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# ***Money, Popularity And Women***

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And I have absolutely told the manager in every meeting (Brother Jack Moore, setting here, was one of my first men in the field; he knows that I never would stand still for no begging for money: “Who’ll give *this*? And who’ll give *that*?”), “Pass the collection plate, and forget about it.” God, it’s when He—

when He quits furni-...when He quits supplying my needs out here, it's time for me to leave the field then. So, I don't believe in this begging, and pulling, and persuading, and threatening, and—and everything else for money. No, sir.

When I first come into the ministry, I found out, through history, there is three things that's hurts a man, a servant of Christ. And when he...God will bless him and give him



just a little ministry, then the first thing you know, one of the downfalls is *money*.

Next is *popularity*: When he gets to thinking he's *somebody*, right then he's on his road out. See. We're...there's no big shots among us, we're all the same, we're God's children (See?); there's none of us big, and none of us little, we're all God's children.

Then (money, popularity), and *women*: And I'm noted as

a woman-hater so, you know, you, that's way away, so that—that's out of the picture. I got one woman, is all the woman in the world, and that's my wife, sweetest woman that God ever put on earth, for me. That's right. She's mine, and mine alone; and I'm hers, and hers alone. And that: when I was a young man I thought that; now I'm an old man and I still think it.

So I...she...I've tried to shun those things, and tell the Lord Jesus, "God, it's so hard being out here, 'cause the ministry is so much different. It just—just puzzles people every way. I have hard enough to fight *those* things with Satan, let alone *these* others." So, I'm out to do the very best I can, for everybody I can; to the Kingdom of God be glorified.

**98. Brother Branham, is it right for ministers to make long pulls for money in their services, telling that God has told them that so many in the audience are supposed to give so much? If this is right, I want to know. Or if it is wrong, I want to know. This has disturbed me terribly.**

150 Now, you see, friend, I'm going to tell you, I'm going to tell you what I think. See?

Now, that don't mean it right. I think it's terrible.

151 Now, I think this. God sent me on the field. I've seen the time where I looked like I would be at least...And I—I didn't have no money at all. And I'd say, "Just pass the collection plate."

And the manager would come to me and say, "Look, Billy, we're five thousand dollars in the red tonight, Boy. Have you got the money in Jeffersonville to pay it?"

152 I'd say, "It's all right. God sent me here, or I wouldn't have come. (See?) Just pass the collection plate."

And before the meeting's over, somebody say, "You know, the Lord put on my heart to give five thousand dollars to this." See, see? First, be led to do it.

153 I do not believe in pulling, and begging, and bumming money. I think it's a wrong thing. Now, brother, if you do it, don't let me hurt

your feelings. See? You—you might have the right-of-way from God to do it. But I'm speaking just for myself. I do not believe in it.

154 Now, I've even knowed of ministers going and say...I stood right, not long ago...Now, this isn't Pentecostals, this is...Well, it's churches (see?), other churches. It was at a big camp meeting. Gertie, you was with me, many others present. And they took the whole afternoon



at a famous denomination—two or three of them together (that's the regular regular churches, like our modern churches here in the city, and so forth) at a big convention—and they took the whole afternoon, standing on the platform—and threatening that that God would destroy their crops, would give their children polio, and things like that, if they didn't put into that meeting. That's exactly the truth, with this Bible before me. I said, "It's blasphemy to

God and to His followers.” If God sends you, He’ll take care of you. If He hasn’t sent you, then let the denomination take care of you then. But—but you...If God sends you, He’ll take care of you.

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The Holy Ghost*

**Hebrews 13:5**

***Let your conversation be without  
covetousness; and be content  
with such things as ye have: for  
he hath said, I will never leave  
thee, nor forsake thee.***

# ***My Choice Is To Be A Poor Man***

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I remember our first experience here, we were very, very poor. That's the reason today that I, my choice... And I—I say this with reverence. My choice is to be a poor man. I could've been a multi-millionaire if I had wanted to be. One person brought me a check, FBI agent, for a million, five

hundred thousand dollars, a bank draft, and I refused to look at it from the Mission Bell Winery in California. A woman was healed, been to St. Louis, and both breasts taken off, and she was... Cancer went through her, and a doctor was converted on the case, Dr. Theodore Palouveas, which is preaching the Gospel this afternoon in Oakland, California. And how the Lord spoke to the woman, told her on three days she'd be shopping in the street. Told

her daughter she was unconscious. The doctor said, "The very idea, Reverend Branham, you build somebody up on a false hope like that, and that woman laying there dying."

11 I said, "I'm in position to stay here. If that woman isn't walking of the street well in three days, I'll put a sign on my back as false prophet, and you just run me around over town in front of your car. And then if she isn't, I'll do that.

And if she is, let me put one on your back and go.”

The doctor was converted, preaching the Gospel today. One of the best surgeons on the West Coast, people even flew from New York to be operated by him. And they sent me a—a million, five hundred thousands in a bank draft; two agents brought it, me living in a two room shanty at the time. But it isn't money what makes happiness, it...

Happiness doesn't consist of how much of the world's goods you own, but how contented you are with the portion that has been lotted to you. Just make yourself contented as long as one thing that brings contentment, and that alone, is Jesus Christ.

12 Here sometime ago, Mr. Avak, over in the same country, was given a great, big, nice Cadillac. I appreciate that. Any man that can ride in



one, I appreciate it. And at that time, I had an old Chevrolet, old truck, all beat up, about eight, ten years old. And some of those wealthy, fine Armenian people said, “Brother Branham, we gave Avak a Cadillac. We got one for you.”

And I said, “Thank you, but I don’t believe I could use it.”

Said, “Well, we’ll give it to you. We’ll give you a Packard, or whatever you want.” Said,

“That old truck, you beating around in it...”

I said, “If I got what I deserved, I’d walk.” And that’s true. But how could I come down through Arkansas, where some of my meetings are held among the poorest of people, a little old mother out there pulling a cotton sack, half dead with female trouble or something, eating jowl bacon, and corn bread for breakfast, putting a dollar in the offering at night, and me

come along down through there in a big, nice Cadillac... "There goes Brother Branham." I—I—I couldn't do that. No, no, I—I—I don't... I'd rather have favor with God than to have anything that I know of in the world. And if I got favor with God, I can serve His people.

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***Psalm 119:36***

***Incline my heart unto thy  
testimonies, and not to  
covetousness.***

***And He Went Out  
From His Presence A  
Leper As White As  
Snow***

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**2 Kings 5:1**

**1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.**



## 2 Kings 5:2

2. **And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.**





## **2 Kings 5:3**

**3. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.**

## **2 Kings 5:4**

**4. And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.**

## **2 Kings 5:5**

**5. And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.**





## 2 Kings 5:6

6. **And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that**

**thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.**

**2 Kings 5:7**

**7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.**

## **2 Kings 5:8**

**8. And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.**

## **2 Kings 5:9**

**9. So Naaman came with his horses and with his**

**chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.**

**2 Kings 5:10**

**10. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.**

**2 Kings 5:11**

**11. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me,**



**and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.**



**2 Kings 5:12**

**12. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.**

**2 Kings 5:13**

**13. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how**

**much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?**



**2 Kings 5:14**

**14. Then went he down,  
and dipped himself seven**



times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.





## **2 Kings 5:15**

**15. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all**



**the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.**



**2 Kings 5:16**

**16. But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I**

**stand, I will receive none.  
And he urged him to take it;  
but he refused.**

**2 Kings 5:17**

**17. And Naaman said,  
Shall there not then, I pray  
thee, be given to thy servant  
two mules' burden of earth?  
for thy servant will  
henceforth offer neither  
burnt offering nor sacrifice  
unto other gods, but unto  
the LORD.**

## **2 Kings 5:18**

**18. In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.**

## **2 Kings 5:19**

**19. And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he**

**departed from him a little way.**

**2 Kings 5:20**

**20. But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.**

**2 Kings 5:21**

**21. So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when**

**Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?**





## **2 Kings 5:22**

**22. And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.**

## **2 Kings 5:23**

**23. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and**

**bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.**

**2 Kings 5:24**

**24. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.**

## **2 Kings 5:25**

**25. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.**

## **2 Kings 5:26**

**26. And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and**

**oliveyards, and vineyards,  
and sheep, and oxen, and  
menservants, and  
maidservants?**



## 2 Kings 5:27

**27. The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.**

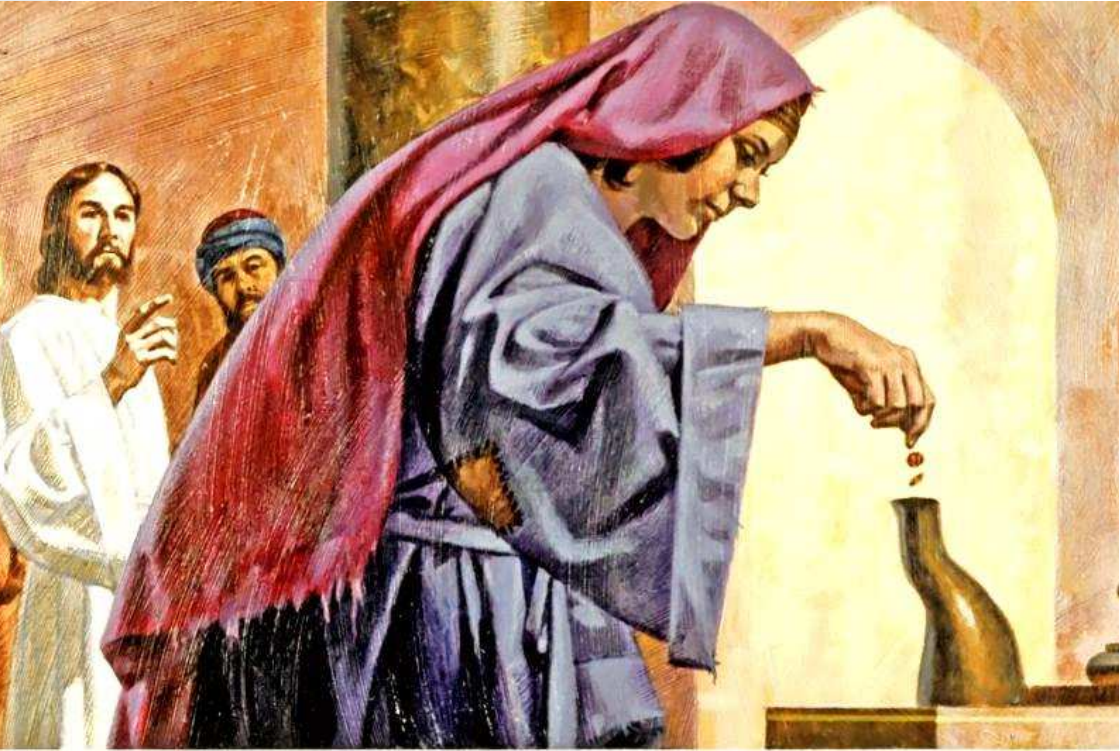
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### *Luke 12:15*

*And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*



*He knows it's more  
blessed to give than it  
is to receive*



Bro. William Branham



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7 I thank you little fellows for that nice gift. And it's...Mrs. Branham, and from Rebekah, and Joseph, and Sarah, and all of us, we thank you very much. It's hard to say, how to tell them little fellows, "No. You saved your pennies. I—I don't want to take it." You know how I feel, I don't want to take it. But yet I looked in here and they had a ten-dollar bill in this card. I thought, "Can I take that?" I thought, "How can I do it?"

8 But I remember a little story  
I want you to know.



One day there was a widow  
woman, she had a bunch of  
children, perhaps her...them little

children's papa was gone. And she only had two pennies. And she come down the street, one time...And it was tithing money, just pennies like you all saved, and she threw it into the treasury of God. Jesus was standing there, watching her. And I have wondered, "What would I have done if I had been standing there?" I would probably run up and said, "No, no, sister, don't do that. We—we don't, really don't need it. You need it for them children." See? Now, I wouldn't have let her done it. **But Jesus let her do it. See, He let her do**

**it. Why? He knows it's more blessed to give than it is to receive. He knowed what He would do for her, see.**

So I thank you little fellows,  
with all my heart.

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**Proverbs 3:9**

***Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:***

**Proverbs 3:10**

***So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.***

# ***It's More Blessed To Give Than It Is To Receive***

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Now, I want to make this statement. I—I've been just a little leery about saying it, but tonight I feel just a little bit dressed up. I don't know whether you noticed it or not, that's a suit a sister gave me. I—I appreciate it very much. Thank you very much.

That's... God bless that sister.  
Thank you all.

People send and give me nice ties, shirts, socks. I was a little afraid to say anything about it from the platform. Maybe somebody thought that I was... get the wrong impression, that I was just saying it just because maybe... Oh, no. Just don't think that. But it—it's so appreciated. I just couldn't let the people do things like that, and then let me not mention it



in some way. You know, some of don't even put their address on it.

I couldn't say the woman's name that bought me that suit of clothes. I—I couldn't never let her—let the—the right hand... left hand know what the right hand was doing, I suppose. But I—I appreciate it from the depths of my heart.

7 And I'll say this, my dear sister, and to all you others. You never give anything to anyone in your life that

appreciated it any more than I do. That's right. I do.

And the Bible says, "Insomuch as you have done unto the least (That's me.) of My little ones, you have done it unto Me." He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man receives a righteous man's reward. Whosoever receives a prophet in the name of the prophet, receives a prophet's reward.

Now, I trust that God will return it to you a hundredfold. And I'm sure, if God lets me keep my right mind, I'll never be in barrooms and things with it on, 'cause I don't go to those places. Never was in one. And I... And I—I only go to church, and to my home, and out to visit the sick. That's where I go.

And I trust that God, while preaching in this suit, will let me win thousands of people. And I pray that the Holy Spirit

will so anoint, that those people who even come by, many of them, as they did in Arkansas, and touched, will be healed by His glorious power.

And in glory, when life is all finished and our earthly journey is over, I hope I'm standing near when I see Him put a great white robe on you. I'll bow my head to Father, thank the Lord for you, clothing you in His

righteousness. God ever be with you is my prayer.

8 One time, I thought it wasn't right to receive a present someone give you. Brother Sharrit, a man corrected me on that. He said, "Brother Branham, I hate to correct you on anything." But said, "You're mistaken there." He said, "You've caused those people by not receiving their presents; you cause them to lose their reward." He

said, “It’s more blessed to give than it is to receive.”

Then he told me of his story. I did... I just believe I’ll tell this right now. It just comes to my mind for a moment. John B. Sharrit from Phoenix, Arizona, one of the business managers of the campaign...

Many of you has met him, no doubt. If anybody here would happen to know Brother Sharrit, or anybody, John Sharrit, Phoenix, Arizona?



Well, he's a product of God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The dean of the college was just talking to me long distance a few moments ago, a very fine man, Brother Stanley. Many of you hear Brother Stanley from the... God's revivalist. He's at my house waiting for me now.

9 And he and Brother Raymond T. Richey... Many of you heard of him, haven't you, from Houston, Texas. He

belongs to the church, Assemblies of God, and has a Evangelistic Temple there.

And so Brother Sharrit, he was borned kind of—of a fellow that didn't have very much of the world's goods. His father was a very poor man, and he was very rowdy. And he left his mother. And John Sharrit, about fifteen years ago, was selling apples at a nickel apiece out in front of him like this in St. Louis, Missouri. Apples... On a little

bi... couldn't have a cart to take care of his mother.

And he had an impediment of speech. He couldn't talk at all. If you go to talking, just stand at just...?... He just... he try again. And like if he was going to say, "Good evening, he'd say, "Goo... [Brother Branham makes unintelligible noises—Ed.]" Wait a while and say, "Goo..." And that's about the way he'd try to get it; awful bad...?...

10 Well, but he begin to seek the Lord when he was a boy. And all the boys was running out to different places with young ladies. He said, “Lord, I—I’m going to trust You. I—I—I’d—I’d be awful out trying to talk to the young ladies. But I want to be married and have children. And I’m going to serve You, and You give me a wife.” And he committed it to the Lord: age of about twenty-five.

If he could've passed every woman by in the world, he couldn't have a better one than what he's got. God give him a lovely little Spaniard.

But one great thing he loved children so well... She was barren. He was married for many, many years, six, seven, eight, ten years, no children.

He cut concrete on the street, twenty-five cents a hour to make a living. And they'd saved their money, and

they bought a little three room house. I think it cost about fifteen hundred dollars back in the time of the depression. And they'd paid, and paid, and paid. And strived and paid until till they paid all of it off.

11 But just about the time they got it all paid off, they had a revival in Phoenix. And there was a man by the name of Doctor Sutton. Don't know whether you know him or not, he was by birth a Canadian. A Gospel—full Gospel preacher



came down there to Phoenix, and he was staying in a tourist camp.

And the Lord appeared to Brother Sharrit one night in a dream. He said to him, "Take your silverware and your clothes and your wife, and leave your home, and turn that over to this Brother Sutton."

Think of it. After about ten years of hard labor in the depression, saving and striving, and the Lord told him

to turn that place over to Doctor Sutton, which was a—a well known minister.

Brother Sharrit said, “All right, Lord.”

Went to his little companion, said, “Honey, the Lord has spoke to me and told me to turn our house over... Just to take our silverware and our clothes, and turn the house over to Doctor Sutton.”

When he went and told her, she said, “All right, dear.” She believed in her husband,

said, “If the Lord said for you to do that, God’s got something else for us to do.”

12 So she... He turned all he had now. And he didn’t have no place to take his wife that night. And they found the tourist camp that cost seventy-five cents. And they stayed in the tourist camp that night, and making twenty-five cents a hour cutting concrete on the street (That’s right.), working daily for... He’s a great big man, weighs about

two hundred and twenty-five pounds.

And about a week later, some rich lady told him that—that she would move some of her things back in her garage, if he wanted to live in her garage, up towards Camelback Mountain (You know where this place is.), kind of a big old aristocratical part of the country there. Said, “You... If you’ll keep my yard trimmed of a evening, when you come in, and keep the

grass watered, and so forth.”  
Said, “You can live in my garage free.”

He moved up there without one thing. He got some boxes, got him a springs and laid on the floor, got him a mattress, put on, him and his wife slept there.

Brother Sutton said,  
“Brother Sharrit, I don’t...”

He said, “The Lord had said for me to do that. That’s all right.”

13 And he went on. And he was that way about a year, lived a good Christian life. And finally, the lady that he lived with was a multimillionaire woman. And she seen his honesty. He was a Christian just like a Daniel down in Babylon.

She went up to him one day. She said, “John,” she said, “you know what? The Lord spoke to me last night in a dream, and told me that I



shall loan you ten thousand dollars to go in business.”

“Why,” he said, (he couldn’t talk) Said, “Lady, I—I can’t even talk. I’ll never make a businessman.”

She said, “But the Lord told me to do it, and here’s the check.”

He said, “Well, ah, I—I—I can’t take it.” See? Said, “I—I don’t want ten thousand dollars laying on my... No, huh-uh.”

So she said, “But the Lord said for me to give it to you. I notice you’ve been a good honest man, seen you reading the Bible. And I got me a Bible and was reading. And the Lord told me to give you the check, loan it to you, for ten thousand dollars to go in business.”

14 So he took the check. He didn’t know what to do. And he went on. And one evening he was walking up and seen a little old five room

house for sale for two thousand dollars. So he went down there and cashed the check and bought it for two thousand dollars. And went down there, him and his wife, and begin to knock the plastering off of the place and replastered it at night, him and his wife working together. And he plastered up the house, fixed the ground, and put a sale sign up on it. And if he'd have got three thousand, they'd have made money. And he sold it for six thousand.

Today John Sharrit's worth a half a million dollars. That's been about six or seven years ago since he started, worth a half a million dollars. He's the father of three fine little children. Oh, my.

He said, "Brother Branham, what if I wouldn't... What if Dr. Sutton wouldn't have taken what God told me to do. See what it would've been?"

15 And now, he stood there, said, "Lord, whenever I

see your program, I'll..." Just, he had so much money, said, "I don't want..." He owns orange groves, ranch houses. He owns the big Thunderbird Ranch there, one of the greatest there is in Arizona.

And he said, "All these things..." He said, "I—I've got more money than I know what to do with."

And God give him a fine little girl, then a little boy, then a little girl. That's the reason he isn't with us tonight. The

little baby's just recently born. His wife had been barren for all these years. And now, she's bearing children, just...?... doing. Oh, what a happy family.

And he said, "When I come to Phoenix..." He said, "Went up to the meeting one night," and he said, "Lord, isn't that where You was talking about?" And then he said... come to me. He said, "Brother Branham, you don't owe me a penny. But if I can pass your



hat, or bring your coat, I want to be in the campaign.”

And I had prayer for him, and God restored his speech back to—to him again. Now, he’s healed, with his fine home, everywhere. Gives his tithes to the Lord of everything he makes. Oh, my. He’s just blessed. So it is more...

16 Now, if you want to write to him, just write to John B. Sharrit, Phoenix, Arizona. It’ll get to him. And ask for the testimony yourself.

Now, he printing tracts and everything, scattering the Gospel everywhere. He'll probably be with us shortly again in the campaign.

It's more blessed to give than it is to receive. See? To...

And now, that isn't saying... You let God tell you what to do. See? And when God tells you that Mrs. Jones over there is a widow woman, and needs some—some clothes, and He speaks to you

to go, help that widow woman, you go help her. You—you do that. Because listen, friends, all the money that we have will pass away someday. That's right. It won't be no more. It's just the eternal things. That's the things that we have in our soul. Is that right?

We came into the world naked; we go out of the world naked. As Job said, "The Lord gave, the Lord taken away.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.” That’s right.

*50-0822 - Faith Without Works Is Dead*

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**Matthew 10:40**

*He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.*

**Matthew 10:41**

*He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

**Matthew 10:42**

*And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*

***His character, his conduct,  
and the things that God did by  
him, that she recognized him  
to be a servant of the Lord***



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Message: **55-0301 - Elijah**

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8 Now, over in Second Kings, tonight, last night speaking on Elijah, the prophet. And tonight, we had him last night going up to when Elijah, rather, and Jehoshaphat, and them, come down to meet him. Tonight, we got him in another scene in the 4th chapter of—of Second Kings. And just for a text, I want to read the 24th



verse of the 4th chapter of Second Kings.

*And she...Then she saddled an ass, and said unto her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.*

May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of this verse of Scripture.

9 Now, our scene begins tonight upon a family in distress. And perhaps, this would be a good thing tonight to recognize that there's,

perhaps, many families setting here tonight in distress.

And if we can only find something in the Old Testament here, which was an example of what believers done in that day when in distress, why, perhaps, maybe we can take them as an example and find our position then and what to do.

In the days of Elijah the prophet...After last night we seen that he was a type of the church. After Elijah, being the

type of Christ taken away, and the double coming up on the prophet...We find that he made his way up to a Gentile country, Shunem. And there was a noble woman up there. And she was not an Israelite; she was a Shunammite.

And Elijah passing through this country, she taken notice to him that he was a holy man, a man of God. What a lesson we could get out of that, that we—our walk and our associations with

people, that people would recognize that we were children of the King. God help us to be that way.

I believe the Scripture says that, “We are written epistles read of all men.” And Elisha so conducted himself around in that Gentile country there, that this Shunammite woman realized that he was truly a servant of God. His character, his conduct, and the things that God did by him, that she recognized him to be a

servant of the Lord. So she wanted to show some kindness to him. So she had him come over for dinner, or what-more, give him a little offering, help him pay for something. Treated him kind, not because she wanted any reward.

10 People who give to people thinking that they'd get a reward for it, well, they don't have any reward. It's those who give freely from the bottom of their heart, that

says, “I just give it freely, not that I expect anything in return.”

Jesus said that, “The Gentiles, or unbelievers do such as that. They give when they’re expect to be given back.” But we, the children of God, give when we don’t want any return. We just give it.

And now, the woman had no...She proved it a little later. She had no alternative of giving to this man, the—the blessings that she was to him



of giving him. Food, money, whatever she give him, had a little offering for him when he passed by, she only give it in respects of God. She said, “I know that he’s a holy man. I know that he’s a man of God. And I...He don’t belong to my denomination. He doesn’t belong to my church, perhaps, but maybe my pastor wouldn’t agree with him; but yet, I believe that he’s a holy man of God. I believe he’s God’s servant. So I’ll just give

him this little offering.” So she did that in her kindness.

11 After while she begin to realize that there was something real good about the man. So she said to her husband, she said, “You know this man that passes by here is a—a man of God. He’s God’s servant. And now, we’re worth a little money. We’ve been giving just a little bit as he pass by. Let’s show him some kindness. Let’s build just a little room out here

somewhere. When he passes by, he looks so tired and weary, when he's on his road up the mountain to pray and fast; for days at a time he goes up there. And let's just make a little place out here that's on our...We got plenty of ground, so let's build him a little room out here, and put a little table in it, and a candle, and a little stool; that when he passes by, why, he can come in and refresh hisself, and lay down on the bed, and rest a little while." That's—that's

thinking a whole lot of someone.

So they...She fixed him this place. And the husband, being a, perhaps, a just and good man, he said, "Well, that would just be fine."

So they go and build a little place and just give it to the prophet as he passes by.

And it came to pass, one day, when Elisha was coming that way, that he—he stopped by. And he found this little place. Of course, he was very

happy to find that the people loved him.

Now, everybody wants to be loved. I tell you the truth. I do. I want God to love me, and I want the people to love me. That's exactly the truth. And if God loves me, then the people will love me. And if I love His people, then He will love me for doing it. God would rather I'd love you, than love Him. Did you know that? I'd rather you love my boy back there, no matter what

you say about me. I want you to love my children. And any father would think that. So Father God thinks the same thing for He said, "Inasmuch as you have done unto the least of these, My little ones, you have done it unto Me." So if you want to love God, just start loving all of His children. And God will reward you. If you'll just love His children that shows the love of God is in you.



12 Jesus said, “This is the way that all the people to know that you’re—you’re children of God and passed from death unto Life, when you have love one for another.” Then you’ll know it. Not because you can have a big church, that’s all right. Not because that you have a lot of fine ministers come by, that—that’s good, too. But it’s because that you have love one for another.

Now, when this revival's over and you all go to your respective churches...We're not here to proselyte, and tell you, "All leave one church and go to another." You keep your church. Try to bring some sinners into that church.

Then when you go back to your respective church, go back with such a heart full of love. And that—that woman that you just couldn't stand or that man, love him or her anyhow. They'll know you got

something out of the meeting then. That's right. If you don't do that, then you—you—you haven't gained anything yet. 'Cause you've got to have love one for another. Then the people...The—the outside world will know that you've passed from death unto Life when you have love one for another.

Jesus said, "You're the salt of the earth. But if the salt's lost it's savour (That's its strength.), it is henceforth

good for nothing, but to be cast out and trod under the foot of man.” About here last year, I was holding your convention for the Foursquare people in California, and I passed the Salt Lake Deserts and that’s what I seen then, the salt left its savour, nothing but just to make walks out of.

13 But salt is a savour if it contacts. You—you have a piece of meat here, and a barrel of salt here, you’ve got

to get them together to, the salt to the meat or the meat to the salt, to preserve the meat. And that's the way it is. We've got to get the believer with the unbeliever. That's right. You've got to get them into the Church, into the salty bunch of people. And you know, salt—salt also makes a thirst, doesn't it? And if you eat salt, you get thirsty. And God wants His Church so salty, till the whole world will thirst to be like them (That's right. See?), just thirsty, just

thirsty. Just think, say, “Oh, if I could only live the way that woman lived. If she ain’t the most sweetest, peaceful person, never out of humor, never is fussy. She’s always kind, trying to do something to help somebody else. Why, she’s a credit to any man’s church.”

Yes, sir, that man used...He’s a neighbor; he’s a gentleman; he’s just so full of the love of God. You can see him at all hours of night on his



knees somewhere praying. He's always ready to go do something; he's always talking about the Lord Jesus and His mercy. That's the way to make the world salty. Act like that.

Now, Elijah was that type of person. So then, one day, coming by, being tired and weary in his journey, I can see him say, "Well, looky here," a little sign hanging on the door, "This property belongs to the man of God that passes this

way.” I can hear him say to his servant, “Why, Gehazi, looky here, this Shunammite people here has give us this little piece of property, here, that we can—we can drop in.” He opens the door, for it’s his, goes in, lays down upon the bed, stretches hisself out. Said, “You know she’s been awful kind to us, Gehazi. She’s just ministered to us in everything that we have need of. Go in and talk to her.” Look like he ought to have went in. But he said,

“You go in and talk to her and see if she wants me to speak to the king or to the chief captain. They all like me. I’m good friends. Maybe she’d want a favor or something like that.” I believe that Elijah was only trying her.

14 So he—he went, and asked her and she said, “No, I dwell among my people, and I didn’t want any reward for this, in otherwise. I just did it because that, I, myself, love the Lord, and I want to do

something for Him, so the only way I could do it, I seen him to be a real servant of God, and a man of God, so I just done this for that purpose. I don't want any reward."

And so he goes back, and Elisha, said, talked about it a little while. And I imagine Gehazi said, "Elisha, I'll tell you one thing," said, "she hasn't got any children, and her husband's old."

"Yes." Elisha said. I imagine he turned over on this

little bed that he had in there, and laid there a few minutes, and thought. After while a vision come before him, and he seen the woman bear a child, said, "Go get her and bring her out here."

So he went and got the woman and brought her out to the door, and when she walked to the door, he said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, according to time of life, about this time next year you're going to embrace a son."

15 She said, “Nay, now,” said, “I—I my husband’s old,” but just the same Elijah said that, “it was in the Name of the Lord,” so that settled it. When God says anything, that completes it right then. That’s all. No need of wondering any more, God has said so.

If God said that Christ was returning to the earth, I believe it. That’s right. If God said these kinds of times have come, and men would be



heavy highminded, lovers of pleasure more than God, I believe it. That's right. Everything that God says, I believe it.

He said, "He was wounded from our transgressions." I believe it. He said, "By His strips, we were healed," I believe it. So that settles it. See? If you believe it, then take it, act on it, and that's...The results will come.

No matter how long it tarries, just keep believing

it. Abraham tarried, or Abraham waited for twenty-five years before the promise ever come. But he was getting stronger all the time, praising God: Baby was going to be born anyhow, made arrangements for it, everything, got ready for the event. Just as soon as God told him it was going to happen, he made everything ready. And then, waiting twenty-five years, just kept waiting until finally it happened, growing stronger

all the time. When God speaks, it's got to come to pass.

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## ***So An Offering Is Part Of Worship***

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And now, I'm—I'm working; I—I make my salary from my church: one hundred dollars a week is what I get from my church. But the meeting has to be supported. And then the people along this time, you've got families and children. Many has been asking me, "Soon as you leave here, will you come to our church? You got a little

time now.” I’m going back to my Tabernacle because—for a little revival for them, just for them, on teaching how to receive the Holy Spirit and so forth. See, we’re a Baptist background there, and so we want to get into the real thing with them.

So the reason I don’t, because if I go into another meeting, mothers and daddies will take from their pocket to support the meeting, and maybe the little baby would—little fellows would miss something at Christmas, and that’d make me feel awful bad. See? So I’ll come back after Christmas, and then we’ll—we’ll start from there again. But just before Christmas, I like to leave it just everything.

7 And I wish I was financially able so that you wouldn’t even have to

never mention an offering. I'd have to mention it anyhow because... I did that one time by a great check that somebody was going to give me, more than I thought that should be given, but I—I wouldn't accept it. And so the brother said, "Well, I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll just take the check, if you'll come and go to a meeting we won't have any—take up one offering or anything."

I said, "That's fine; I'll do that." Said then, I did that and it was not a success. People has to have something in the meeting. See, it's their meeting. And they'd meet me on the street and ask me, "What's the matter with this meeting? We haven't got no part into it; they don't even take up an offering." So an offering is part

of worship. That's right. I know more than ever since the other day when I was going to give Hattie Wright back that twenty dollars that she'd pledged towards the new Tabernacle in Jeffersonville; the Lord said, "Just let her alone." And a few minutes later I see why He said let her alone.

8 So from—I just made a promise in my heart I was never going to try to stop anybody that wanted to give something towards the Kingdom of God. I've did it a many times, turned it down just as fast as I could. And I've realized that I have robbed people by doing that, because God had a program for that and—or He wouldn't have put it... I don't believe in begging, no, sir. I don't believe in begging, or... people, but just—just



tell the people and let—let it be like that. God takes care of the rest of it. Don't you believe that? Sure, He does. He puts it upon the people's heart. But many times I think He's put it upon their hearts to do something, and then I've turned around and conflicted with that by saying, "No, I wouldn't take it, no, sir, won't do it." And I think about Jesus with that little widow putting in all her living, three pennies, and thousands of dollars the rich man had put in. But He never stopped her; He let her go right on, 'cause He knowed what He was going to do for her.

*And The Only Way She  
Could Give Respects To  
God Was To Respect The  
Servant Of God*



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The Prophet**

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64 And this woman, perhaps, maybe, let's say she, one day, she went up in the street and she heard someone preaching on the street corner. And she seen him rejected, and she knew that was a servant of God. So I can imagine after Elisha got through preaching, she said, "Kind, sir, would you go and meet my husband? I will

fix you all some lunch, right away.”

65 Well, I can hear Elisha say, “Thank you, ma’am. I’ll be glad to do that for I’m a bit hungry after the message.” And down to the house they went. She goes in and introduces her husband to this prophet and Gehazi, the servant. And she made some cakes ready right quick, and some little dainties, some little cookies, and so forth.

66 And by the way, there’s a little Danish woman last

evening that sent me a box of cookies and some things to take...I know she's not...She can't understand English, anyhow, if she's here. Probably don't want to know what, the right hand know what the left hand's doing. And I thank you, each one, for your little tokens and blessings. I appreciate them. And this little Danish woman sent me some cookies to take home to the babies. And said they were Danish, and she couldn't write English, so had someone else to write it.

Now, I'm having the awfulest time to keep out of them before I take them to the kids. I'm just having an awful time. I walk back and forth, and look at them, and back to the other side and look at them. But I'm trying to make it out till I go home.

67 But maybe this woman set a plate full of them on the table, and Elisha had a—a real jubilee. And he thanked the woman for it. And time after time he passed by. So the good woman own impression or



revelation...Do you believe in following revelations? Certainly. I believe the Church is built upon Divine revelations.

68 And as she was inspired to do something for this man, I can hear her say one day to her husband, “Now look, dear, we’re—we’re well...we can do this. We have plenty. We have great farms, and so forth, and we’re able to do this. Now, we are both believers in Jehovah, and this is His servant. Now, let’s do something nice for him, and in doing for him, we’ll be doing for Jehovah. And after

all, you're getting aged, and I'm in the middle age; so it won't be long till it'll all fall somewhere; and we have no children or nothing, to go to. So let's just do something nice for Jehovah by entertaining His prophet; for I perceive that he is a holy man, and he passes this way."

69 She called him "the man of God," for she seen God working in him. And she knew that God was in this prophet, and she wanted to give respects to God. And the only way she could give respects to God was to respect the servant

of God. Now, friends, that's the way you do it, is when you respect God's order. That's true.

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*Verse of the Day*

**Philippians 4:19**  
***But my God shall  
supply all your need  
according to his riches  
in glory by Christ  
Jesus.***