



Meriden Hills Baptist

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Faith Promise Giving

I. A History of Faith Promise Giving

- A. "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God" – William Carey, Father of Modern Missions (1761-1834)
 - 1. During this time missionaries were not given monthly support, but found jobs on the mission field while also seeking to win the lost for Christ.
 - 2. Many missionaries lost children, wives, and their own lives due to disease, hostile governments, and general tragedies.
 - 3. These missionaries were truly "Christian Pioneers" for the Kingdom of God.
- B. "You were healed by faith? 'No' I said. 'I was healed by Christ'" – Albert B. Simpson, Founder of Faith Promise Giving (1843-1919)
 - 1. Albert B. Simpson was raised as a Calvinist Presbyterian, started a non-denominational church and outreach ministry in NYC, oversaw a missionary training program, and believed in tongues and healing.
 - 2. A. B. Simpson was burdened with reaching the lost for Christ, not just in his city, but the world.
 - 3. A. B. Simpson implemented faith promise giving which allowed missionaries to gain financial support through the local church.
- C. "If I can't go myself, I will send someone else." - Oswald J. Smith, modern promoter of Faith Promise Giving (1889-1986)
 - 1. Oswald Smith was ordained as a Presbyterian minister, but resigned at an early age and founded a non-denominational church in Toronto, Canada.
 - 2. Oswald Smith recognized the value of A.B. Simpson's "faith promise giving" and implemented this program fully into his ministry.
 - 3. "As a missionary statesman, he (Oswald Smith) stands alone."
– Billy Graham

II. A Biblical Approach to Faith Promise Giving

- A. The _____ decides who will benefit from the offering which they collect. (1 Corinthians 16:1-3)
- B. The local church is obligated to care for the _____ needs of God's people, not just the _____. (Romans 15:28)
- C. While many of God's blessings are given freely, some are reserved for those who give _____ from their _____. (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- D. God often increases the giving ability of an individual as they prove themselves to be focused on _____ blessings rather than _____ pleasure. (2 Corinthians 9:8, 16:2; Luke 16:10-11)

III. A Personal Promise to Faithful Giving

- A. Godly giving is _____ giving. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - 1. We cannot give only when we _____ like giving.
 - 2. We must make a commitment to use our _____ for God's glory.
- B. Godly giving is _____ giving. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - 1. One cannot give joyfully if _____ or _____ are involved.
 - 2. God does not need our money, but He does appreciate a gift offered _____.
- C. Godly giving is _____ giving. (2 Corinthians 8:5)
 - 1. The best gifts are the ones that "_____ you something".
 - 2. God does not want you to sacrifice to the destruction of your own financial "_____". (1 Timothy 5:8, 2 Corinthians 8:11-15)