

HWMR: Material Offering and the Lord's Move Today (Week 3)

Day 1

Philippians 4:18 - But I have received in full all things and abound; I have been filled, receiving from Epaphroditus the things from you, a sweet-smelling savor, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

Material Offerings – Not a Matter of Amount, but a Question of Where the Heart Lies

- The problem today is not how much a person should offer, but the fact that **money has laid hold of man's heart**.
- In order for our hearts not to be ensnared by money, we have to **let money go**.
- Today we should **not** have anything in **excess**.
- As long as we **set aside a portion** from our income and **lower our standard of living a little**, we will be able to **give away our excess**.
- Today, when we speak of handing ourselves over, we are not talking about what we have to do to take care of our money. Rather, we are saying that a **person has to offer himself up for the Lord and for the gospel**.
- Some should go to make money and offer their money to the Lord's service. They should **consecrate themselves** to make money for the Lord's service.
- First He wants **us**; then He wants what is **ours**.
 - We have to **come to Him first** before we can **bring what we have** to Him.
 - If we do **not** come, God will **not** accept what we have.

(The Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry, chapter 7)

Day 2

2 Corinthians 5:13 - For whether we were beside ourselves, it was to God; or whether we are sober-minded, it is for you.

Being Beside Ourselves in Offering

- Many people agree that we should be zealous, but they say that we should be careful, balanced, and not go to extremes.
- The more a person **loves** the Lord, the more he **consecrates**.
- Today many people are planning too much for **themselves**. They are **not willing** to offer up their all.
- During every great revival in history, we find **men who were beside themselves** in loving the Lord, who risked all to offer up themselves.
- Today we want all the **young people to offer their time** to the Lord. At the same time, we want them to **offer themselves fully to the Lord**.
 - Some may have to **give themselves to make money** for the Lord.
 - Some may have to **offer themselves to serve the Lord full-time**.
- We have to **rise up and be beside ourselves**. We have to be beside ourselves in the preaching of the gospel and in offering up our all.
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(CWWN, Vol. 41, chapter 26)

Day 3

- Malachi 3:10* - Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse that there may be food in My house; and prove Me, if you will, by this, says Jehovah of hosts, whether I will open to you the windows of heaven and pour out blessing for you until there is no room for it.
- Hebrews 13:15-16* - Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name. But do not forget doing good and sharing with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Offering to God

- Man thinks that the more he has in his hand, the better off he will be.
 - **Keeping things** in one's hand is the **very cause for poverty**, while **offering** things to God is the very **cause for blessing**.
- The principle with the Israelites was poverty for those who tried to hold back what was due to God. When you **hold something back**, you end up in **poverty**.

(CWWN, Vol. 49, chapter 28)

Sacrifice of Praise and Sacrifice of Material Offering

- Hebrews 13:15-16: "Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name. But do not forget doing good and sharing with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."
 - Here two sacrifices are spoken of. The first is the **sacrifice of praise**, and the second is that of **doing good and sharing with others**.
- A **sacrifice** is something that is a **loss to oneself** and a **gain to God**.
- We do not have adequate praise in the bread-breaking meeting because we **fall short in sharing and giving**.
- we have to give to the extent that we can **sense the loss**. Only this kind of offering can be considered a **sacrifice**.
- We should not forget doing good and sharing with others.
 - The apostle considered **doing good and giving** as a kind of sacrifice, and he pointed out that they are sacrifices that are **well pleasing to God**.

(CWWN, Vol. 43, chapter 85)

Day 4

- Romans 12:1-2* - I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

MONEY AND THE SERVICE IN THE BODY

Consecrating Everything for the Purpose of Serving in the Body

- Romans 12 speaks of the matter of **consecration** in a strong way. The consecration there is for service, and this service is a **service in the Body of Christ**.
- We have received God's grace to **not be conformed to this age** and to **serve Him in this age**.
 - In order to do this, we have to **offer up everything** and to place everything with the Body.

Where Riches Are, There Being Our Person Also

- We have to touch the matter of riches because the Lord said, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:21).

Deliverance from Riches Being the Practical Way to Offer Up Our Bodies

- Romans 12 speaks of two bodies: One is our **own body**, and the other is the **Body of Christ**.
 - We offer up our bodies for the Body of Christ.
 - If a man has **not been** delivered from riches, he **cannot** offer up his body to God.

Being Delivered from Money to Serve in the Body

- Acts 2 and 4 show that as soon as money is **dealt with**, there is **one accord**.
 - When the disciples **took care** of the problem of money, the one **accord followed**, and God’s work was realized instantly in a marvelous way.

Dealing with Money to Have the Body Service

- If a Christian has **not been terminated** by God with respect to money, he **cannot serve** the Lord with other members.
- If you say that your money is yours, it will be difficult to be delivered from **individualism**. The strongest manifestation of individualism is in the matter of money.

(Speakings Given During the Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry, chapter 58)

Day 5

Romans 14:7-9 - For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself; For whether we live, we live to the Lord, and whether we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's. For Christ died and lived again for this, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Presenting Our Bodies

- For one to present his body to God is to **go full time**.
- Our entire being is contained in our **body**, and our body is confined in our **time**.
 - The **being is what we are**, and the **time is where we exist**. We can change the places where we live, but we cannot move ourselves out of time.
- To present our body to God means that **we give ourselves to God**. This is to be full time.

All the Believers Needing to be Full Time

- In principle, we have to realize that **every saved one** should be a **full-timer**. This is why Paul has the ground to charge us to **present our bodies to God**.
- To present your body actually means to **present yourself**.
 - Sometimes you may say that your body is here but your **being is somewhere else**.
- As a saved one, you have to **present yourself to God**.

A Full-timer Being One Who is Absolute for the Lord

- To be a full-timer means to be **one who is absolute for the Lord**.
- In the New Testament you should not present one-tenth but present your **body**, your **entire being**.
 - This includes everything **you are**, everything **you have**, everything **you can do**, and everything **you earn**.

(Elders' Training, Book 8: The Life Pulse of the Lord's Present Move, chapter 7)

The Real Meaning of Being Full Time

- The real meaning of being full time is to **live to Him**.
 - A full-timer is one who lives to the Lord. **Every believer**, without one exception, should be such a one.
- We have to live to Him because **He is ours** and **we are His**.
- To be full time means that you **live to the Lord**. You do not live for Him but to Him.
- A full-timer is one who lives to the Lord; **every believer**, as one bought by the Lord with a price, should be a person living to the Lord.

(Elders' Training, Book 8: The Life Pulse of the Lord's Present Move, chapter 8)

Day 6	
<i>Romans 5:15</i>	- And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.
<i>Matthew 24:45-46</i>	- Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

The Real Meaning of Being Full Time

- **To be** for the Lord means that **you still could** be **away** from the Lord. If you are **to** the Lord, you **could never** be away from Him.
- To be to the Lord means that you are **one with Him**. It means that you **breathe to the Lord**, **eat to Him**, **walk to Him**, and even **exercise to Him**.
- To be full time **does not** mean that you need to give up your job.
 - To be a full-timer means that whatever you do, **you do to the Lord**; whatever you are, **you are to the Lord**; and whatever you have, **you have to the Lord**.
- Every dear saint who really means business with the Lord must be **one all the way living to Him**.

Fulfilling the Lord's Commission to His Recovery

- The Lord's commission is His recovery, and His recovery today is to **recover Christ as life**, to **recover the church as our living**, to **recover the enjoyment of Christ as everything to us**, and to **recover all the significances of the church life** for the purpose of not only preaching the gospel but also spreading the truth.
- **He has given us His truths** for us to spread them not only to Christians but even to the unbelievers.
- We all have to realize that **we are the full-timers**.
- We do not need to worry about our living. The **Lord will be backing us**.

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