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Un-voluntary Giving

Author Unknown

When it comes to the matter of giving, are not some like Farmer Applegate's cow?


A summer boarder asked the farmer, "How much milk does that cow give?"



"Wal," the farmer replied, "ef ye mean by voluntary contri-booshun, she don't give none. But ef ye kin get her cornered, so's she can't kick none to hurt, an able-bodied man kin take away about 'eleven quarts a day from her."

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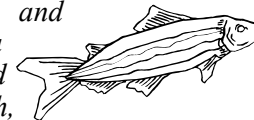



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Give

Bill Brinkworth

"Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee." Matthew 17:27



One of the biggest blessings in being a Christian is to see how God takes care of His own. Seeing Him meet needs establishes concretely how real He is to a Christian.

Many spend much energy trying to justify why they should not and do not give sacrificially to the Lord. They miss seeing how God will provide for their needs.

I have noticed quite often that those that have justified robbing God by not giving their tithes (Malachi 3:8) are also those that often have the most financial problems. Some of those people tried to talk me out of giving by

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Put the Money in His Hand

Author Unknown

A pastor was taking a missionary offering. Among other things he said, "I want each of you to give today as though you were putting your money right into the pierced hand of Jesus Christ."

A lady came up afterward and said to him, "I was going to give a dollar, but I didn't do so."

"Why didn't you give it?" the preacher asked her.

"Do you think," replied the lady, "I would put a dol-



lar into His pierced hand? I have a hundred dollars at home, and I am going to give that."

If you were putting money into the pierced hand of our Lord, our contributions would amount to millions instead of thousands, and world would be evangelized in our own generation!

"Some people don't give their money because they 'worship' the dollar, and they don't want to give away their 'god'."

Give

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faith to my local church. They justified not giving, because they supposedly “knew” the Scriptures better than I. They accused me of being foolish when I gave money to the ministry, when I could not afford to. These people never got to the point where they ignored human reasoning and lived by faith.

I am so glad I did not let them influence me. When I got saved, I soon learned about tithing, (giving at least 10% of what God had allowed me to earn) from reading my daily devotions and from good preaching on the subject. I gave sacrificially when it was extremely difficult to give, because of my low economic level. Not once did I ever miss a bill. I never was even late, when I tithed. I always got to see how God was going to meet my needs, because there was no other way as far as the “world” saw, but through His help. When the needs were most urgent, He always provided in an unexpected manner.

In verse 25, a “tribute” was due to be paid by Jesus. Sometimes a “tribute” was a temple tax, or a gift to the Lord. Here I believe it was a government tax; as it was mentioned that “kings of the earth” were collecting it. It was a need to pay Jesus’ tax. The disciples and Jesus did

not have a guaranteed salary or a well-stocked bank account. They were living day-by-day through God’s provision of their “daily bread”. When it came time to pay their taxes, an important need, Jesus told Peter to work for it. Peter obeyed, went down to the water’s edge, threw in a hook and caught a fish. Peter reached into the fish’s mouth and, imagine that, pulled out of it a coin that was enough to pay their tribute.

Coincidence? Unlikely! It was God’s way of providing what they needed. If they had had a large savings account and had just taken out the money they had needed, they would have missed seeing how God had taken care of them — an important lesson to learn if one is to grow spiritually.

With the economy being in the terrible mess it is, more and more are finding it hard to pay bills. This is not the time to stop giving to God, but rather a time to give more faithfully; and then to see how the mighty hand of God will provide!

A “Giving” Testimony

Norman Gartin

I was sitting in the DMV, as a new Christian, with another man from my church. My friend said he couldn’t tithe because he couldn’t afford to, with all the car repairs and his being on state

“It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving.” — Braunstein

assistance and all. My response to him was that I couldn’t afford not to tithe; seeing I was out of work and trusting the Lord to provide.

He and his wife later went on to divorce. Their lives were in a constant spiral down and away from God. My wife and I have been married nearly 35 years and both of our children serve the Lord. I wonder, is there a relationship between our attitude on tithing, and where we ended up years later? We both sat in the same church and heard the same teaching, but with different ears.

Giving

Author Unknown

*The sun gives ever; so the earth,
What it can give so much ‘tis
worth;*

*The ocean gives in many ways —
Gives paths, gives fishes, rivers,
bays;*

*So, too, the air, it gives us
breath ;*

*When it stops giving comes in
death.*

*Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not is not living.*

*The more you give,
The more you live.*

*God’s love hath to us wealth up-
heaped;*

*Only by giving it is reaped.
The body withers, and the mind,
If pent in by selfish rind,*

*Give strength, give thought, give
deeds, give pelf,
Give love, give tears, and give
thyself;*

*Who gives not is not living.
The more we give,
The more we live.*

(* “pelf” is money or riches.)

Keeping Money

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It is foolish to allow our hearts to lean upon any earthly good, which must soon perish. It is like putting all one’s money into the coat pocket, which a clever thief may empty.

A great man once told a youth to empty his purse into his head, if he wished to keep his money safely; meaning that a good education would be the best and surest investment for his little capital. So let us lay up our treasure, where alone it will be safe, namely, in the graces of the soul, the love of God, and for our eternity in heaven, if we are saved. “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

“God has given us two hands — one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.” — Graham

“You give but a little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.” — K. Gibran