



TOPIC Give Of What You Have!

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

WHAT I DO HAVE I GIVE TO YOU

How often have we found ourselves in a position of being unable to give unto others? In the Book of Acts, when the crippled man asked John and Peter for money, Peter responded by saying: “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” This reminds us that we often have more to give than just money, and what we have freely received from our Heavenly Father we should also freely give to the people around us.

In his sermon, Senior Pastor Daniel Foo teaches us how to do so through the giving of **light, life, and love**. Indeed, we will always have something to give because we have Jesus!

WHAT TO GIVE – LIGHT, LIFE, LOVE

1. Give of the Light of Christ in you

The Light of Christ in us has power to overcome darkness and this is a very powerful gift to others. In the sermon, Senior Pastor teaches us that we can give of the Light of Christ to others by:

a) Ministering to those in darkness

When we minister to those in darkness, we help them to overcome various aspects of darkness, namely: doubts, discouragement, despondency, depression and death thoughts. In John 8:12, Jesus said that He is the light of the world and whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Hence, giving the Light of Christ to others can help lift them out of their darkness.

Ministering to those in darkness has to start with our intake of the Word. This is because the Word of God is important for us to position our hearts and we should let the Word dwell in us (Colossians 3:16, Psalms 119:105).

b) Doing good works to those who cross our path

Besides ministering to those in darkness, we should also do good works to those who cross our path. This is a recurring theme of doing good works because we were saved for it (Matthew 5:14-16). How then can we effectively do good works to others? We can do so by giving our time, our money, and our resources. We can also do good works by sharing knowledge, our learning as well as our experiences by mentoring others.

We should also be aware of how we are giving. We should always have wisdom in giving, in humility and self-awareness, not out of superiority or fear that our gift is insufficient. We give to those who are receptive, so that there will not be resentment nor jealousy in comparison.

2. Give of the Life of the Spirit in you

The Life of the Spirit in us has power to overcome death. We can give of the Life of the Spirit in 3 ways. Firstly, we should speak life always (John 6:63), seeking to encourage others in their spiritual growth (1 Cor 14:3). Secondly, we should share the gospel. The bible tells us to always be prepared to share the gospel and why we believe, and to do so with respect (1 Peter 3:15). Lastly, we should also engage in prayer because the bible teaches us that fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful (James 5:16)

3. Give of the Love of Father-God in you

Finally, the Love of Father-God in us has the power to overcome all fears. In order to give of the Love of our Father in heaven, we must first continually receive and personally experience the Love of the Father in our lives. This is our discipleship journey: to move from an orphan spirit to a spirit of sonship. It is a journey of identity. As we move along this journey, everything changes. Our view of God, our view of ourselves, of others, of work, of possessions. Everything.

As we come to know this new reality that we experience through the love of Father-God, we are now equipped to share the love of God to those trapped in the world. When we give the love of the Father to others, we minister healing to the hurt and wounded. We give the love of God by sharing this supreme love in our relationships as expressed in 1 Cor 13: 4-8.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we are called to give generously to others. We give of what we have, from the overflow of what God has given to us.

We dwell richly and regularly in the Word of God so as to give the Light of Christ that overcomes darkness.

We soak our lives in the gospel and in prayer so that we may give of the Life of the Spirit that overcomes death.

We continually build up our altar of thanksgiving, praise and worship so that we may give of the Love of Father-God that overcomes all fears.

We give so that God in heaven may be glorified in our giving.

QUESTIONS

1. The bottomline of giving is that we can only give of what we have. In which areas do you feel most comfortable giving? Which areas do you find it difficult to give? Share and discuss what this might mean for your own personal walk with God.

2. Share a recent experience where you have been on the receiving end of someone else's giving. How did that make you feel? How does that experience encourage you in your walk with God?

3. Who has God placed in your heart for you to be generous to? How might you give of yourself, your time and your resources to that person in the coming weeks?