

## It Is Personal

Some years ago I spoke to a new group of thirty people concerning giving to Mission above their regular tithe and offerings. They responded by timidly promising God \$3,000 that year. Twenty-five years later they had grown and were giving \$623,000!

Why does this happen so often? What makes faith-promise giving superior to other methods of supporting missionaries? It is because you learn as the Macedonians did, to give beyond your ability (2 Corinthians 8:3) by trusting the Lord to lead you in giving by faith. It is between you and God alone. In this type of giving no one is praised and no one is criticized.

You see, faith-promise giving is PERSONAL and not a pledge to the local church. As one church wrote when its missions giving went from \$7,000 to over \$13,000: "O ye of little faith!" It has been exciting to see God work here.

## A Special Grace

Faith-promise giving is called a special grace bestowed by God (2 Corinthians 8:1), because it is provided to you BY THE LORD as you trust Him.

You may ask, "After giving to my local church, how am I going to obtain more money to give to missions?" You will discover the answer in this special grace given by God, because when we express the will to give, God supplies the means.

It may begin by giving from your present resources, better financial management, and/or sacrificial giving; then learning to trust God for what you do not have. (2 Corinthians 8:2, 3)

This special grace to give is for any christian who is willing to trust God for it. (2 Corinthians 9:6, 8)

It is an AGREEMENT WITH GOD. It is a PROMISE that we will give as He provides. It is BY FAITH as we trust God to supply. It is PERSONAL because we surrender to Him what we have in order that He will supply what is lacking.

## An Act of Worship

Faith-promise giving is about your heart. In 2 Corinthians 8:5 the believers at Corinth first gave themselves to the Lord. It has been said that where passion for God is weak, zeal for missions will be weak. However, where passion for God is strong, zeal for missions will also be strong.

This act of surrender and worship causes an overflowing of joy that wells up in a rich generosity of giving. Your response to God to the challenge of giving to missions should be like that of Saul of Tarsus: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" . . . and then do it.



**"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."**

2 Corinthians 8:5

# It Is Unique

Faith-promise giving to missions is unique in that you are asking God to give you what you do not have, so that you can give it away to support missionaries. The Lord, in turn, gives you up and above for your own needs as well. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

You become a partner with your missionaries in the priority of God in taking the gospel to the whole world.



Some of the ground personnel in the space industry wear

a button that states, "Without us you don't fly!" Your missionaries cannot take the gospel to other lands without you. Literally . . . without you, they can't go.

Faith-promise giving will become a channel by which you become a partner with missionaries to proclaim His name to every tribe, tongue and nation.

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