

Together We Can!

Sunday Morning, September 22, 2013

Thesis:

Together we can support those who are sacrificially serving the Lord. Together we can send people who are willing to serve. Together we can share the gospel with everyone everywhere. Together We Can!

Introduction:

(Philippians 4: 11 – 13)

11 I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

12 I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.

13 I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

The Promise:

God will supply whatever needs necessary to fulfill His call on our lives.

Quotes from Missionaries:

"Please say to the new missionaries they are coming to a life of hardship, responsibility and constant self-denial."

Lottie Moon

Why should we not...instead of the paltry offerings we make, do something that will prove that we are really in earnest in claiming to be followers of Him who, though He was rich, for our sake became poor."

Lottie Moon

S.G. Posey, Executive Secretary of the California Southern Baptist Convention from 1951 to 1960, who had a great love for missions and who helped to start our very own church said this:

If I am to accomplish that for which you placed me here, and that which we all believe our blessed Saviour desires to see accomplished in charming, cultured, Christless California, you must help me out there where you are with the best you have for the sake of the Lord Jesus and His glory in California."

S.G. Posey

I. Together We Can Supply the Needs of Those Who Are Sacrificially Serving

(Ephesians 3: 20 – 21)

20 Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—

21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Immeasurably More Than We Ask

(III John 1: 1 – 8)

1 The Elder: To my dear friend Gaius: I love you in the truth.

2 Dear friend, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health physically just as you are spiritually.

3 For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth— how you are walking in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

5 Dear friend, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers, especially when they are strangers.

6 They have testified to your love in front of the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God,

7 since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans.

8 Therefore, we ought to support such men so that we can be coworkers with the truth.

Send...In a Manner That Honors God

II. Together We Can Send the People Who Are Willing to Serve (Philippians 4: 15 – 20)

15 And you Philippians know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent gifts for my need several times.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that is increasing to your account.

18 But I have received everything in full, & I have an abundance. I am fully supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you provided—a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Glorious Riches...Given in Christ Jesus

(John 20: 21)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Sent Me - Sending You

(Acts 8:14)

When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had welcomed God's message, they sent Peter and John to them.

(Acts 11:22)

Then the report about them was heard by the church that was at Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch.

(Acts 15: 22)

Then the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, decided to select men who were among them and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas, called Barsabbas, and Silas, both leading men among the brothers.

(II Corinthians 8:19)

And not only that, but he was also appointed by the churches to accompany us with this gift that is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself and to show our eagerness to help.

(II Corinthians 8: 23 – 24)

23 As for Titus, he is my partner and coworker serving you; as for our brothers, they are the messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

24 Therefore, show them proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you.

III. Together We Can Spread the Gospel To Everyone Everywhere

(Acts 20: 24)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Our Life's Worth!

(II Corinthians 5: 10)

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. *Judged For Good and Evil*

(Romans 10: 13 – 15)

13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" *How? Without Being Sent?*

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