



What If I Give All...

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"Think On These Things"

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What If I Give ALL...And one of my principles I might add that I based Phoenix Seven on.

"What if I give all, what will that gift do,
That Gift would change a World,
It would free the multitude.
What If I Gave All".

"And long ago, a Father and a Son,
Saw the children lost in sin,
Can you see the tears in Father's eyes,
When Jesus said to Him,
"What if I Give All I Have, What If I Give All"?"

Outstanding lyrics from one of my favorite Ray Boltz songs, "What If I Give ALL". True, the above lyrics are actually speaking of the Gift of Grace and of the gift of sacrifice by Jesus Christ. However the song starts out with that of a little boy giving a portion of his allowance in church to the outreach of the needy. And then He turns to His mother and asks "What If I Give All?"

You see dear beloved reader, before God raised me to preach again, many years ago, I spent seven years on the internet as a webmaster. True, many of those years were spent helping to build the old family business "Brock Mountain Heirlooms", an internet based business that featured hand crafted wood products. And God blessed that endeavor. However, Dad decided that "business" was too good, and yes, getting later in His years, decided He would rather spend a little time fishing instead. He never realized that it would turn into a career. So seven years after opening, Brock Mountain Heirlooms closed its doors.

For "nostalgia" reasons, I have added a link to a picture of a solid walnut and spalted oak sofa table I designed and built at the top of the page. I was always going to build myself one, but never got around to it. Forgive the poor image quality, I have excelled somewhat since then. And no...I don't build furniture anymore, for those of you that may be wondering, I am not able to do so, and God has moved me on to other things.

As to the sofa table, now that I have dug that photo out of the old archive, and look at it... with the "bruised" spalted oak and walnut stripes, it would have made a really cool communion table.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. - Isaiah 53:5

Anyway, when God raised me to preach again, and shortly after "the Phoenix" was born, God placed in me a vision for Phoenix Seven. A ministry outreach web site. And a question in my heart, "What if I Gave ALL"?

What if I gave everything.. every thing that I had learned as a web master every resource and every ounce of Love that my heart could muster, put into spreading the “true” Gospel, and to the advancement of God’s Kingdom. A flat out run as fast as I can, fight the good fight, Love as deep as God’s Grace will allow me to do. (You may be surprised at just how He places no barrier on that. Love. (Taking advantage of His Grace, and His Love, is quite another matter)

“What if I Gave ALL”? What if I Give All”?

And the most important part was Love. The second was TIME.

And God has so blessed me. Phoenix Seven has so grown in the last few months, and continues to do so. Oh sure we still have our problems, and trust the local pawn shops almost know me on a first name basis. It is not about “money” or “stuff” dear reader, it’s about you... and all about “heart”. And in preaching the true word of God, and combating false teaching in the church, I will admit you get a few nasty email. Boy, some hold onto those false doctrines like a dog to a bone. Oh well...I love them anyway.

But God has so blessed us and we are reaching more people than ever before. And like Jabez, God has so enlarged “Our Coast”. True I still have vast rivers to bridge myself, everyday. I too not unlike the Apostle Paul, and his “thorn”, have been plagued for several years now, and suffer from an old back injury, a “thorn in my flesh” so to speak. Christ never told us that bearing our Cross would be a light, nor easy task. And yet even “a thorn in one’s flesh” can sometimes be a blessing. For dear reader if it had not been for my thorn “in this flesh” you may not be reading this today. “His Grace is truly sufficient enough for me”. My weakness is... His Grace. Too You. To Both of Us.

What was “allowed”... “back” then...and what has slowed me down or blocked my way in the secular world, provided the opportunity and TIME, for me to run the race of a lifetime...for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. One sometimes must step back and look at something through “The Eyes of God”, to see the full picture. But trust this... what time I do have, I give “All” to the Glory of God and the

furtherance of His Kingdom. Is that not what being a servant to Christ and His Kingdom is all about? "Giving All"?

The point I am trying to make dear reader is this:

"What if You Gave All"? "What would that Gift Do"?

What if you gave every ounce of your strength to the advancement of the Kingdom of God? And yes every ounce of love your Heart could muster..and yes... your TIME.

To reach the lost and through Jesus Christ, help heal the broken.

"What if You Gave All?"

But then again... as "Christians" we are supposed to do that anyway. We are bought and paid for by a dear price, and there is no room for complacency.

¹⁴And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; ¹⁵I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. ¹⁷Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ¹⁸I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. ¹⁹As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. ²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. ²²He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelation 3:14-22

Let Him that hath an ear hear...

“the Phoenix”

“and the truly of all... the Greatest is Love”

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