

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”
Hebrews 13:16 KJV

Feeding and clothing the homeless is what we usually think of as doing good, but we often neglect communicating Truth. Fellowship is as necessary as food and clothing, for it sustains the spirit of a man in need. How many believers are starving for some Word of Hope in our Assemblies? Their lack may not be so obvious, but it is discernable: All you must do is listen. If all they talk about is temporal things, they are starving spiritually. *“Exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today;’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”* Exhortation is encouragement and fellowship with



the Word of Truth. Many churches neglect their pastor. Making sure the man of God and his family have daily needs met (physical and spiritual), goes a long ways towards freeing his time for the ministry of God’s Word: it’s not the deacon’s job, it’s the Assembly’s job. Be quick to lend a hand and ready with a compliment or thanks for a sermon or word of encouragement. The slightest favor or encouraging word you give a discouraged soul is priceless! Always be ready by study and meditation to give *“answer to every man that asketh of the Hope that lies within you.”* You may know you’re going to heaven, but how and why do you know? Do you explain it to others? We may share material things and lighten a load, but giving someone God’s Word of Eternal Life and the promises of a heavenly Father, will give them the wherewithal to go on successfully after we leave. Many neglect their own family, because *“familiarity breeds contempt.”* Not disciplining your children correctly is neglect and ignoring bad behavior is abuse. If God wanted someone else to have them, why did He give them to you? *“Children obey your parents in the Lord: For this is right. Servants obey your masters. (Do what your employer wants. If sinful, find another job!) Husbands, love your wives. Wives, obey your husbands.”* We each have duties and responsibilities to one another. The brethren should exhort, encourage, and teach one another, and above all *“have love one to another.”* Am I the only one who sees the dreadful condition of today’s Church? Many think themselves *“rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and [know] not that [they are] wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven. He that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* If I have God’s favor and He owns the universe, then *“I shall not want.”* It is the responsibility of believers to be good stewards of what is given them, so God can give you more. Never fear to give away your last crumb, because heaven is your supply house and Father is your Quartermaster!

I only keep what’s giv’n away,
For God is all my hope and stay,
He’ll ne’er forsake me by the way,
And all my good He will repay! ~CGP

How can you ever outgive God? I challenge you to try! You will fail spectacularly! I guarantee it! “When upon Life’s billows you are tempest tossed and you are discouraged thinking all is lost: Count your many blessings; name the one by one; and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!” If you have it and you don’t need it right now, maybe it’s for you to give away! It may seem a sacrifice unless you trust God! Do you really believe God’s Word or have you not tested it yet? *“My God shall supply ALL your needs. ‘Prove Me herewith,’ saith the Lord. Having food and raiment, therewith be content. Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God (the condition)...and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you (the Promise). Father knoweth what ye have need of BEFORE YE ASK!”* Doubt is calling God a liar!

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also FREELY GIVE us ALL THINGS?” Romans 8:31-32 KJV

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