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## **Each One! Bless One! You Make a Difference!**

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**“It is more blessed to give than to receive”**

**ACTS 20:35**

### **Faith, Part 3a. Asking Faith versus Giving Faith. Text: Acts 20:35**

Today, the emphasis of the Church appears to be more on faith than to ask from God. Usually, Believers just take a promise from the Bible without real prompting by the Spirit to receive the Word as Rhema. Some of the time, the Lord gives us what we ask just to honour His name out of mercy. But we must realize that faith operates more when we first hear from God. Many have become so frustrated by asking merely quoting the Logos. When these things fail to manifest, it simply shows you you are asking for something the Lord is not ready to give you yet because, maybe it's not yet time or you are not ready for it.

Let's think of it, the Lord who created heaven and earth with all the parallaxes is able to give you anything. But you must realize that God responds to need not want. God, who lives in eternity, also operates in timing. **“I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.”** Ecclesiastes 9:11 (KJ)  
He makes everything beautiful in it's time.

However, much as God wants us to ask and it shall be given, we must also know that the Father knows our needs. The Bible says, nothing good

will He withhold from those who are upright. **“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”** Psalm 84:11.

The missing link today is abiding in Him. Jesus said **“if you abide in me and my word abide in you, you will ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”** John 15:7. What you are asking for, will it glorify God or will you use it to His glory? **“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”** v.8 If God gives you what you are asking, will it enhance your life in Christ and help to advance the Kingdom or will He make you to backslide and cause God’s Kingdom to suffer loss? We need to ponder over our motives before asking God for something. This enables us to check our hearts, to determine if it’s flesh or faith that prompts us. Faith will never ask for anything contrary to the Word of God.

Hannah inquired of the Lord for a son and God gave her and Elkanah, her husband one. She in turn gave her son, Samuel to God for His service. Samuel became a renowned prophet in Israel. God made David king over Israel who never even asked for it. Yet David served His generation according to the Will of God. **Acts 13:36 – “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:”**

On the other hand, there is faith that gives. This is the kind of faith that challenges the Lord Himself. Those who engage in knowing God for themselves focus on giving their service to the Lord. (TO BE CONTINUED)

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