



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord lead and guide each person this week. Place across their spirits what God's will is for them and plans each day, enable them to go forth to be your hands and feet and bless and keep each one, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: [Acts 11:29](#); [Rom 15:26](#); [1Cor 16:2](#); [2Cor 8:4](#); **2** For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has provoked very many. **3** Yet have I sent the brothers, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, you may be ready: **4** Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, you) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. **5** Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brothers, that they would go before to you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof you had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6 But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. [Prov 11:24](#); [Gal 6:7](#); **7** Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. [Deut 15:7](#); [Rom 12:8](#); [Exod 25:2](#); [Exod 35:5](#);

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: **9** (As it is written, He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor: his righteousness remains for ever. [Ps 112:9](#); **10** Now he that ministers seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) **11** Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causes through us thanksgiving to God. **12** For the administration of this service not only supplies the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God; **13** Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution to them, and to all men; **14** And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. **15** Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corin. 9

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2 Corin. 9:6-7

24 There is that scatters, and yet increases; and there is that withholds more than is meet, but it tends to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap. [1 Cor 6:10](#); [Luke 16:25](#); **8** For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. **9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. [2Thess 3:13](#); **10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith. [1Tim 5:8](#); **Gal. 6:7-10**

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brothers which dwelled in Judaea:

Acts 11:29

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. **18** But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. [Heb 13:16](#); **19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **Phil. 4:17-19**

(v.6) Is an important spiritual law. Spiritual laws are as reliable as the laws of nature. (v. 7) Giving should be between God and the individual. We shouldn't give under pressure (necessity) or grudgingly, but as we have decided in our hearts. "Cheerful" here is also translated as hilarious.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; commentary; Chuck Smith; page 95)

In the Old Testament the people provided for the church (temples) from what they had, which usually included; crops, oil, live stock, wood, labor, water, cleaning, singing, playing instruments, bowls, perfume, keepers of the gates.....and etc. Very few people had money in those days, if they did, it was usually in small amounts, unless they owned a lot of land, cattle and had crops. It was not as it is today. The governing was Kings and sometimes Queens; kingdoms usually passed from Dad, to son, etc. Sometimes the Kings or Queens were challenged as to, the person challenging took the kingdoms by force (war) or by killing the King. The Kings supplied the care for the people; including housing, food, shelter, protection, health care, jobs etc. The Kings had priests. The people wanted a king to rule instead of God, so he gave them kings. God would give the priests his will, on whom to call as a king, the priests usually anointed them into service. Some of the priests made a great show, of telling people what to do, or doing things to be seen, many were of pagan worship, except the one's God called, chose. Kingdom's are different than like Government in the United States. Kings were usually born into the position; where as President's are elected. President's do not provide for our care, they do not provide our shelter, or jobs, etc. Studying what a Kingdom is, is a excellent way to know the differences, it was when a pastor and some studies taught me the difference between kingdoms and our government system, that a light bulb came on for me. In the kingdom days most jobs were taught; Father to son, or the son worked with a man in a trade to learn as in mentoring when they accomplished certain steps than they had learned a trade, and it usually took years. If a person say their Dad was a carpenter it usually went on through generations, upon generations, unless a tradesman was willing to take a male in to train them. They usually had no wages, but room and board, and they worked from sun up to sun down and sometimes longer. If a family could not pay their debts they were thrown into prison or they became slaves until the debt was paid, sometimes daughters or sons were given in slavery to pay the debt. Children in those days worked as hard as the parents, depending on their age. Job's in those days had different definitions; for instance a carpenter also did stone work and some did metals. Perfume was a commodity that brought a high price, and usually only the higher up people could afford it.

In the Old Testament the different families were assigned tasks in the temple; some even cut wood to keep the fires going, or hauled water, each family was assigned the task to do. Tithes were paid as in a tenth, and also first fruits, and in other areas also. They were to meet at certain times of the year, as the distance was great and people had to travel, most of the churches were done in homes, except for the times when they were to travel to the temple each year. So, if they did not live in one of the bigger areas where they could go to the temple, than the tithes were saved until they went to the temple. Some did not pay in money they gave; live stock, crops, etc as I stated above, if anything was sold from harvest or livestock than the tithe was held back from that.

We are to support the churches and the ministers are to live from the support also, though as today even than some also worked jobs; Paul was a tent maker; Luke was a physician, some were fishermen. We are to give as we have made up our mind to give, and God knows our hearts, we are not to reluctantly or sorrowfully, or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. If a person can not give joyfully than you are better off not to give, it hinders the gift, the grace on it, the blessing. Some people tell me well, I can not pay a tithe, I just do not have anything left over, well you have two hands and you can serve. Serve??....yes God knows our circumstances; you can volunteer to do something at the church and do it unto the Lord; give it to Him, that is tithing in service. Do it unto the Lord. Remember though it is to be done joyfully, or don't give. I can tell you just as it says in this chapter, every time I tithe my needs have been met.....oh.....you say??...not necessarily in money, and remember it has to be given joyfully, cheerful giver. An example; my daughters kitten got ill, the kids, were all upset so I went to the vet with her, I prayed as she drove, when we went in with the kitten, the vet looked at my grandsons...and he knew....he said I will do what I can ; that kitten had IV therapy for 30 hours, antibiotics, around the clock care, the bill was over 1,000.00 dollars....the vet looked at me and than said; you know what just give me 24.00 and the bill is paid.....that is God's way.....you probably will not be blessed back with money, but He supplies all your needs..you may be blessed with a raise, more hours work, or a surprise like a bill written off, or a discount...

The temples in that era usually had collection boxes at the back of the temples, very rarely did a person see what the other one's gave, to day churches pass the plate, some of them, some of the rest of them went back to the old way. When giving do it as unto the Lord; and joyfully and cheerfully.....and NO I am not asking and never have.....or will. The Word is to be given freely....can not be charged for, churches can charge for services though; utilities, paper, materials....etc.....but not ever for the Word.

Do.....whatever you do as unto the Lord....it all belongs to God anyway, is how I look at it.....

Some churches disagree with me.....and get upset with me.....if you cannot give to your churches; joyfully, cheerfully and gladly or supply service....than don't give...if not given in love, there is NO blessing.

Be blessed.....

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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