

Such As I Have Give I Thee

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

Acts 3:1-6, "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

When God sent his people into the world he could have given them anything that he chose to give. He could have given them great wealth. Money would have helped feed the poor and helped in several ways. Yet, money would have helped the physical needs, but not the spiritual. When Peter and John saw the lame man they gave something more valuable than silver; they gave the man the blessing of

God.

Many might say that they healed the man and that he was able to rise up and walk. Then he would be able to work and take care of himself. While that is true, the most important help that they gave him was the knowledge of Jesus, the Christ. Money and other items and helps that we might have to give to a person can be a help, but the most important thing that we can do for anyone is to tell them about Jesus and the salvation that he gives. The physical need are always around, food, clothes, and money, are used up and need to be replaced. Salvation and the presence of God in our hearts will always be there if we walk with him.

I get tired of everything calling for a donation. Many of the requests are for a good cause, but some are scams. Either way money is not always the answer and can not solve all the problems of this life. While money can be helpful, and even needful, the main need in life is to know God and to walk with him. Many of us don't have a lot of this world's goods to give, but all of us can share Jesus with those that we meet. Yes, you will run into some who had rather have your money than your savior. They want mon-

ey, but they need Jesus.

What have you got to share with the world? You might honestly say that you don't have money, or the ability to help in other ways. But, if you have the Lord in your heart and life, then you have a great deal to share. All it takes is a little time, a little concern, and some effort to talk with someone about the Lord. The Lord tells his people to be witnesses of him and he didn't mean that only the preacher was to do it. You might talk to someone that the preacher can't reach. Not everyone will come to church and hear the message, but people see the church in the day to day life.

We can try to talk to someone about the Lord whether they will listen, or not. If they accept the invitation then praise the Lord. There are those who will not listen, but if you have tried, then that is all that you can do, except to pray for them. All the Lord expects of us is that we do what we can. Some will speak against us and our efforts and we shouldn't be surprised. Remember that they spoke against Jesus and his church. Let us be more concerned with what the Lord says about us, than what the unbelievers say about us.

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