



A WORD IN DUE SEASON

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ACCESS NOT ASSERTS

From the National Coordinator's Desk

"The widow's mite" (Mk 12: 42 - 44) is perhaps the most recounted Biblical allusion in the domain of giving. Have you ever wondered why Jesus gave premium to the widow's two small copper coins over the weightier substances others brought to the Temple Treasury? It was really not because of what she gave but what was left from what she gave. Jesus measured the importance of what people brought in the Temple treasury, not in the substance offered but in the abundance of the left over. Today people often times make false or erroneous allusion to the widow's mite by focusing on the substance given (usually trivial) and not the abundance of the left over. Riches is determined not by what men spend but from what is left from what they spend.

Genuine riches are really not found in what a man dispose at a material time but in the supply he can access. It is quite deceptive to measure riches from the wealth or money a man disposes at a particular time. The son of an oil rich Middle East King, or the Queen of England may at one moment be striped of all the wealth and possession by he carries but he will still not be reckoned poor. The reason is that he still has access to an abundant mass of inheritance. A simple phone call or email and his fortunes are restored even double fold.

Satan thought He had gotten a stranglehold on Job when God gave him absolute power over his asserts. He despoiled Job (calamity after calamity) of all that he had up till his health. However the devil ignored, God understood and Job knew that what made him the richest man in the East was not his asserts but his unlimited access to Heaven's treasury. Job understood he could lose everything but as long as he kept his integrity and holiness he would still keep his access to the one who giveth and taketh away (Job 1:21). It was game over when Job declared to his friends "I know my redeemer lives." (Job 19:25). Amidst of the whims and caprices of life's circumstances, the uncertainties and untrustworthiness of human systems, through the trials and ordeals from men and persecution of the enemy never forget your Redeemer has the final word. When all you have left in this world is God then you have preserved all because your God is all in all. If you can only keep your access to Him, everything will be just fine.

What makes a Christian rich is not his as-



serts but his access to God's infinite asserts in Heaven's storehouse. The crucial question here is not about asserts but they key that gives us access to God's asserts. Before we discover the key or access card to Heaven's treasury it is important to put in perspective some vital issues about wealth that often elude Christians. There are two kinds of riches: riches without sorrows (which can only be obtained from God's blessings, Prov. 10:22) and riches with sorrows (obtainable from man or gifts from the devil). There are also two kinds of success: Good success (from God, Jos. 1:8) and Bad success (from man and from the devil).

The blessings of God comes to make a person rich and grant him good success. Riches and success here are a balance combination of his material circumstances and level of fulfillment. There come with peace (shalom), perpetual joy and contentment. On the flip side of things, man can also amass riches through diverse means or obtain it from the devil. Both of these riches come with varied, multiple and sorrowful sacrifices, tormented mind, restless soul, an unfulfilled spirit, worst of all a hopeless eternity. When a wicked man (sinner) starts to prosper he may be doing either of the following: amassing wealth and waiting for the day of wealth transfer to a righteous man (Prov. 13:22); or taking a road that looks good and successful but whose end is death (eternal separation from God, Prov. 16:25).

What then is the key that give us access to God's infinite treasures? The key is "Giving". Luke 6:38 reveals that giving is the key that releases blessings from men. It underscores, the measure of what we receive is determined by how much we give. It has been observed that our faith in expecting gifts or blessings from God or man is commensurate to or determined by our level of giving. Someone whose level of giving is limited some few coins would naturally trust God only for and receive a few coins. Someone who gives a million can easily trust God for a million and receive it. Heaven places no limit to what a man can receive when he is not limited in his giving. Malachi 3:8 - 12 pre-

sents giving (in the form of tithes and offerings) as the access card to the storehouse of God's blessings.

Giving and receiving is both a natural precept and divine law. As a natural precept it draws precedence from God's order of production—seed time and harvest time (Gen 8:22). This can be verified in the world's economic and political system. Nations that give (humanitarian, economic and social aid) tend to prosper more those that always receive. Some how the law of nature causes benevolent nations to reap what they sow. On the flip side, aids received have acted more like AIDS to the economy of most nations that have been on the receiving end.

Who is qualified to obtain and make use of this access card (giving) and what is the mode of utilization? Before saving into any bank you must own an account (which denotes membership) in that bank. In the same manner you must belong (obtain membership) to the Kingdom of Heaven to obtain a valid access card to Heaven's treasury. God first expect us to give ourselves to Him (accept Him as our Lord and Saviour and become His children) like the Macedonian brethren (2 Cor 8:5) before he can accept our giving to men and to Him. Christian giving is not a free-for-all gamble for wealth and riches as some have propound.

While most Christians easily converge on the aforementioned they carry strong doctrinal disagreement on the mode of giving. Some have adopted tithes and offering as the exclusive model for giving others have waived it as an obsolete legalistic practice which has been replaced by "Grace giving". However those who uphold tithes sometimes find themselves giving without measure while others who hold steadfastly to "Grace giving" at times find themselves having to measure their giving. The issue of giving should transcend denominational canons and church doctrines to the measure of faith and biblically founded conviction God deals with every believer. Christian giving is not just a religious duty, but more importantly a dynamic personal relationship between the giver (Christian) and his maker (God). There are times He would ask for some, there are times He would ask for all; we must be ready at all times. Let us be like our father of faith Abraham, who paid his tithes to Melchizedek (Gen 14: 18 - 20) and brought forth His only son to sacrifice to God when He asked Him.



Br. Asanga Fon
National Coordinator

**QUOTE FOR THE MONTH**

“When all you have left in this world is God then you have preserved all because your God is all in all.”

Asanga Fon

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH**

Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.

LUKE 6:38 (AMPLIFIED)

MINISTRY UPDATES

God means business with all those who are faithful in His business. We are glad for this opportunity to once more share with you what God has been doing in our Evangelistic Centres, Branches, Regions and Directorates.

We begin in Bafoussam where the local CYJ Branch joined hands with leaders and members of local churches and ministries to reach out to the lost through Jesus Film Projection and Crusade. The evangelistic programme dubbed “COME AND BUY WITHOUT MONEY”, took place at Premier Carrefour Eveche, Bafoussam from Tuesday 22nd —Saturday 26th September. Over 350 persons received the gospel with 13 accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour and 14 becoming members of CYJ Bafoussam.

We move over to the North West where CYJ Bamenda launched planning towards a crusade in Bambili in November. Contacts

have been made to mobilize pastors and church leaders for the programme. A crucial planning meeting to share the vision of the programme took place on Sunday October 27th. Apart from winning souls to Jesus, the programme also seeks to establish a CYJ Evangelistic Centre in Bambili.

We round off our branch tour with echoes from the capital city. CYJ Yaounde organized from 1st—4th October an evangelism empowerment seminar dubbed “Power 2009 I”. This seminar brought together CYJ Branch members, believers and church leaders in Essos (Yaounde) for teaching and impartation on evangelism. The programme rounded off on Sunday 4th October with



the installation of an interim leadership in CYJ Essos (under the helm of Br. Monday EMERU) and the launching of a faith project to acquire land and build permanent CYJ Centres in Yaounde.

At the national level, CYJ is currently working on a partnership project with Campus Crusade for Christ Cameroon to effectively exploit various avenues of transport to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ. Millions of people travel each day in our nation (by taxi, bus, train, plane, boat etc). The project seeks to devise and implement strategies to preach the gospel to travelers.

national Youth Conference (IYC) 2010 will be officially launched on Yaounde on Saturday 14 November. Various stakeholders (churches and ministries, government departments and agencies, NGOs, INGOs and enterprises are being mobilized for the event.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord

The music department is planning a unique and awesome musical thriller for the end of the year. Ground work is going on for a televised musical talent search programme dubbed “Galaxie musical” and an end of year Christmas musical concert.

Mission to the North

The National Coordinator is currently finalizing preparations for a missionary tour to the North that will take him to Ngaoundere, Garoua and Maroua. This trip will enable the NC explore the land and strengthen initiatives to expand the ministry in these areas.

IN PERSPECTIVE**Medical and Evangelistic Outreach, Kribi: Negotiating the final bend**

Barely a month and some days to the event, preparations have heightened in both Kribi and Yaounde. The Local Organising Committee in Kribi under the leadership of Pastor MBOG Salomon has intensified activities at the level of sub-committees. The town of Kribi has been mapped out into 20 zones and arrangements made for Jesus Film Projection in all the zones.

International speakers from France, Britain, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo have confirmed their participation. A 5000-man capacity tent has been rented and a musical orchestra hired from Douala for the pro-

gramme.

Prayers have been going on since the start of the year in all CYJ centres and branches nation-wide. Medical workers (Doctors and Nurses) and institutions have been contacted with many being giving a favourable feedback. A partnership is being concretized with Peer Educators Programme (PEP) Cameroon to add free HIV/AIDS Screening to the programme. Lets continue to pray, sow financially and put all hands on deck as we negotiate the final bend to Kribi for the medical and evangelistic outreach (24th—28th November 2009).

Launching of IYC 2010

Planning towards the second Interna-

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Sr. Marie ENANGA

CYJ Bafoussam recently held a powerful evangelistic outreach in September. Its Branch President Sr. Marie ENANGA is guest on Ministry Spotlight

AWDS: When did you join CYJ?

Sr. Marie: I joined CYJ in the year 2000.

AWDS: Why did you become a member of CYJ?

Sr. Marie: It is the ministry anthem that drew my attention. This happened between 1995 and 1997 when I was in Mutengene; CYJ Buea had a program in CRTV Buea so each time I heard the anthem introducing the slot I will say in me “I must join these youths.”

AWDS: What do you consider has been your greatest challenge as a branch President?

Sr. Marie: I am faced with many challenges such as decision making, understanding what God wants, understanding and working with members towards personal and ministry growth. Also handling my job and leading a branch within the 24 hours a day or 7 days a week at times it is like the time is running too fast. I know I can do just one thing at a time.

AWDS: What is your dream for CYJ Bafoussam?

Sr. Marie: God should raise young people who are from the west Region who receive, accept, carry and run

AWDS QUIZ I WINNER WHY JESUS CHRIST?

The winner of the above quiz is **Sr. Julienne EKAME of CYJ Buea**. She Please contact the CYJ Headoffice (+237 99 03 88 09) to get your prize (gets a hard cover Bible KJV and Bible marker).

with the CYJ vision in the Region. In three years CYJ Bafoussam should have three centres. As membership increase CYJ will extend to Foubot, Bandjoun and Baham

AWDS: What is your opinion about women ministry?

Sr. Marie: Women are created in God's image; they are able and capable to serve in the ministry without limitations. Go to www.cyonline.org for full interview



Sr. Marie ENANGA
President, CYJ Bafoussam

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