

I Want God to Feel It – Bible Study Lesson

2 Chronicles 1:6-7 (NASB)

6 Solomon went up there before the Lord to the bronze altar which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask what I shall give you.”

Mark 12:41-44 (NLT)

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.

42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

It is true that how we handle our resources, in particular our money speaks volumes of our love, character, and appreciation for the things of God. In the two examples we read, we find very different walks of life, but the same result on God. Solomon gave God an offering. He offered a thousand burnt offerings. That same night, God showed up and asked him, “What can I do for you?” The widow put in two small coins that amounted to a penny. And Jesus said she gave more than anyone else. In our giving and sowing, we should want it to mean something. When we give God something that matters **(the precious)** it affects God. With this in mind, let’s examine: **I Want God to Feel It.**

1 Kings 19:19-21 (NLT)

19 So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing

with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away.

20 Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, “First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!” Elijah replied, “Go on back, but think about what I have done to you.”

21 So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.

When God places a mantle or a calling on your life, it's up to you to go after it. The problem is, often people are looking for a **PLAN B**. Well if this doesn't work I can always go back to where I was before. Elisha eliminated all other options. Not only did he kill the oxen, he used the wood from the plow to cook them. Here's a key that will enhance our giving. **WE SHOULD ALWAYS GIVE AT A LEVEL THAT REQUIRES FAITH.** Remember, It's not job, it's God. It's not momma, it's God. It's not money, it's God. It's not my good looks, it's God.

1. I want God to know He is my only source.

Matthew 26:6-13 (NASB)

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at the table.

8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, “Why this waste?”

9 For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.”

10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.

11 For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me.

12 For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.

13 Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

The woman in the story who came to Jesus was a sinner. Many theologians assert that she was a prostitute. She came and poured precious, costly oil on Him. The value of the oil was her life savings. The oil was used to cover the stench of her profession. **Our hearts are the birthplace of our increase or decrease.** God is conscious when your giving is from the heart. Remember: **IF IT MEANS SOMETHING TO YOU, IT MEANS SOMETHING TO GOD.**

2. I want God to remember my gift.

1 Kings 17:11-16 (NASB)

11 As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand.”

12 But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

13 Then Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son.

14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel, ‘The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.’”

15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Elijah.

Spiritual laws do not work on accident. They work on purpose with intention. Elijah was telling the widow in essence, **“Use me to authorize God to bless you.”** In our giving, we must realize that someone near us is the soil qualified to receive our seed. God will always send you to a place where the soil is prepared to receive your seed, so He can get involved in your situation. **YOU CAN’T BUY A MIRACLE. BUT YOU CAN AUTHORIZE HIM TO GET INVOLVED.**

3. I want God to make my business His business.

Genesis 22:7-8 (NASB)

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

8 Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

Sometimes, people are only associated with you for the benefit it brings them. If you no longer have stuff, you no longer have them. Abraham truly loved God. He loved God even more than his own son. It’s not hard to love your family, if you love God more. Until Abraham was willing to let go of Isaac, God could not let go of Jesus. When we are willing to release something that’s important to us, God can release something that’s important to Him. Remember: **NOTHING LEAVES HEAVEN UNTIL SOMETHING LEAVES EARTH.**

4. I want God to know I love Him more than things.

Matthew 26:39 (NASB)

39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

God is so amazing and just. He won’t ask us to do anything He is unwilling to do Himself. Even though, Jesus didn’t want to give it all, He was willing to do whatever God asked. **He said, “Not my will, but yours be done.”** He wasn’t sowing His living. He was giving His life. **Remember: THE**

SEED IS YOU SOWING TO GOD. THE HARVEST IS GOD SOWING TO YOU.

5. I want God to use my gift to bless generations after me.

In our giving and sowing, we should want it to mean something. When we give God something that matters **(the precious)** it affects God. Remember, If it means nothing to us, it means nothing to God. Every time we give: **I Want God to Feel It.**