

Message Title: God's Wish List Pt-6&7

Theme: Here the emphasis is on the lack of messages from the pulpits about proving the will of God. According to scripture pastors are to declare the whole council of God but there are many topics that are avoided. Such as in Second Corinthians 9:7 "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver". Only the cheerfully part is emphasized.

When it comes to giving the important thing is supporting the church so we can do more for God, so the necessity is emphasized for raising more money for buildings, missionaries and outreach programs of all kinds. Grudgingly is seldom, if ever mentioned at all.

Grudgingly in the text refers to what happens when members are encouraged to give beyond their supply, like overspending for Christmas. Sadly the truth is that giving for a need only satisfies a temporary situation and there is always more need and giving that's not from the heart becomes a duty, like Christmas presents for people because of the holiday. The worst part though is that there is no joy. Giving for a need gives a feeling of self satisfaction not joy, and feeling pressured brings feelings of regret later on.

God loves it when giving is done like buying a gift for a loved one and the primary purpose is the happiness of the receiver. In this case the giver experiences the pleasure of anticipation, the excitement of the receiver at the presentation and the feelings of accomplishment as the receiver benefits. In this case, "It is more blessed to give than receive" at a three to one ratio.

Salient Points: Unheard messages, Rejected efforts, Believing we are right, Going our own ways, Take God seriously, Placing confidence in self, Lacking understanding, Responding to God's offer, Faithless & fearful, seeing the miracles, Praying for your own ways, God works in a bigger picture, Not taught but experienced, Living with daily proof, Giving of duty, The unknown glory, Changing from glory to glory, Following pastors, Bypassing the middleman, More Love Joy Peace & Faith, Confident living, Rejecting the glory message, God knows our works, Just trying to serve God the best we can, To be continued:

Series: Our Timeless Creator, Remastered – 1101

Sub Series: Our Timeless Creator 9-6&13-09

Scripture: 2Cor. 5:7-10, Prov. 21:1-2, Is. 53:6, Eph. 5:6-10, 2Cor. 3:17-18, Rom. 12:1-2, Eph. 5:9-10

Key Words: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance, fruit, proof, giving, need, necessity, grudge, grudgingly, glory, changed, believe.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”***. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is to know what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly it has been a life changing experience as God increases and we, without trying, decrease.