

(A special teaching on the power and blessings of giving.)

Giving is a vital part of the Christian life. It is not only for church members but for all who serve in God's kingdom—pastors, teachers, evangelists, and every believer regardless of age or income. The Lord Jesus commands giving, and this command carries both blessings and warnings.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory... then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (*Matthew 25:31-46*)

This passage reminds us that how we give and serve impacts our eternal destiny.

The Power of Giving Rooted in God's Word

Giving according to God's Word is more than a financial transaction—it is a spiritual act that has power in the unseen realm. Offerings given with faith can overcome spiritual attacks and cancel out curses.

Consider Moses and Pharaoh’s magicians:

“Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. Each man threw down his staff, and they became serpents. But Moses’ staff swallowed up their staffs.” (*Exodus 7:11-12*)

Moses had to first sacrifice and throw down his own staff before it could overpower the enemy’s staffs. Spiritually, this teaches us that breakthroughs often require sacrifice from our side first.

Sacrifice is Required for Victory

In Israel’s battles, victory came only after they made offerings and sought God’s guidance (Judges 20:20-40). Similarly, many breakthroughs in life and ministry come after faithful giving and sacrifice.

The Enemy’s Investment in Witchcraft

The Bible reveals that practitioners of witchcraft invest heavily in their craft. When they repent, the cost of abandoning their magic

is enormous:

“Many of those who believed came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of the books... fifty thousand pieces of silver.” (*Acts 19:18-19*)

To grasp how significant this cost is, compare it with Judas’s betrayal of Jesus for 30 pieces of silver—an amount sufficient to buy a field (*Matthew 27:3-7*).

Doing the math shows that 50,000 silver coins could purchase over 1,600 fields. If one field costs about 1 million Tanzanian shillings, the total value of those books exceeded 1 billion shillings. The enemy’s kingdom is funded at great expense.

The Call to Generous Giving in God’s Kingdom

If those serving darkness are willing to pay so much to build their kingdom, how much more should we be willing to invest in God’s Kingdom?

The Bible teaches:

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

God calls us to give sacrificially and joyfully, trusting that He will bless us abundantly.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse... and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” (*Malachi 3:10*)

The enemy is building his kingdom at great cost, and we must not be passive in building God’s kingdom. Let us give faithfully, generously, and joyfully to advance God’s work on earth.

May the Lord strengthen us in this calling.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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