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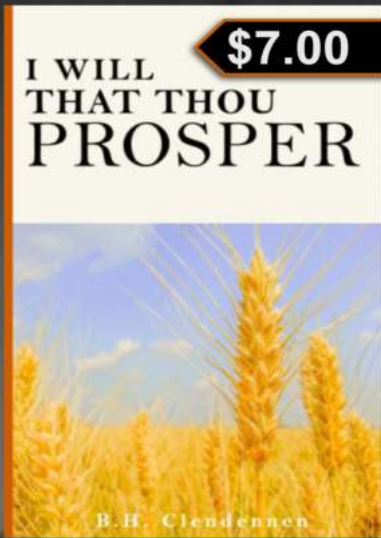
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"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18

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The Principle of Pledging

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"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, And set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee" (Luke 10:33-35).

The good Samaritan moved with compassion, personally administered first aid, provided ambulance service, and made an immediate payment toward this man's lodging and care in the inn. But he did not stop there. With a personal vow, he pledged to pay all future costs of caring for this man's needs until he was whole again.

"The Good Samaritan Pledge"

There are many lessons taught in this story, but we will consider only one at this time, namely, "The Good Samaritan Pledge," or the promise of the good Samaritan to pay all future costs of caring for this man. His compassion made him willing to see the case through to the end.

Some people are reluctant to make a vow, a promise, or a pledge, but a

vow speaks of a continuing interest; a pledge commits one to a defined purpose until that purpose is accomplished.

The Pledging Principle

The entire redemptive program

of God is premised upon a vow or promise. God pledges Himself to do certain things at specific times to help men find abundant life and partner with Him in restoring a lost paradise.

The scripture abounds with records of men and women making vows, and it is pretty evident that God is always pleased with those who will commit themselves to a sacrificed task and that His blessings rest upon those who make specific vows or pledges. It was after Daniel had purposed in his heart to make certain sacrifices concerning the future that God gave him favor and began to work in his life in a most wonderful way.

The Value of Pledging

In some strange, indefinable way, making a vow or pledge to help



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Pledging...

others seems to bring one into a closer relationship with God, into a kinship with the very nature of God, and makes one a worker together with God.

A pledge is an act of faith. It speaks of a determination to serve God, not only in the present but also in the future.

By making a vow or pledge, one takes hold of the future with determination and purpose and does away with indecision, which always genders defeat. Making a vow or pledge speaks of confidence in the future and places one in line of duty. Making a vow or pledge reveals a willingness to assume responsibility, a mark of maturity. Making a vow or pledge indicates that one can reach a decision, that he has faith in his own commitments, and that he is not merely a creature of impulse.

“Do Thou Likewise”

Jesus recounted the story of the good Samaritan to a lawyer who came inquiring what he must do to inherit eternal life.

Jesus answered the question by

asking another: “What is written in the law?...and he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” Jesus said, “This do and thou shalt live”. But the lawyer willing to justify himself said, “Who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus gave him the story of the good Samaritan and gave this simple command “Go and do thou likewise.” This command still applies today.

Need For Pledging Christians

I have been to the place where this incident described by Jesus occurred two thousand years ago. My heart was moved, and I thought upon this act of compassion by the good Samaritan and convicted by Jesus’ command, “Go and do thou likewise.”

Such a ministry required not only present help but even the making of sacrificial pledges so that the good works we have begun might be completed.

The whole world is a “Jericho Road,” and every living person

who has a need is “Lying beside this road,” waiting for help and deliverance.

Everyone is involved in this scene. Are you taking the role of the priest, the Levite, or the good Samaritan?

Which Example Will You Follow?

Your own decision determines which one of these three men your life will be patterned after. You can walk by on the other side of the road and ignore the world’s needs; you can look upon them like the priest and the Levite and say, “Well, there’s nothing I can do about it.” Or, like the Samaritan, you can bend low over this helpless man and minister to his needs with what you have. You can minister not only to his present needs, but like the good Samaritan, you can pledge yourself to minister to his needs until those needs are met.

Excerpt from the article, “The Principle of Pledging” by B.H. Clendennen printed in the March 1975 edition of the “International Voice of Victory” magazine.

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An Opportunity To Sow Into The Kingdom

With the uncertainty of our times, political strife between nations, and economic collapses worldwide, God has provided the Church with the resources to fulfill the Great Commission of Preaching the Gospel to every creature. The Lord has afforded us the unparalleled opportunity to carry out the call of the First Church of Pentecost in the Book of Acts, that is, to be witnesses unto Him in the "...utter most parts of the earth..." We are grateful for every God-ordained Church and Ministry that is fulfilling this heavenly mandate.

In this report, I would like to inform you of the startling fact that, according to recent reports and studies, nearly 3.6 billion people have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ! In March of 1975, it was stated that 1.5 billion had not heard the Gospel preached. Consider that the number of people has doubled in less than 50 years who have not heard the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is hard to imagine this taking place in our lifetime. So, with this reality presented, I want to direct a series of questions towards you. What have you done since your born-again experience? What have you done since being filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit? What have you done with your life since God healed your broken body? What have you done today with God's exceeding great and precious promises? What have you done for a world fully ripened for the harvest? What have you done for those 3.6 billion souls that have never heard the name of

Jesus Christ? The World is waiting for a demonstration of the Kingdom of God! Today is the day we have the opportunity to sow into the Kingdom! It is not in eternity that we will invest in the Kingdom, but it is here and now with the time that the Lord has given us. By sowing now, we can impact the Kingdom of God for eternity. God does not work on a percentage basis. He desires you to use that which He has given you to its fullest capacity. Be it one talent, two talents, or five talents, God desires to see an increase! Whatever talent God has given you, whether it be to support through intercessory prayer, to support in sending others to go, or even to answer the call to

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go yourself, use the talents God has given you to increase the Kingdom!

If the Lord has laid this ministry, School of Christ International, on your heart, we would like to invite you to join us in this worldwide ministry outreach! Join us in our mission, an all-out effort, to bring men face-to-face with the Kingdom of God! We praise the Lord for all He has accomplished in and through the ministry of the School of Christ in the past and present. The exact number of countries and students touched by the message of the SOC are genuinely innumerable, plus the

countless souls that have come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior as a direct result of the ministers that have gone forth. Truly, Heaven will be a time of rejoicing when the fruit of this labor is seen in eternity. We are excited about all the Lord is doing and will continue to do through this ministry as the day of the Lord soon approaches.

Though God has blessed this mission ministry, School of Christ International, with a great history and heritage, the reality of our present age is that vast places still need to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your support and generous partnership in this endeavor will enable us to send those directors and field workers who stand ready to go! Brother Clendennen once said, there is "No faith...required to give what you have, but to promise what you don't have puts you in a place of faith. This pleases God." Prayerfully consider joining us and making eternal investments through your Faith Promise commitment today. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope to mail back your SOC Faith Promise today!

Thank you and God bless you,




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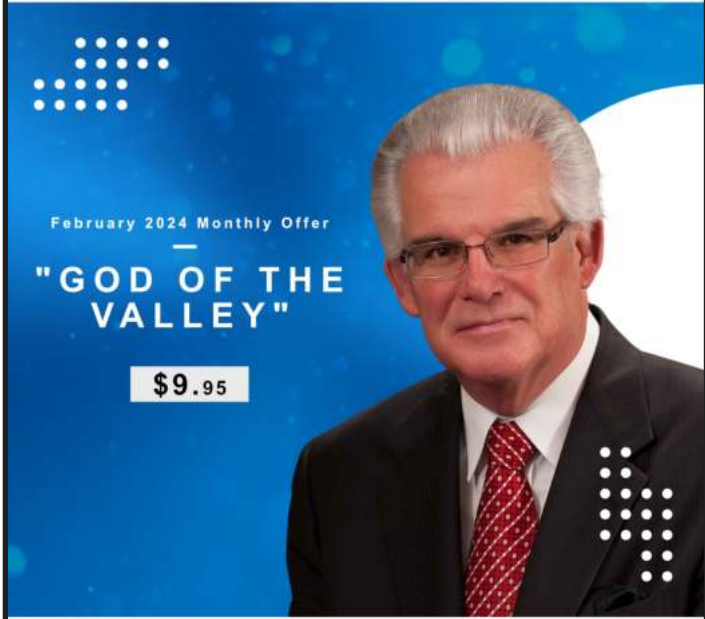


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