

THE GRACE OF *Giving*



Talk It Over
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"Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]." - II Corinthians 8:5 (AMPC)

"And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]." - II Corinthians 9:8 (AMPC)

*"So long ago my life journey just begun, not many miles I had trod;
One thing for certain before I further run, I give myself wholly to God.
My steps He does order day by day, works He has assigned that I must do;
From my divine purpose, I must never stray, always His will let me pursue.
He desires my life to be enjoyable, and He has a plan to make that come true;
His investments help me to be Kingdom employable, accomplishing great things that only He knew.
One day I will stand in His Presence for sure, my Kingdom employment He then will reward;
A crown of life my faithfulness will secure, given to me by the One I adore." - by Pastor Tony Scott*

Holistic health and holistic life are a part of His abundant life for us.

"Holism" is the theory that whole entities, as fundamental components of reality, have an existence other than as the mere sum total of their parts. "Holism" refers to the health of the entire person – Spirit, Soul, Body.

God purchases and redeems us so that He may possess us.

We are being filled with "spiritual riches" to the degree we are employed in His Kingdom service.

The chief way you and I can be disloyal to God is to make small what He intended to make large.

"Holistic" stewardship is the absolute surrender of all that I am (spirit, soul, body) to His purpose for my life.

Closely aligned to commitment is "consecration," which means to "fill the hands." When we "consecrate" our lives to Him, we put into His hands everything we are. We fill His hands with us

When you become fully "Kingdom employable," God is the nerve center of every arena of your life. He becomes the pivotal point in the details of your everyday life.

You are never "whole" as a person until you invest, surrender the sum total of your parts – spirit, soul, body – all that you are and can be to God.

There is no road too long, no task too difficult, no load too heavy when one has passed through the door of personal consecration.

Other Scripture References: I Corinthians 6:19-20 (AMPC); Ephesians 1:3 (TPT)

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