

“SUCH AS I HAVE GIVE I THEE”

Acts 3: 1 – 6

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INTRODUCTION

1. In this text we have Peter and John going into the temple to pray at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour . . . and a lame man from his mother’s womb asked alms of them as they entered into the temple.
2. Peter said, *“Silver and gold have I none”, “but such as I have give I thee”* –Acts 3:6.
3. *“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise and walk”* . . .
4. What Peter had he was willing to give – so we today should be willing to give what we have.
5. Every child of God should be a “giver” – humanity lies at our very door today as a beggar.
6. We should give “in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”.
7. If we only have a cup of cold water to give, we should give it – Matt. 10:42.
8. Let us study some things we can all GIVE:

I. ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE THINGS WE HAVE TO GIVE IS TIME

- a. We must not waste time.
- b. Jesus set forth the value of time in John 9:4.
- c. Psa. 90:12 says, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”*.
- d. Paul said, *“Redeeming the time”* – Eph. 5:16.
- e. Paul teaches the proper use of time in Rom. 13: 11- 12.
- f. Felix had a time problem and it cost him his soul – Acts 24:25.
- g. The five foolish virgins failed to solve the problem of time – Matt. 25:1 – 12.
 - i. They had made some preparation, but not enough.
 - ii. The “spirit of tomorrow” was their ruin.
- h. Many in the church have the “time” problem:
 - i. Not much time to give to worshipping the Lord; cannot give Him four hours a week.
 - ii. No time to teach our friends the truth.
 - iii. No time to visit the sick.
 - iv. No time to restore a brother – James 5: 19 – 20; Gal. 6; 1- 2.
 - v. No time to help the needy.

II. MOST OF US HAVE SOME MONEY TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH SO IT CAN CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

- a. It takes money to preach the gospel, to help the needy saints, and to edify.
- b. We must not rob God of that which is rightfully His – Mal. 3:8.
- c. We are to give upon the first day of the week.
- d. How to give: 2 Cor. 9: 6 – 7; Luke 6:38.

III. WE CAN GIVE PRAYERS, FIRST ON OUR OWN BEHALF, AND THEN FOR OTHERS.

- a. Paul said to the Romans, *“That ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me”* – Rom. 15: 30.
- b. I John 5:16; James 5:16; Acts 8: 24; Eph. 6: 18 – 19.
- c. Pray for rulers – I Tim. 2:1 – 4.
- d. Pray for sinners – Rom. 10:1.
- e. Pray for ourselves – I John 1: 8 – 2: 1 – 2.

IV. WE CAN GIVE MORE TIME TO BIBLE STUDY

- a. We are to understand the will of the Lord – Eph. 5:17.
- b. We are to study that we might rightly divide the Word – 2 Tim. 2:15.
- c. We are to study the Old Testament – Rom. 15:4.

V. WE SHOULD GIVE SINCERE WORSHIP TO GOD.

- a. This He requires – John 4: 23 – 24.
- b. On the Lord’s Day we are to eat the Lord’s Supper and give of our means – Acts 20: 7; I Cor. 16: 1 – 2.
- c. We are to pray, sing, and teach – Acts 2: 42; Eph. 5:19; Acts 20: 7.

VI. WE CAN GIVE A GODLY LIFE

- a. A godly life has great power for good – Matt. 5: 13 – 16.
- b. A godly wife can win her husband to the Lord – I Pet. 3:1 – 6
- c. Phil. 2:15; Rom. 12:1 - 2

CONCLUSION

1. Let us so live that when we come to the end of life we can have the satisfaction of knowing we gave what we could.
2. God will give Eternal Life – Matt. 25:46.