

“FAITH GIVING”

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Synopsis

Monologue of the rich young ruler who struggles with the decision to sell his possessions and give to the poor. The first time Jesus made this request of him, he couldn't do it. Now, after the Day of Pentecost, he is once again faced with a decision challenging his faith.

Scriptures

Matthew 6:19-21
Matthew 19:16-22
Acts 2:44-45

Ministry Lesson

Sometimes people honor what they have more than they honor God. Knowingly or unknowingly, people have made their possessions their god and place more faith in what they have, or can do, than they place in God. The bible says, "Where-ever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be" *Matthew 6:21*. God calls us to give as evidence of our faith and trust in Him.

Ministry Focus

Giving

Genre: Dramatic Monologue

Cast

1 Adult Male - 30+

Setting

In the home of the young ruler

Props

Table
Several expensive looking artifacts (bowls, silver goblets, jewelry, etc.)

Sound EFX

None

Costume

Biblical attire

Time: 6 mins.

INTERIOR - HOME

SEVERAL ARTIFACTS ARE SITTING ON A TABLE. MAN ENTERS. HE WALKS AROUND THE TABLE PONDERING. HE TAKES A DEEP BREATH, THEN PICKS UP A FEW ITEMS AND HEADS TOWARD THE DOOR. HE SUDDENLY STOPS, LOOKS AT ONE OF THE ITEMS, THEN QUICKLY RETURNS THEM TO THE TABLE. HE IS VISIBLY STRUGGLING WITH A DECISION.

(*FRUSTRATED*) The disciples asked me to sell all I have. (Holding an item) Such possessions are rare and very expensive. (*TROUBLED*) So how can Peter make this request of me?

(*THINKING BACK*) I remember when I first met Peter. He was walking with Jesus on the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan. Great multitudes of people constantly followed Jesus wherever he went. Many were sick or crippled, and Jesus healed them all. I was not one that needed anything since I had many possessions and good health but I followed also. I followed because Jesus taught the scriptures like no other. He taught about the blessings of God and the Kingdom of Heaven. His words and His wisdom could only be inspired by God Jehovah.

On one particular day I pressed through the crowd toward Jesus. When I finally reached him I said, "Good Master, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?" I was surprised at Jesus' reply. He said, "Why do you call me Good? There is none good but One and that is God." I did not know how to answer but before I could respond Jesus said, "Keep my commandments, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie to others, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as you love yourself". I felt a great comfort because these things I have always done. So I smiled at the other disciples who stood around Jesus, then I looked at Jesus and said, "These things I have done since my youth. Is there anything I lack?" I asked this more as a rhetorical question, not expecting an answer; especially not a request that I would not have the means to carry out or hire someone to complete on my behalf. Therefore, in my confidence, I proceeded to walk toward Peter, who stood next to Jesus. Then I heard Jesus say, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give to the poor, then you will have riches in heaven, and come and follow me".

(*STUNNED*) Surely He didn't want me to sell all my possessions; all my livestock, land, and other valuables. I know Peter and the other disciples left all they had, but they did not have much. Their sacrifice would not be as great as mine would. (*BECOMING DESPERATE*) There must be another way. I have debt to pay, workers to feed, a

family to care for. A million other thoughts raced through my mind... (SLOW) as Jesus waited for my answer. (DISTRAUGHT) But I had none. So with a heavy heart, I turned and walked away from Jesus.

(RECOVERING) It was just several weeks ago when I saw Jesus again...

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