

HWMR: Material Offering and the Lord's Move Today (Week 4)

Day 1

Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

Daniel 11:32 - And with his smooth words he will cause those who act wickedly toward the covenant to be profane. But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.

THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE NEED OF AN APPROPRIATE DIRECTION FOR THE LORD'S MOVE IN HIS RECOVERY TODAY

- We have to consider **what the Lord wants to us to** do in this present time.
- When **God's people move**, **God moves**. If God's people **do not** move, God has **no way** to move.

Still in the Stage of Initiation in Europe

- Recently, a group of brothers traveled to Eastern Europe and Russia, and they have testified of the **openness** and **immense hunger** of the people there for the **divine truth**.
 - They told the brothers that they could distribute one million copies of each of the six books in a quick way if they were available. This shows the hunger of the people there for the truth.
- In both the Far East and the United States, the Lord's recovery is **growing**, but it is **still in the stage of initiation** in Europe.
- The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a **preparation for the Lord's coming** back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation.

(The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, chapter 1)

- The scattering of the believers from Jerusalem to other localities is the first mentioning of **migration** for the **spreading of the gospel**; hence, it should be considered as the basic principle for the spreading of the gospel, including the divine truths.
- To take action means to do something noble and worthy that may be considered as an achievement. Especially in these days in the Lord's recovery, **we need to be those who show strength and take action**.

(The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, chapter 2)

Day 2

2 Corinthians 6:10 - As made sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

Philippians 4:12 - I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

The Full-timers Living a Life by Faith, Trusting in the Lord for Their Necessities, and Receiving the Lord's Supply through the Saints and the Churches

- If we feel **led** and **burdened** by the Lord to go full time, we should **not worry** about our necessities. We have to believe in the Lord and put our trust in Him.
- We should **not** think that we will have a **prosperous life in material things**. We must get ourselves **prepared to suffer**.
 - The first suffering is **poverty**. We need to learn to serve the Lord in poverty.
- The **Lord is faithful** to meet all our needs when we follow Him and His calling.
- If the Lord has **called** us and **sent** us, He will surely **take care of us**.
- He has a way to supply us **through the saints** and the **churches**.
- We have to fully realize that the Lord in supporting us **needs His Body** (the church) and the **members of His Body** (the believers) to **cooperate** with Him.

(The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move, chapter 4)

Day 3

2 Corinthians 8:14 - But it is out of equality; at the present time your abundance for their lack that their abundance also may be for your lack, so that there may be equality;

2 Corinthians 8:15 - As it is written, "He who gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack."

The Principle of Equality

- The result of such giving and receiving is what Paul calls "equality" (2 Cor. 8:14).
 - Equality equals **having all things common**, but there are different means of practicing this.
- We must remember that **God's principle is to have equality**.
- If you receive more, God will sovereignly arrange for you to have **no excess**. If you receive less, by God's sovereignty **you will have no lack**.
 - The manna that some of the children of Israel tried to save so they could have some excess "bred worms and stank" (Exo. 16:20). This is the principle of equality.

Fellow Workers in the Truth

- The Bible encourages us to **support the full-time workers**.
 - If we support the full-timers, we are **participating, sharing in**, their work for the truth, and we become "fellow workers in the truth" (3 John 1:8).
 - We are not directly taking part in the full-time work, but we are **indirectly sharing** in the same work.
- Therefore, if you do not have the burden to be full time, you should make more money for the Lord's interest.

(The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move, chapter 5)

Plundering Egypt of Its Gold

- When the Israelites left Egypt, they plundered it of its gold
 - The material gold mine is in Egypt. We need some **full-timers to remain there to dig the gold mine to get the gold**.
- We must stress to the saints that we are all **full-timers in different functions**.
 - Some have the function to **preach** the gospel, **teach** the truth, and **minister** life to all the seekers.
 - Therefore, a great number of us full-timers should **remain** in our jobs, professions, or businesses to make money.

- All the full-timers who remain in their jobs and businesses need to have this kind of fellowship, a **fellowship for the furtherance of the Lord's move** through those who do not remain in businesses and jobs but who are occupied all day with preaching and teaching for the spreading of the Lord's kingdom.

(Elders' Training, Book 8: The Life Pulse of the Lord's Present Move, chapter 9)

Day 4

Acts 2:44 - And all those who believed were together and had all things common;

Acts 4:32 - And the heart and soul of the multitude of those who had believed was one; and not even one said that any of his possessions was his own, but all things were common to them.

Plundering Egypt of Its Gold

- The tithing of ten percent to the Lord is altogether an Old Testament thing, belonging to the law.
 - There was no grace, life, or life power in that. We must be different.
- We are in the **age of grace**, which provides us with **much supply of life**.

Enjoying God's Blessing by Taking Care of God's Need

- The more they spend for the Lord, the more they have the blessing spoken of in Philippians 4:19.
 - Phil. 4:19 *And my God will fill your every need according to His riches, in glory, in Christ Jesus.*
- Because you are taking care of God's need, God would give you a great blessing in **filling your every need** according to His riches.
- The saints' giving **will not be in vain**.
- Train the saints to realize that **if** we are **faithful to Him**, **He will bless us**.

(Elders' Training, Book 8: The Life Pulse of the Lord's Present Move, chapter 9)

Day 5

Philippians 4:15-16 - And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the account of giving and receiving except you only; For even in Thessalonica you sent both once and again to my need.

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Fellowship Unto the Gospel

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 - Paul did not seek a gift from them (v. 17), but **what they gave** became a **sweet-smelling savor** for Paul to put on the altar for them.
- You should honor Him as the **very bountiful Giver** who affords you all the riches.
- It is not according to your plan of what you should do and have. You must simply labor day and night. He then will **follow your labor to bless you**, **not** for **your enterprise** but for the **spreading of His kingdom**.

The Practical Way to Support the Job-dropping Full-timers for the Increase and Spread of Christ and the Church

- In any church, out of twenty there must be one who drops his business or profession to take the **full-time way to preach and to teach**.
- The nineteen others should do their best regularly, even weekly, to **put aside** a certain amount of their monthly income for the supporting of such a one.
- Whether or not in your locality there are these job-dropping full-timers, you should **still practice this**.
- Train everyone among us to **practice the putting aside** of an extra five percent, putting it aside uniquely for the fellowship unto the gospel.
- This is for **His spreading**. How much He desires to **spread through us!**

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Day 6

1 Corinthians 16:2 - On the first day of the week each one of you should lay aside in store to himself whatever he may have been prospered, that no collections be made when I come.

Our Practice Concerning the Producing and Supporting of Full-timers

- If we mean business with the Lord for the spreading of all the truths He has shown us, we all have to **bear the burden to give** five percent of our income purely, solely, and definitely separate for the full-time workers' support.
 - Every time you give to the Lord through the church, five percent of your income should be given to the Lord to **support full-time workers** for His propagation.
 - Some churches may have twenty members with no full-time workers. Then their five percent can be **given to a church that has an extra number of full-time workers**.
- The Lord desires **many full-time workers** for His present move.

(The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move, chapter 5)

The Matter of Finances in the Church

- According to the Bible, the offerings made by the believers in the meetings should be used for:
 - (1) the local expenses, for example, rent, etc.,
 - (2) the relief of the brothers and sisters who are in poverty and want, and
 - (3) the assistance of the workers and the expenses for the work, as commanded by the Bible.

(CWWN, vol. 17, chapter 21)