

GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM



Once there was a man who sighed and said, “If I had some extra money, I’d give it to God. But I only have enough to support myself and my family.”

That same man also said, “If I had some extra time, I’d give it to God. But you know, every minute I have is taken up with my job, my family, my social organizations, and all kinds of things—every single minute.”

And then the same man said, “If I had a talent, I’d give it to God. But I don’t have a beautiful voice. In fact, I don’t have any special skill. I’ve never been a leader. I can’t even think cleverly or quickly - the way I’d like to.”

God was touched, and gave that man money, time and a wonderful talent. And then He waited...and waited...and waited.

Then after a while, God shrugged His shoulders, so to speak, and He took all those things back—the money, the time and the wonderful talent.

Finally, after more time went by the man sighed and said, “If I just had some of that money back, I’d give it to God. If I just had some of that time again, I’d give it to God. And if I could only regain my

wonderful talent, I’d give it to God.”

What about you and me?

More often than not we end up using our time, our talents and our money on ourselves, trying not to live up to God’s goals for us, but for our own earthly goals.

And if we do somehow manage to live up to those goals, we’re still not happy or fulfilled. In fact, sometimes we feel even emptier in success than we do in failure.

You know why? It’s because so many times we plan our lives around things that don’t really matter.

In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul had been put in prison and had lost everything in this world—his family, his career, his health and his finances. But he tells us in verses 17-18, “Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

May the Holy Spirit touch each one of our hearts, that we will surrender all to Him.

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