

Luka 16: 10-15, 2 Wakorintho 9: 6-14

Paulo, akitoa maneno ya Mithali 22, anakuja kukumbuka kifungu nzima, sio neno moja tu linaloanza kifungu hiki kwa kuzungumza juu ya watu 'kupanda' kwa njia ndogo au kwa ukarimu; na neno ambalo anatumia kwa ukarimu ni neno lile lile Methali hutumia ('hubariki') kwa kile ambacho Mungu atafanya kwa mtoaji mwenye furaha. Mithali inatoa picha kamili ya mtu mwenye hekima na mwenye kuogopa Mungu ambaye anajua jinsi ya kuwa na ukarimu na pesa. Paulo anataka Wakorintho kuona hii kama picha ya wao wenyewe(N.T. Wright, 2003).

Ninachosema ni hii: yule anayepanda idadi ndogo ya mbegu pia atavuna mazao madogo, na yule anayepanda mbegu nyingi za mbegu pia atavuna mazao ya ukarimu. Kila mtu anapaswa kutoa chochote walichoamua katika moyo wao. Hawapaswi kutoa kwa kusita au kwa sababu ya shinikizo. Mungu anapenda mtoaji mwenye furaha. Mungu ana uwezo wa kukupa zaidi ya kutosha kwa kila aina ya neema. Kwa njia hiyo, utakuwa na kila kitu unachohitaji kila wakati na kila kitu kutoa zaidi ya kutosha kwa kila aina ya kazi nzuri. 2 Wakorintho 9: 6-8

Tunahitaji kuzingatia nini katika kuamua nini tunachopa?

Tunawezaje kufanya mazoezi ya kutoa fursa yetu wenyewe, bila kusita?

Mtoaji mwenye furaha ni nini? Ni nini kinachozuia kutoa kwa furaha?

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Paul, quoting Proverbs 22, is calling to mind an entire passage, not just a single saying sine he starts this passage by talking about people 'sowing' in a meager way or a generous way; and the word he uses for generously is the same word Proverbs uses ('blesses') for what God will do to a cheerful giver. Proverbs gives a reasonably complete portrait of a wise and God-fearing person who knows how to be generous with money. Paul wants the Corinthians to see this as a portrait of themselves (N.T. Wright, 2003).

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

What do we need to consider in determining what we are to give?

How can we practice giving of our own volition, without hesitation?

What is a cheerful giver? What hinders cheerful giving?

Next week: Alabaster Sunday, Dr. Andy Bennett preaching

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Meneja mwaminifu

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 3 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Mhubiri 9: 13-18*

Jumanne: *1 Wafalme 3: 3-28*

Jumatano: *Yakobo 3: 13-18*

Alhamisi: *Waefeso 3:1-20*

Ijumaa: *2 Wakorintho 6: 1-10*

Jumamosi: *1 Wakorintho 4: 1-13*

Mungu Mwenye Nguvu, Wewe Aliyetuumba na kutuita kutumikia kwa Jina lako, tumia Roho yako Mtakatifu juu yetu leo ili tuweze kuwa watendaji wenye hekima wa zawadi zako zote za thamani. Katika Jina kubwa na Roho wa Kristo, Amen.

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Faithful Stewards

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 3 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *Ecclesiastes 9:13-18*

Tuesday: *1 Kings 3:3-28*

Wednesday: *James 3:13-18*

Thursday: *Ephesians 3:1-20*

Friday: *2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

Saturday: *1 Corinthians 4:1-13*

Almighty God, You Who created us and called us to minister in Your Name, pour out Your Holy Spirit on us today so we may be wise stewards of all Your precious gifts. In the great Name and Spirit of Christ, Amen.