

Monthly  
Newsletter of  
Karnataka  
Congregation  
Kuwait

# In Touch

## GIVING TO THE LORD

### Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will be held at Egaila beach on the first day of eid holidays!

For further information listen to regular church announcements and keep looking at the sky!



Key Verse: "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in More than all the others...." (Mark 12:41-44) (Luke 21:3-4)

Give willingly and God will provide our needs. Whether wealthy or poor, we have to be pouring ourselves out in a sacrificial way. If we are going to call ourselves as believers whether it is money or time, we need to extend ourselves for the sake of the cross. We can't pursue the grace, truth and love of Christ half-heartedly, content in a lukewarm faith.

**1. Proportional Giving:** Jesus is teaching us that how much we give is related to how much we have. Earlier, Jesus had taught his disciples, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be

asked" (Luke 12:48). The chief purpose of the widow is as a model of discipleship. No gift, whether of money, time,

or talent, is too insignificant to give, if it is given to God"

**2. Sacrificial Giving:** The Lord observes the motive that prompts our giving. When we give sacrificially we are giving based upon God's abundant grace. It is based upon the great sacrifice God made in sending Jesus as our substitute on the cross. When we give even very small gifts from the heart we are giving gifts of infinite value.

The principle behind her giving was the fact that she endured "as seeing Him Who is invisible." The only thing that counts with God is faith. This little widow was rich in faith in God and knew that God owned it all. He was the creator and redeemer. She knew he would not fail her. He will provide all her needs. Her vision of God, her faith in Him, demanded that she devote all to Him.

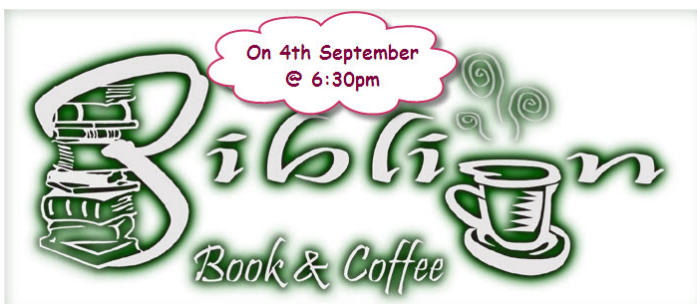
**3. Faith-filled Giving:** Giving proportionately to your income and expecting God to meet your needs, with more than enough to be able to give again (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). God looks at your heart and at your ability to give. God desires to be proud of your giving, no matter how poor you are. We don't give because God "needs" our contribution. We give in order to honor him with our substance, whether large or small, we give to worship God.

Promise word: "My God shall supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).



**Laveena Shalom**  
Women's Coordinator

**Thanksgiving  
Service will  
be held on  
Friday, 24th  
September.**





By Samuel Prakash

# Tithes & Offerings

The scriptural definition of tithes means giving or paying a tenth part of your earnings or any increase that you may get.

In the Bible Abraham was the first Tither when he paid to the Lord his tithes after returning from a victorious battle. Gen14.20. Jacob says in Genesis 28:22 "that this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Thus we see when the children of Israel entered the Promised Land, God told them to give all the wealth of Jericho to Him as it was His portion. The people of Israel paid tithes on the holy land as we see in Joshua "but all the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord". The Laws on tithing was also incorporated into the Mosaic Laws where the first fruits of the harvest were to be set apart for God. Leviticus23:10.

In Matthew 23:23 Jesus emphasizes that God requires tithing by HIS people.

Now the obvious question arises in the mind of a believer as to where and which place is the tithes to be brought?? The logical answer to that question is your local church or the congregation where you worship and where you get your spiritual food. Tithes should not be sent to charismatic preachers or spiritual/social organizations doing missionary work though we may, many times are tempted to help such individuals or organizations.

Bible is very clear when it tells in Malachi 3:10 "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, any try Me now in this". In 2Chronicles 31:11 Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms (storehouses) in the house of the Lord and they prepared them...and they faithfully brought in the offerings, tithes and the dedicated things". We see in Acts 4:35 "...and laid them at the apostles feet(local church or congregation) and they distributed to each one as each one had need". Lastly tithes honors the Lord as we see in Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the Lord with your possession and with the first fruits of all your increase...."

What happens when we faithfully give our tithes ? In Malachi 3:10-12 the four rewards of tithing are given :

1. Meat in God's house- no lack of means or money to carry on His work.
2. Windows of heaven are opened to pour out great blessings .
3. Rebuke of the devourer so that he will not destroy the crops.
4. Recognition of God's blessings by all men.

To conclude, tithing is 10% of all your increase, secondly it is an act of obedience to the Lord's commandment and therefore a trust relationship is established with God.

## Offerings

Offering is any unspecified amount which is regulated by your willingness to give and your love for God. Offerings could be paid to the local church or to any deserving ministry in the body of Christ.

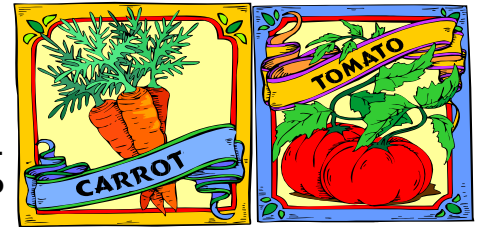
Paul says in 2Cor9:7 "so let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver". Further Paul says "he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully".

An offering is a gift to God which does not come by the force of command from the receiver but from the heart of a giver. An offering should always be an expression of your love and gratitude to your creator.

Secondly your offering is a **seed** which has the divine potential to bring forth a rich harvest to the giver. As the scripture says "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

To conclude, the more you give to the Lord, the more blessings you receive from HIM.

# Reap What You Sow



For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal 6:8

The word "SOW" seems to be very simple, common for everyone and more common for farmers. We are all very good at sowing various kinds of seeds in terms of character, action, thoughts and environment without realizing the importance and impact on our life and surroundings.

Word of God is so powerful which narrates about SOW and REAP. We all sow various kinds of seeds and expect good results, bumper crop without examining the quality of seed/s that we sow in our lives which creates negative impact resulting in damage to us as well as to someone's life.

Bible reveals about the quality of seeds that we reap what we sown If, we sow good seeds like love, joy, peace, harmony, kindness, compassion and hope in our heart, within family, within church and surroundings, we will be able to reap the same.

We may have the following questions within us viz.

- Why I (we) have been rejected?
- Why I (we) am (are) not liked by people?
- Why I (we) am (are) not liked by Church?
- Why our relatives rejected us?
- Why our Brother, Sister or Parents doesn't love us?
- Why we are not getting best?
- Why we are not getting good results?
- Why we are cheated by someone?
- Why I have been rejected when I went to someone's house?
- Why people talk about me or us?
- Why we are not prospering?

In the above context, it is necessary for all of us to ascertain what kind of seed that I have sow in the past, sowing presently and going to sow in future. Is it of flesh or spirit?

If my seed is an evil one viz. Dislike, Gossiper, Complainer, Cheater, Destroyer, we reap and spread the same in our families, church and working environment by destroying ourselves and others.

## Cause & Effect

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. Mathew 13:19

## What I (we) should do?

Repent before Lord Jesus and ask Lord for forgiveness and forgive others too. If we do not forgive others, we are not forgiven. (Ref: Mathew 6:14) Meet people whom you have rejected, whom you have hurt, whom you have destroyed by your words, whom you have asked not to enter your house and tell them that you love in the name of Christ.

The rejection by man is temporary but if we are rejected by God it is an eternal rejection. Do we want to get rejected by rejecting our brethren in families and Church? **If we cannot show our love to our own family and church, it is impossible to say that we love GOD.**

Now is the time for all of us to examine ourselves whether we are sowing good seed/s or an evil seed/s in the families or church or surroundings. Christians are always good for others but not for Christians or Christ. Let's judge ourselves by praying before God. You're the best judge before yourselves.

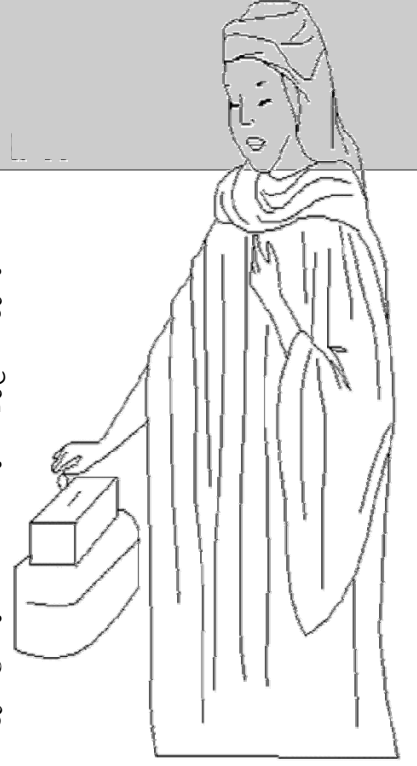
## **My Prayer .....**

..... Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:  
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23, 24).....I AM HAPPY TODAY,I AM HAPPY TODAY IN JESUS CHRIST.....



By Dr. Daniel SS

# ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿಯ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯ ರಹಸ್ಯ ಬಿತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಯ್ಯು



ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕತೆಯ ಅನ್ಯೋನ್ಯತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಮಿಗೆ ಬೀಜ ಹಾಕದೆ ಬೆಳೆ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸುವುದು, ಬಿತ್ತದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಯ್ಯುವ ಆಲೋಚನೆಯು ಅವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿಗಳ ಯೋಜನೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇಂತಹ ಮನೋಭಾವವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವಂತ ಜನರನ್ನು ಕಾಣಬಹುದು. ಮೋಶೆಯ ಧರ್ಮಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ೧/೧೦ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು(ದಶಮಾಂಶ) ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಲೇ ಬೇಕು, ಈ ಮಾತಿಗೆ ಅವಿಧೇಯತೆ ತೋರಿಸುವವರು ಕಳ್ಳರು, ಕದ್ದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವವರು ಆಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 'ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಕೆಟ್ಟವರಿಲ್ಲ, ಹಂಚಿ ಹಸಿದವರಿಲ್ಲ' ಎಂಬ ಗಾದೆ ಚಿರಪರಿಚಿತವಾದ ಮಾತು.

ಹೊಸ ಒಂಡಬಡಿಕೆಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 'ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜೀವಿತವನ್ನೇ ಮಿಸಲಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಪಿಸಿ, ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯ ಜೀವಿತ ನಡೆಸುವ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವು, 'ಪರಿಪೂರ್ಣತೆ' ಹಾಗೂ 'ದೇವರನ್ನು ಇತರರು ಕೊಂಡಾಡುವದಕ್ಕೆ ನಡೆಸುವ' ಮಾರ್ಗ ಸೂಚಿಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ೨ ಕೊರಿಂಥ ೯:೬ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 'ಆದರೆ' ಎಂಬ ಶಬ್ದ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಯೇಸುವಿನ 'ಕೃಪೆಯ' ನಿಯಮದ ಕುರಿತಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಕನ್ನು ಹರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ದೇವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಾತನು, ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸುವವನು, ಅದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇರುವುದೆಲ್ಲವು ಆತನವೇ. ನಮಗೆ ಬರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆದಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ೧/೧೦ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ನಾವಿರುವಂಥ ಸ್ಥಳಿಕ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸುವ ಜೀವಿತವನ್ನು ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿ ಬೆಳೆಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಕೊಡುವುದು ಕೇವಲ ಹಣಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೀಮಿತವಾಗಿರದೆ, ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮಯ, ತಲಾಂತು, ಅದಿ ಕಾರ, ಜೀವಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾವು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕಿಸಿ ಕೃಪೆಯ ಆಧಾರಿತವಾಗಿ ದಶಮಾಂಶ ಅರ್ಪಿಸುವಾಗ ದೇವರ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಭವ ಮಾಡುವವರಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

**ಬಿತ್ತು:** ನೀವಿರುವಂಥ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 'ಬೀಜ ಬಿತ್ತುವ' ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಭರವಸೆ ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿರಬೇಕು. ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿ ವಾಕ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಬೀಜ ಬಿತ್ತದಂತೆ ಸೈತಾನನು ಅನೇಕ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ, ದ್ವಂದತೆ, ಅಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾದ ಆಲೋಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ತರುವಾತನಾಗಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಈ ಹೊತ್ತು ಅನೇಕರು ದೇವರ ಆಶೀರ್ವಾದಗಳಿಂದ ವಂಚಿತರಾಗಿರಲು ಒಂದು ಕಾರಣ 'ಬಿತ್ತುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೋಲು'. ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿಯ ಮೊದಲ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ 'ವಾಕ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಬೀಜ ಬಿತ್ತಲ್ಪಡುವ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಬದ್ಧರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.

**ಕೊಯ್ಯು:** ದೇವರು ದಾತನು, ನಂಬಿಗಸ್ತನು, ತನ್ನ ವಾಗ್ದಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಸರವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯ ಫಲಗಳನ್ನು ಸದಾಕಾಲ ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಲು ಶಕ್ತನಾಗಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ೨ ಕೊರಿಂಥ ೯:೧೦-೧೧ ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ, ಕೊಡುವಾತನು (ಬೀಜ), ವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸುವಾತನು (ಫಲ), ಮತ್ತು ಉದಾರವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವಾತನು (ಕೊಯ್ಯುವುದು) ಐಶ್ವರ್ಯ (ಸಂಪೃದ್ಧಿ)ವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವವನು ಯೇಸುವೇ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾನೆ.

ಯೇಸುವು ಮಾನವರಂತೆ ಮರೆತು ಹೋಗುವವನು ಅಥವಾ ಅಪಕಾರ/ಕೇಡನ್ನು ಬಯಸುವವನಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನೂ ನಾವು ಎಂದಿಗೂ ಮರೆಯಬಾರದು. ಯೇಸು ಮೀನುಗಾರರ ದೋಣಿಯನ್ನು ತನ್ನ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುತ್ತಾನೆ, ಆದರೆ ಯೇಸುವು ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ಮರೆಯದೆ, ದೋಣಿ ಮುಳುಗುವಷ್ಟು ಮೀನುಗಳಿಂದ ತುಂಬಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ಬೈಬಲನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದುವವರಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈಹೊತ್ತು ನೀವು ಯೇಸುವಿಗೆ ಏನೇನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರೋ, ದೇವರ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಏನೇನು ಬೀಜ ಬಿತ್ತಲ್ಪಡುತ್ತೀರೋ ಅದಕ್ಕನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ತಕ್ಕ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂತಿರಿಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುವವನಾಗಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ನಿಮ್ಮದು...? ಆಲೋಚಿಸಿರಿ! ಇದುವೇ ಸುಪ್ರಸನ್ನತೆಯ ಕಾಲ...ಆಮೆನ್!



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# Children's Corner

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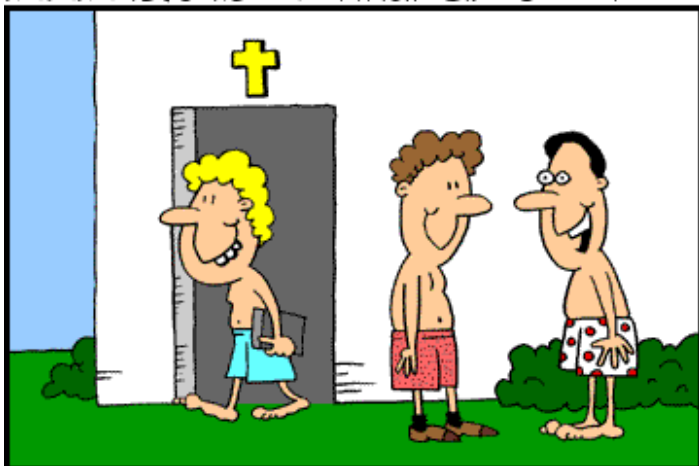
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*Give God what's right - not what's left \* Two things ruin a church- loose living and tight giving.*

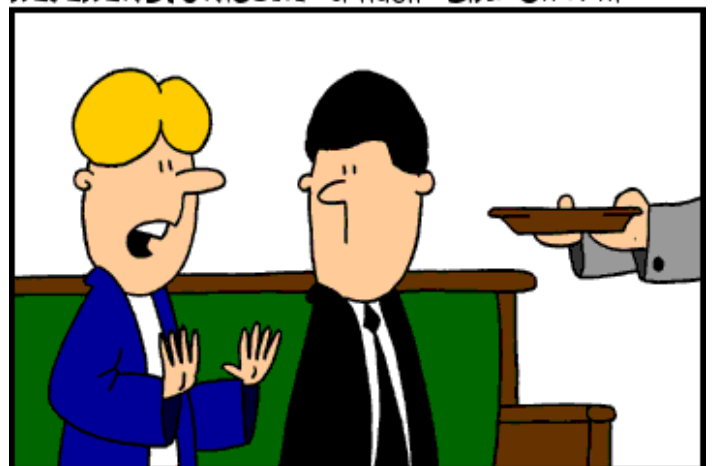
*\* The Dead Sea is the dead sea because it continually receives and never gives.*

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Thanks to Benoit Paquette 04-07-1998  
 I TOLD YOU I WOULD PRAY FOR YOU ... NOT PAY FOR YOU

## Birthdays in September



### *Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in September*

*2 - Leslie & Dorin Bhaqyan*

*21 - Alex and Sneha Varghese*

*21 - Mathew & Asha Soans*

### **Empty Space in Your Life?**

Fill it with God

And you will never feel empty  
again!

## Thank God I can be Thankful!



The gate is shut for ungrateful people!

'Enter His gates with thanksgiving in your heart...' says the Word of God. What can man give to God who is the source of ALL blessings? Not even praise and worship... Praise and worship that comes from an ungrateful heart is worthless before God.

How can I be thankful before God? By realizing that God is the source of my blessings. By understanding that without Him, I would be a big zero ... no, not even a big zero, rather a minute, insignificant small zero!

How can I be thankful before God? By counting my blessings. I don't need to count sheep to get a good night's sleep. As I start with the dozens of blessing that I think I have received, the list quickly grows into hundreds ... thousands ... millions. I can sleep peacefully when I know that my God is a God who blesses me when I am awake and when I am asleep.

How can I be thankful before God? I would be an idiot if I compare my blessings with the goodies of the 'rich and beautiful' of this world. The Word of God is my guidebook, my tutorial, my map, my alarm, my sms, my reminder which tells me that I am blessed beyond measure.

I am thankful that I can be thankful! The ungrateful is not only unable to understand and acknowledge his current blessings but also is unable to receive ANY further blessings.

Finally how can I be thankful before God? By realizing that not just the blessings of God that I enjoy, but more than that God Himself IS my blessing. When He the 'hope of glory' is IN me, God cannot un-bless me because God cannot un-God me! We are in a partnership business that works well for me.

Thank you Lord!

- Clifford DSouza