUKE 6:38 "GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU"
 3. Expect a testing
 - a. The Devil will not let a step of faith like this go unchallenged
 - b. So be ready for him JAM 4:7

IV. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS STABLE

- A. We don't raise a large ONE TIME offering - send many Missionaries to the field and then let them down.
- B. We support our Missionaries by Faith until they return
- C. What God has raised up will stand
 1. Dagon, the Philistine god fell I SAM 5:1-7
 2. The Faith Promise plan of Mission giving has stood - it is stable