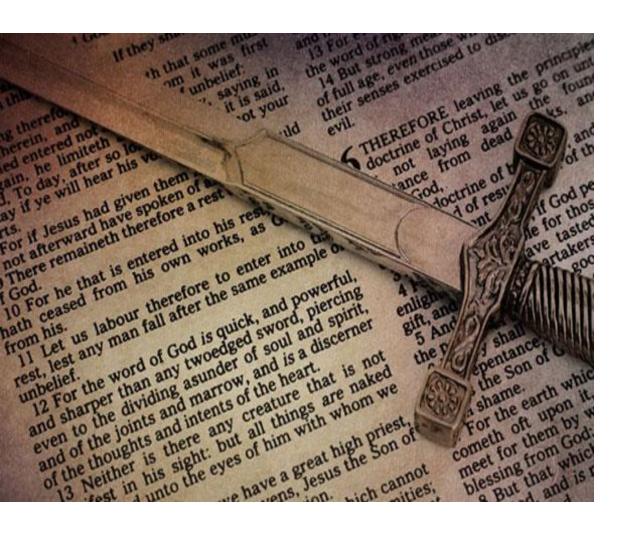


PART 19 – Faith Filled Generosity Matthew 10:8b





"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12



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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"

John 3:16

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."

John 16:7



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Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Philippians 2: 15–18

The goal of faith filled generosity is not to draw attention to the gift, it is to draw attention to the giver, pointing to our heavenly "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..."

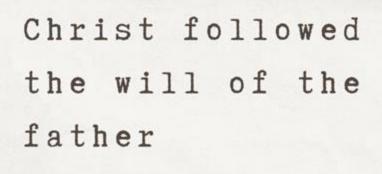
Genesis 50: 20

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Phil 3:19

Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

John 5: 19



And that is the same for us. Our success is based on faithful obedience to the will of God. God is responsible for the results, not us.

Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.



Do you believe me when I say the gospel is the greatest thing we could ever receive?





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If there is something that is holding you back, what is it? Does it boil down to fear or pride? What lies are you holding onto that is holding you back from living out the gospel truth, we are ambassadors of Christ, bought with the blood of Christ,

Do not let the feeling of not being good enough, or smart enough, or whatever it is that you believe is holding you back from sharing Jesus.

We are dead in our tresspasses, we are dead in our sins.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2: 1, 4-5, 8-10



No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.



Matthew 28: 18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth have been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all that it is I have commanded of you.

Question #1:

If God, the Father is the one who draws people to Jesus, and people can not save themselves because they are dead, and it is God who is doing the whole thing through the power of His Holy Spirit. Why do I need to get involved at all?

Question #2:

If this is something I can not do on my own, but it is something God wants to do through me, by the power of His Holy Spirit. **How does that happen, how does that work?**

John 14: 15, 21, 23-24, 26

V 15.) "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

V21.) Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

V 23-24.) "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

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• We can not give anything unless we first recognize what it is that we have already been given.



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Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

