

# MATERIAL OFFERING AND THE LORD'S MOVE TODAY

## Day 1

### Principles of Material **Offering** Full-time **Service** and the Lord's **Move**

*Eph 1:9 - Making known to us the **mystery of His will** according to **His good pleasure**, which **He purposed** in Himself,*

*Eph 1:10 - Unto the **economy** of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;*

*Eph 1:11 - In whom also **we were designated** as an inheritance, having been **predestinated** according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,*

**In the beginning of time God created, but in eternity past the Word was with God and was God.**

## PRINCIPLES

There is **only one way to deal with mammon**, and **no one should change it at will**. We have to go on together in the same way. **We should have the same view towards mammon**. The Bible is very clear about this subject.

### 1. "You cannot serve God and mammon." – Mammon is an **idol**

**Matt. 6:24** No one can serve **two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**

**Luke 16:13** No household servant can serve **two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**

The Bible describes mammon as an idol. It is in opposition to God...There are only two true objects of worship—mammon and God. The **minimum** requirement of being a Christian is to **turn from the idols to serve the living God** (1 Thes. 1:9). We must be clear that we cannot worship **idols**, and we must equally be clear that we cannot worship **mammon**.

We must never tell others that they need to offer their mammon because we need to build meeting halls or because we need to take care of the work or the poor. We should **never lower the meaning of consecration** to the level of satisfying needs. This denigrates the meaning of consecration. We deal with mammon not because of our need but because it is as idol.... Dealing with mammon is not a matter of being rich or poor; it is matter of **idolatry**.... We are not speaking about being rich or poor. We are saying that mammon as **an idol must be removed**.

We have to show Christians that mammon is an idol; it is something that demands worship. It is something apart from God.... The Bible does not say that all those who are poor are blessed; it says that **those who are poor in spirit are blessed**. Being poor in spirit is being poor voluntarily. All the beggars in this world are not poor in spirit. Even those who do not have money can still worship it as an idol in their heart. Mammon indeed usurps man's worship. **We must discuss this matter in a thorough way**. **Mammon is an idol**, and Christians must deal with mammon in a thorough way. This matter must be settled.

## 2. **Deliverance** from mammon is a part of our salvation.

**Matt. 19:21** Jesus said to him, If you want to be **perfect**, go, **sell your possessions** and give to the poor, and you will have **treasure in the heavens**; and come, **follow Me**.

**Luke 18:24** And Jesus, seeing that he became very sorrowful, said, How **difficult** it is for those who have riches to go into the kingdom of God.

**Luke 18:25** For it is **easier** for a **camel to enter through the eye of a needle** than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

**Luke 18:26** And those who heard said, **Then who can be saved?**

**Luke 18:27** But He said, The things that are **impossible with men** are **possible with God**.

In Luke 18 and 19, three things—**eternal life**, the **kingdom of the heavens**, and **salvation**—are linked together. All three things relate to mammon.

- *First*, the **young ruler** wanted to **inherit eternal life**. The Lord told him to **sell** all that he had and to follow Him (Luke 18:22).
- *Second*, the Lord spoke on the difficulty of a **rich man's entry into God's kingdom**. It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom! .... Those who are able to avoid the fate of a **camel** which has difficulty passing through a needle's eye are the ones who have **forsaken** their all to enter the kingdom of the heavens (v. 25).
- *Third*, **Zaccheus gave** half of his possessions to the poor, and the Lord said that **salvation had come** to his house (Luke 19:8).

The **young ruler** is an **example** of what is "**impossible with men**," and **Zaccheus** is an **example** of what is "**possible with God**." A man experiences joy when his sins are forgiven. He experiences the same joy when he is delivered from mammon. When a man believes in the Lord, he finds peace in his heart. When mammon no longer occupies any place in him, he also finds peace in his heart.

Therefore, in order for a man to receive eternal life, the kingdom, and salvation, he has to **be delivered from mammon** and to dispose everything. Today **we are not doing a fund-raising work**. We are here to help others to receive eternal life, to enter the kingdom and to be saved.

## Day 2

### 3. Be rich before the Lord.

- Phil. 4:15 And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me **in the account of giving and receiving** except you only;
- Phil. 4:16 For even in Thessalonica **you sent** both once and again **to my need**.
- Phil. 4:17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit which **increases to your account**.
- Matt. 6:19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves dig through and steal.
- Matt. 6:20 But **store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal.
- 1Tim. 6:18 To do good, **to be rich in good works**, to **be ready to distribute**, to be ones willing to share;
- 1Tim. 6:19 Laying away for themselves a good foundation as **a treasure for the future**, that they may lay hold on that which is **really life**.

We have to learn to be rich before the Lord. He wants us to sell all, but He does not, wants us to be in poverty. He wants us to learn to be rich in Him. As Christians, we are rich men, **depending on the ground upon which we stand**.... God wants us to be all rich before Him and poor before the world. Only those who are poor on earth can be rich before God. When we are asked to sell our all, **we are not being asked to spend all of our money**, but to **transfer it from our earthly bank to the heavenly bank**. We are being asked to change our deposit from one place to another.... God does not attract us with interest.... However, God is asking whether we have faith **We can invest in an earthly bank, but will we invest in God's eternal bank?** Do we want to deposit our money in an **eternal account?** We are here to serve God! If we see this, we will give our all for this. In the past we gave all to mammon; we served it. Now we have to put everything on God's side and serve Him. We have to be those who are rich in God.

### 4. Give to the poor.

- Matt. 19:21 Jesus said to him, If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and **give to the poor**, and you will have **treasure in the heavens**; and come, **follow Me**.
- 2 Cor. 9:9 Even as it is written, "He has **scattered** abroad; he has **given to the poor; his righteousness abides forever.**"
- Rom. 12:13 **Contribute to the needs of the saints**; pursue hospitality.
- Gal. 2:10 Only *they requested* that we **remember the poor**, which very thing I was also eager to do.
- Deut. 15:7 If among you there is **a needy one**...., you shall not harden your heart and you shall not close up your hand from **your needy brother**;
- Deut. 15:10 You must **give to him**, and your **heart** shall not be displeased when you give to him; for on account of this matter **Jehovah your God will bless you** in all your work and in all your undertakings.
- Deut. 15:11 ...; therefore I am **commanding** you, saying, You must **open your hand** to your brother, **to the poor one** with you and **to the needy one** with you in your land.
- Prov. 19:17 He who has **pity upon a poor man lends to Jehovah**, And He will repay him for his good deed.

There is much **benefit** in taking care of the unbelieving poor; this can **expand our heart's capacity**. Today we have the church, and there are two distinct **advantages** to practicing giving in the church. First, **the givers** become men who are delivered from mammon. Second, **the receivers** are believing brothers and sisters [*Gal. 6:10*]

.... The Lord told men to sell their all because He did not want men to fall into the bondage of mammon. He wanted men to serve Him.... A Christian should never accumulate mammon.

5. Uphold and maintain the practice of: **“He who gathered much had no excess.”**

2 Cor. 8:15 As it is written, “He who *gathered much had no excess*, and he who *gathered* little had no lack.”

As God blesses us and increases our income, we surely have to pour out more. Those who sow abundantly should not be in excess. The more absolutely a person **deals** with the matter of mammon, the faster his **money will come back** to him.... No matter how much income we receive, God wants us to maintain the practice of not having excess. We must deal with money in an absolute way. Before the Lord, we must continually give away our money.

6. God is the unique **Source** of all things.

1 Tim. 6:17 Charge those who are rich in the present age not to be high- minded, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches but on **God, who affords us all things** richly for *our* enjoyment;

1 Cor. 9:10 Now He who bountifully **supplies seed to the sower** and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and cause the fruits of your righteousness to increase.

All things are created by God. God is the unique source of all things; He is above all things. **“All things”** are diverse and complicated. Satan wants to unify all things. ..., if you convert all these things into money, you can add them up.

... Money is the only means by which we can **reckon** all things. (*With money, a piece of land becomes no more a piece of land; it becomes money. Rice becomes no more rice; it becomes money*). God created the earth, yet man divided it up into pieces and reckoned the value of every piece with money.... In six days, God created all things.... Yet Satan has simplified these things and unified them under money. If a person truly wants to serve the Lord, **he must be delivered from money. Once a person’s thoughts are turned to money, he cannot serve God.** It is wrong for a man to view all things from the side of money; he should **view all things from the side of God.**

## Day 3

### 7. “**Making friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness.**” (Wk. 2 Day 1)

- Luke 16:8 And the master praised the unrighteous steward because he had **acted prudently**; for the **sons of this age** are more prudent *in their dealings* with their own generation than the **sons of light**.
- Luke 16:9 And I say to you, **Make friends** for yourselves by means of the **mammon of unrighteousness**, so that when it **fails**, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.
- Luke 16:10 He who is **faithful in the least is faithful also in much**; and he who is unrighteous in the least is unrighteous also in much.
- Luke 16:13 No household servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**

When we **offer up** all our money and then **receive it back** again from the Lord, the money will be very different. Formerly, we were the **masters**. Now we become the **stewards**. If we are a steward yet **waste our master's money** the Lord's illustration says aptly that some will accuse us (Luke 16:1). They will say that we are wasting our master's money. Today, we may hold different standards of living. But the principle remains the same: **We have to do our best to be frugal....** We can be in scarcity, but we cannot become small. We cannot become small just through our scarcity. **We have to show other brothers that not one thing is our own.**

... **We are not here for money**; we are here to help others to **hand themselves over**. If a man does not hand himself over, it is meaningless to receive a few dollars from him; it is better to return such money back to him. God would not be pleased with such money. In God's eyes money is not the main problem. A man hands over his money because he has first handed over himself. **You as a person are more important than your money**. When a person comes, what he has will come along with him.

### 8. “**Do not be anxious.... Seek, first His kingdom.**”

- Matt. 6:21 For where your **treasure** is, there will your **heart** be also. Matt. 6:31 Therefore do **not be anxious**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed?
- Matt. 6:32 For all these things the Gentiles are anxiously seeking. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- Matt. 6:33 But **seek first His kingdom** and His righteousness, and **all these** things will be **added to you**.

... money will still find its way back.... **How should we manage money?** .... we should not think that money will no longer have an influence ....., money can gradually regain its power ....., a believer must learn to continually let go of his money.... The Christian way of **financial management** is the **way of giving**.... Today we are concerned with how a Christian should live in order to be free from **want**. God has promised us that we will have no lack on earth.... **If a brother is financially hard-pressed, he is not managing his wealth according to God's principle.**

After you have forsaken all of your possessions to follow the Lord, you should **walk according to God's principle**. If you do not follow **God's principle**, you will eventually end up in **poverty**. There is a great need for many of God's children to learn to **manage their wealth**. If they do not learn to manage their wealth, they should expect nothing except **hardship** in the way ahead of them.

**Our God is a rich God**. He does not need our money.... Then **why does He need our money?** It is because **where our treasure is, there will our heart be also**. **Money** is a material thing that **belongs** to the **earth**. Yet the Bible puts God and mammon together. This proves that **man's heart** is either touched by **God** or by **money**. **God's test** of a man's heart toward Him is in the way of man's giving.

## 9. “Give, and it will be given to you.” (Wk 2, Day 4)

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over, they will give into your bosom. For with what **measure** you measure, it shall be measured to you in return.

**Act 20:35** In all things I have shown you by example that toiling in this way we ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

**If** we do not give, we are being unrighteous. The rent[*expenses*] and utilities of the meeting hall all cost money. If we do not give, we are not doing our part, and others are paying for us to sit here. This is unrighteousness, and **unrighteousness is sin**. Do not think that others do not know and that we can cheat. God knows.

...We need to meet certain conditions before our prayers can be answered. Even our **salvation** had certain requirements to it—we had to **believe**. Every promise has conditions, and we must fulfill these conditions before we can receive the promise. Likewise, we need to fulfill God’s requirement before we can **receive** His supply. His requirement is to **give**. The Lord says, “**Give, and it will be given to you.**”

... Many people have problems with their income because they have problems with their giving. God’s Word is quite clear. If we give to others, the Lord will give to us. If we do not give to others, the Lord will not give to us. Most people only exercise **faith** when they **ask** God for money; they do not exercise **faith in giving** money. Christians have a unique way of managing their wealth: **What we receive depends on what we give.**

We should all look to the Lord for our needs, but God will supply the needs of only one type of people—**those who give**... When God gives man, ... He gives by pressing down, shaking together, heaping up, and running over. However, He also says that **with what measure we measure others, it will be measured to us in return.**

## 10. “Take care not to do your righteousness before men.”

**Matt. 6:1-4** But take care not to do your righteousness before men in order to be gazed at by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in the heavens. Therefore when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward in full. But you, when you give alms, **do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing**, So that your alms may be in secret; and **your Father who sees in secret will repay you.**

**Man’s flesh**, seeking to glorify itself, always wants to **do good deeds before men to** be praised by them. But the kingdom people, who live in an emptied and humbled spirit and walk in a pure and single heart under the **heavenly ruling of the kingdom**, are not allowed to do anything in the flesh for the praise of men but must do all things in the spirit for the pleasing of their heavenly Father.

We must do our righteous deeds in **secret, for our Father is in secret**.... Whatever we do in secret for the Father’s kingdom, the Father sees in secret. The heavenly Father’s seeing in secret must be an **incentive** to doing their righteous deeds in secret.... the Lord also said that **the Father will repay us.**

The effect of doing our righteous deeds in secret is that **the self and the flesh are killed**.... Thus, for us kingdom people, a **basic principle** concerning **righteous deed is never to make a show of ourselves**. As much as possible, **hide** yourself, keep yourself **covered**, and do things in **secret**. We should be so hidden that, as the Lord Jesus says, our left hand does not know what our right hand is doing. This means that **we should not let others know what we are doing.**

**FULL-TIME SERVICE**

- Rom. 14:7-9 For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself; For whether we live, we **live to the Lord**, and whether we die, we **die to the Lord**. Therefore **whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's**. For Christ died and lived *again* for this, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
- 2 Cor. 5:15 And He died for all that those who live may **no longer live to themselves** but **to** Him who died for them and has been raised.
- Gal. 2:19 For I through law have died to law that I might live **to** God.

***“whether we live, we live to the Lord.”***

..., how could your body be free to be presented to God as a living sacrifice? Our entire **being** is **contained** in our **body**, and our body is **confined** in **time**. Therefore, the **body** is the center of these two things, the center of our being and the center of our time. The **being** is **what we are**, and the **time** is **where we exist**. We can change the places where we live, but we cannot move ourselves out of time. You always remain in time. To present your body to God means you give yourself to God. This is to be full-time. **We Christians should all be full-timers.**

... **Every saved one must be a full-timer**, presenting his body to God.... To present your body is just to present yourself to God. As a saved one, you have to present yourself to God. Having presented yourself to God, **you will be led** by the Lord to either do a **job** to make money or to **preach the gospel** without making any money. Whether you do a job or preach the gospel depends upon the Lord's leading.

The **real meaning of being full-time** is to **live to Him**. To go full-time does not mean to drop your job and become a preacher. It does not mean that you give up your business and become one who preaches the gospel or who labors in the word all the time. **A full-timer is one who lives to the Lord....** We have to live **to** Him because He is ours and we are His. To live **to** Him is based upon the fact that we are His. Not only is He ours, but we also are His.... To **live to the Lord** includes living **for, by, with, and in** Him. This is one being two and two in one. There is not only no separation between us and the Lord but also no distinction when we are living to Him.

To be full-time means that you live **to** the Lord. You do **not** live **for** Him **but to** Him. There is no distinction in anything. He does not need your permission to use you, nor do you need his permission to use Him.

... To be **for** the Lord means that you still could be away from the Lord. If you are **to** the Lord, you could never be away from Him. To be **to** the Lord means that you are one with Him. It means that we breathe **to** the Lord, eat **to** the Lord, walk **to** Him, and even exercise **to** Him. If you are practicing the real ownership of the Lord, you will do everything **to** Him.

I hope we all can realized the proper denotation of the spiritual term **full-time**. To be full-time does not mean that you need to give up your job. To be a full-timer means that whatever you do, you do **to** the Lord; whatever you are, you are **to** the Lord; and whatever you have, you have **to** the Lord. If you remain in a job, you remain **to** the Lord. If you leave your job, you leave it **to** the Lord. **As long as you are to the Lord you are a full-timer.**

... Thus, there is no problem concerning whether we live a longer life or whether we die today. If we live, **we live to the Lord**, if we die, **we die to the Lord**. There is no difference. Whatever I do and whatever happens to me, I am **to** the Lord because I am one with Him. To think that only those who give up their jobs to do the Lord's work are full-timer is a **wrong understanding**. This is still the understanding under the influence of degrade Christianity.... When you say that you are a full-timer, it means that you are **to** the Lord.

... Let, us all be full-timers! ... Then we will fulfill the commission of the **Lord's recovery**.

**THE LORD'S MOVE TODAY**

**1. "show strength and take *action*."**

Isa. 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; **send me**.

Dan. 11:32b But the people who know their God will show strength and **take action**.

... There is the need of an **appropriate direction** for the Lord's move in His recovery today to match the recent changes in the world situation.

The Lord's move and our move are both signified by a wheel. The wheel within a wheel is the Lord's move in our move. **When God's people move, God moves**. If God's people do not move, God has no way to move.

... The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a **preparation for the Lord's coming back** to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation.

... I hope that we would bring this fellowship to the Lord and pray. We should tell the Lord, "Lord, these days are the consummation of the age. Lord, in these days rekindle my love toward You."

To take action [**Dan 11:32**] means to do something **noble** and **worthy** which may be considered as an achievement. Especially in these days in the Lord's recovery, we need to be those who show strength and take action.

**2. "know how to be *abased* and know how to *abound*."**

2 Cor. 6:10 As made sorrowful yet always rejoicing;  
as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet  
**possessing all things**.

Phil. 4:12 I know also how to be **abased**, and I know how  
to **abound**; in everything and in all things I have **learned the secret** both to be filled and to hunger,  
both  
to abound and to lack.

The **full-timers** should live a **life by faith, trusting** in the Lord for their necessities and receiving the Lord's supply through the saints and the churches. If we feel led and burdened by the Lord to go full-time, **we should not worry about our necessities**. We have to believe in the Lord and put our trust in Him. We should not think that we will have a prosperous life in material things. **We must get ourselves prepared to suffer**. **The first suffering is poverty**. We need to learn to serve the Lord in poverty. Some think that if they serve the Lord in poverty, that is a sign they have not chosen and called by the Lord. However, the apostle Paul was in poverty (**2 Cor. 6:10; 11:27**). Because the churches established by him **did not adequately support him**, he was forced to make tents (**Acts 18:3**). At the same time, he ministered to the needs of his co-workers (**20:34**).

... To serve the Lord in this way is glorious. If the Lord has called us and sent us, He will surely take care of us. He has a way to supply us through the saints and the churches.

When we serve the Lord, we should not have the thought that we are hired in any sense by anyone or any church. If the church supplies us, that does not mean that the church hires us. That is **not a wage** but **the**

Lord's supply through the church. We have to fully realize that the Lord in supporting us needs His Body (the church) and the members of His Body (the believers) to cooperate with Him.

### 3. "**fellow workers in the truth**"

3 John 7 For on behalf of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

3 John 8 We therefore ought to support such ones that we may become **fellow workers in the truth**.

The Bible encourages us to **support the full-time workers**. Third John 5-8 tells us we need to take care, of, support, and send the travelling full-time workers forward on their way in a way that matches God, who is generous. If we support the full-timers, we are participating, sharing, in their work for the truth, and we become "**fellow workers in the truth**" (v. 8). We are not directly sharing the same work, but we are indirectly sharing the same work. The believers ought to support and undertake for the need of the brothers who work for God in His divine truth, and who take nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore, if you do not have the burden to be full-time, you should make more money for the Lord's interest. **Do not work merely to support yourself**, but also **to support the full-time workers**. Even the wives whose husbands are full-time workers could work to support their husband and other full-timers if possible. This will be greatly blessed by the Lord.

The full-timers who would still remain in their job, their profession or business, to make money.... Remain there to make gain of the World's gold. When the Israelites left Egypt, they plundered it of its gold (Exo. 11:2-3; 12:35-36). The material gold mine is in Egypt. We need some full-timers to remain there to dig the gold mine to get the gold. The other full-timers will drop their job, profession, or business for the preaching and teaching of the gospel truth, but they will need something to live on. We would not like to see that they would be **forced to make tents** as Paul was in Acts 18:1-

3. That would be a shame to us. If I were there at Paul's time, I would have gone through all the churches to tell them that it was a shame that they would not have fellowship with the apostle Paul unto the gospel (Phil. 1:5) It was shame to force him and his co-workers to go back to "Egypt" to get some gold. We must stress to the saints that we **full-timers in different functions**. Some have the function to **preach** the gospel, **teach** the truth, and **minister** life to all the seekers. However, these dear ones could not have any time to make a living. They need others to support them. Therefore, a great number of us full-timers should remain in our jobs, professions, or businesses to make money.

It is a great thing to have a **fellowship unto the gospel**. Unto the gospel means for the furtherance of the gospel. All the full-timers who remain in their jobs and businesses need to have this kind of fellowship, a fellowship for the furtherance of the Lord's move through those who do not remain in businesses and jobs, but who are occupied all day with preaching and teaching for the spreading of the Lord's kingdom.

### 4. "**fellowship ... in the account of giving and receiving**"

What kind of sweet feeling the apostle expressed [in **Philippians 4:15-16**!] He said this was "**a sweet-smelling savor, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God**" (v. 18). Paul did not seek a gift from them (v. 17), but what they gave became a sweet savor for Paul to put on the altar for them. It was not merely something to support him, but it became something **increasing to their account**. There is an account in the heavenly bank, in which we may have credit or debit. It is merely a **low practice to give ten percent**. **God is not a beggar**; do not treat Him as one. You should **honor Him** [Prov. 3:9] as the very bountiful Giver who affords you all the riches. **All your riches come from Him**. It was and still up to Him whether you will be rich or not. It is not according to your plan of what you should do and have. You simply must labor, day and night. He then will follow your labor to bless you, not for your enterprise, but for the spreading of His kingdom.

**TITHING**

- Gen. 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram **gave him a tenth** of all.
- Gen. 28:22 And this stone, which I have set up as a **pillar**, will be God's house; and of all that You give me I will surely **give one tenth** to You.
- Mal. 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, **How have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings.**
- Mal. 3:10 Bring the **whole tithes** to the storehouse that there may be food in My house; and prove Me, if you will, by this, says Jehovah of hosts, whether I will open to you the windows of heaven and pour out blessing for you until there is no room for it.

***God will fill your every need***

It is not sufficient ..., reminding the saints how they practice ten percent tithing. **This is too poor.** The **tithing of the ten percent** to the Lord is altogether an Old Testament thing, belonging to the law. There was no grace, life, or life power in that. We must be different. We are in the **age of grace**, which provides us with much **supply of life**. The **dynamic salvation** was accepted by **Zaccheus** in **Luke 19:1-10**. Immediately after being saved, that sinner gave up so much of his worldly possessions. That was **not** tithing of ten percent; that was the very **issue** of the dynamic salvation. Likewise, on the **Day of Pentecost** all those small members had everything in common (**Acts 2:44, 45; 4:32-35**). This was **not** one tenth of their possessions but one hundred percent. They put everything at the feet of the apostles, that is, at the Lord's disposal. That was wonderful. We are in the Lord's recovery; even this matter has to be recovered. Train the saints who love the Lord so much. It is regrettable that in the past they did not receive the adequate education or instruction in this matter. The more they would spend for the Lord, the more they have the blessing spoken of in **Philippians 4:19**.... This verse is a great blessing. Because you are taking care of God's need, God would **give you a great blessing** in filling every need of yours **according to His riches**.

- All of **fallen mankind** are **under** the domination of mammon and material possessions (Matt. 6:19-21, 24-25, 30; 19:21-22; Luke 12:13-19).
- At the **day of Pentecost**, **under** the power of the Holy Spirit, all the believers **overthrew** this domination and had all their possessions in common for distribution to the needy ones (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32, 34-37).
- That practice, due to the weakness of the believers' fallen nature (see Acts 5:1-11; 6:1), **did not last long**. It was already over by the Apostle Paul's time.
- Then the believers needed **grace to overcome** the power of mammon and material things and **to release** them from Satan's domination for an offering to the Lord to fulfill His purpose.

**Resurrection life** is the **supply** for the believers to live such a life, **a life trusting in God**, not in treasures of material possessions, a life not for today but for the future, not for this age but for the coming age (Luke 12:16-21; 1 Tim. 6:17-19), a life that overthrows the **usurpation of temporal** and **uncertain riches**.

... **Resurrection** is **not only** the **power over sin and death**; resurrection is **a power over mammon and material possessions**. Therefore, immediately following [*1 Corinthians 15*] on **resurrection**, Paul turns to the matter of **material possessions**.

- 1 Cor. 16:1 Now concerning the **collection** for the saints, just as I **directed** the churches of Galatia, so you also do.
- 1 Cor. 16:2 On the **first day of the week** each one of you should lay aside in store to himself whatever he may have been prospered, that no collections be made when I come.

## SHARING DOING GOOD

- 2 Cor. 8:1 Furthermore we make known to you, brothers, the **grace of God** which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,
- 2 Cor. 8:4 With much entreaty they besought of us the **grace and the fellowship of the ministry** to the saints;
- 2 Cor. 8:6 So we entreated Titus that, even as he began before, so also he would complete for you **this grace** as well.
- 2 Cor. 8:7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and in word and in knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love in you from us, abound in this **grace also**.
- 2 Cor. 8:9 For you know the **grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor in order that you, because of His poverty, might become rich.
- 2 Cor. 8:15 As it is written, "He who **gathered** much had no excess, and he who *gathered* little had no lack."
- 2 Cor. 9:6 But *take note of* this: He who **sows** sparingly shall also sparingly reap; and he who **sows** with **blessings** shall also with **blessings** reap;
- Gal. 6:6 But let him who is **instructed** in the word **share in all good things** with him who **instructs**.
- Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows**, this he will also reap.
- Gal. 6:8 For he who sows unto his own flesh will reap corruption of the flesh, but he who **sows unto the Spirit** will of the Spirit reap **eternal life**.
- Gal. 6:9 And **let us not lose heart** in **doing what is good**, for in the proper season we will reap if we do not faint.
- Gal. 6:10 So then, **as we have the opportunity**, **let us do what is good** toward all, but especially **toward those of the household of the faith**.
- Heb. 13:15 Through Him then **let us offer up a sacrifice of praise** continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.
- Heb. 13:16 **But do not forget doing good** and **sharing** with others, for with such **sacrifices God is well pleased**.

## TIME

- John 7:6 ..., but **your time is always ready**.
- Eph. 5:16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.
- Col. 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are without, **redeeming the time**.

## NO SPACE IN THE ONE NEW MAN

- Eph. 2:15 **Abolishing in His flesh** the law of the commandments in **ordinances**, that He might **create** the two **in Himself** into one **new man**, so making peace,
- Eph. 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God **through the cross**, having slain the enmity by it.
- Eph. 4:23 And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- Eph. 4:24 And **put on the new man**, which was **created** according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

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