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LOOKING FORWARD...

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, [a] all you lands!
² Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
³ Know that the LORD, He is God;
*It is He who has made us, and [b] not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
*And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*
⁵ For the LORD is good;
*His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.*

Thanksgiving should produce Thanksliving. We never know the influence we have had on the people we have encountered in this life. Here is an example:

In his autobiography, *Breaking Barriers*, syndicated columnist Carl Rowan tells about a teacher who greatly influenced his life. Rowan relates:

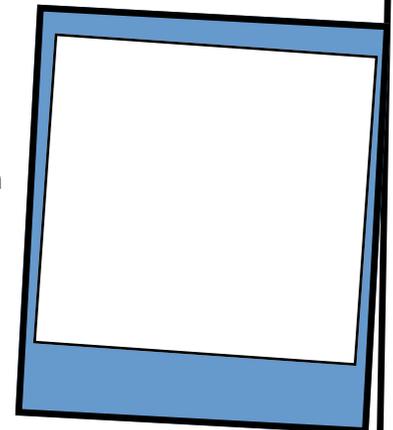
Miss Thompson reached into her desk drawer and pulled out a piece of paper containing a quote attributed to Chicago architect Daniel Burnham. I listened intently as she read: "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans, aim high in hope and work. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us."

More than 30 years later, I gave a speech in which I said that Frances Thompson had given me a desperately needed belief in myself. A newspaper printed the story, and someone mailed the clipping to my beloved teacher.

She wrote me: "You have no idea what that newspaper story meant to me. For years, I endured my brother's arguments that I had wasted my life. That I should have married and had a family. When I read that you gave me credit for helping to launch a marvelous career, I put the clipping in front of my brother. After he'd read it, I said, "You see, I didn't really waste my life, did I?" Be thankful for those who have influenced your you life and pass it on.

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A Stewardship Moment



In his day, John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. For all practical purposes, his money was virtually limitless. Once, an interviewer asked him, "How much money is enough?" Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more!" As outrageous as it sounds, haven't we all been there? Whatever our income level, we think to ourselves, If only I had just a little bit more... Then, at last, our budget would have some breathing room and we will be satisfied with our finances.

But Rockefeller's response pokes a hole in that theory. The truth is, control over money has less to do with how much we make, and a lot more to do with how we manage what we have. Financial health is important not only to our bank balance but to the atmosphere in our home. More marriages have blown apart over financial issues than almost any other factor.

We need to recognize that managing money is a spiritual issue. Did you know that Jesus spoke more about money than He did about any other topic? In fact, 15% of all the recorded words of Jesus are on the subject of money—more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined. Why did money matter so much to Jesus?

To Jesus, our attitude towards money is of utmost importance, because it is a reflection of our attitude towards God. As Larry Burkett said, "You can tell more about the spiritual lives of a couple by looking at their checkbook than by anything else."

Everything we have comes from God. He owns it, and He entrusts it to us to use for His purposes. True financial success comes not from accumulating a large surplus in our bank account, but from following God's plan for our finances. As we do this, He will provide for all of our needs.

Are money problems rearing their ugly head and causing tension in your family? Has it been difficult for you to manage your finances and to know where you really stand? If so, consider this simple three-step plan for successful money management.

1. Give to God first.
2. Set aside funds for regular savings.
3. Spend the rest on what you need.

November Events



Joy Club-November 8-12:00 p.m.

Lottie Moon Mission Offering-11th -17
Out Goal is \$750.00

Thanksgiving-November 22nd



November Birthdays



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Matthew 6:33

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Emerson said that if the stars came out only once a year, everybody would stay up all night to behold them. We have seen the stars so often that we don't bother to look at them anymore. We have grown accustomed to our blessings.

The Israelites in the wilderness got accustomed to their blessings, and God had to chasten the people (see Num. 11). God had fed the nation with heavenly manna each morning, and yet the people were getting tired of it. "But now our whole being is dried up," they said, "there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!" (v. 6).

Nothing but manna! They were experiencing a miracle of God's provision every morning; yet they were no longer excited about it. Nothing but manna!

One of the evidences that we have grown accustomed to our blessings is this spirit of criticism and complaining. Instead of thanking God for what we have, we complain about it and tell him we wish we had something else. You can be sure that if God *did* give us what we asked for, we would eventually complain about that. The person who has gotten accustomed to his blessing can never be satisfied.

Another evidence of this malady is the idea that others have a better situation than we do. The Israelites remembered their diet in Egypt and longed to return to the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. They were saying, "The people in Egypt are so much better off than we are!" Obviously, they had forgotten the slavery they had endured in Egypt and the terrible bondage from which God had delivered them. Slavery is a high price to pay for a change in diet.

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17