

Sunday Service: Giving Living

19th October 2014

The Word:

- Christianity is not just an experience, it is actually the living of a lifestyle
- If it were like a race, our Christian life is not a sprint, it is more like a marathon
- There are many that seem to be going along in their Christian walk, but without a real sense of *purpose* or *determination*
- For whatever a man sows, that also will he reap. The thing we see about God is that He gives and He gives and He gives-this is a principle from God as to how we should live our lives
- If you're only going to sow and invest in your own family, our harvest will only be in that family
- But if we see wider than that, in an entire community, our harvest will come from that community
- Giving can have a spontaneity to it, but sowing is more of an investment, its planned and deliberate, and we can expect a harvest
- It is worth stopping and thinking, what sort of Christian I want to be? To understand clearly what we value, and then live accordingly
- Most of our bad experiences are not that God is punishing us, it is that we are not living right, we are not consistent in our loyalty to Him
- If we don't purpose in our hearts who we are, what we value, and what we're going to do, then we can easily fall in these areas
- We must involve ourselves projects/visions that are bigger than us
- In the story of the widow, the key in the miracle was the widow **giving**, and the prophet(Elijah) **asking**
- As in with the woman at the well with Jesus, if she didn't give the water, she wouldn't have got the miracle(salvation)
- We get our lives in order, then with purpose, we begin to invest our lives into others, the community...people!
- If we're not happy about how much we're receiving, then we need to up our giving-not one of us couldn't do more, give more

Key Scriptures:

- Gal 6v7-8: "Do not be received..."
- 2 Chr 16v9: "...to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him"
- Ps 126v5-6: "...He who *continually* goes forth weeping..."
- 1 Kings 17v8-15: "Arise, go to Zarephath..."(story of Elijah and the widow)

Notices:

Factory 2nd Impact Weekend: On the 24th and 25th October-register now

Building Project 1265 seats pledged-1200 was the goal so this is an awesome giving response!

Notes for the CG Meeting: