

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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“LET THE HUNGRY BE FED”

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The second verse of the song, “To The Work” says, “To the work! to the work! let the hungry be fed...” We make spiritual application of that in this study.

LET THE HUNGRY FLOCK BE FED. According to Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 5:1-2, elders are charged, “*Feed the flock of God....*” The word of God is the spiritual food vital to the existence and growth of God’s flock (1 Pet. 2:2). Some churches are starving to death! Let the hungry be fed!

LET THE HUNGRY ENEMY BE FED. In teaching Christians to “*overcome evil with good*” in Romans 12:19-21 Paul instructed, “*Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*” Jesus said, “*Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you...*” (Mt. 5:44). So, let the hungry be fed!

LET THE HUNGRY BROTHER OR SISTER BE FED. There may be times when a brother or sister becomes “*destitute of daily food*” (Jas. 2:15). We are taught to “*give*

them those things which are needful to the body” (Jas. 2:16). This feeding of the hungry is an extension of our love for one another as John wrote, “*But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*” (1 Jn. 3:17). Let the hungry be fed!

LET THE HUNGRY SOULS BE FED. As the song, “Lord, Send Me” suggests, “There are hungering souls who cry aloud for bread, with the bread of life they’re longing to be fed; Shall they starve and famish while a feast is free?” A reading of John 6 will show that Jesus is “*the bread of life*”. Christ said, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*” (Mt. 4:4). It is the responsibility of every Christian to feed the hungry souls as the Lord commissioned, “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world*” (Mt. 28:19-20). So, let the hungry be fed!

Will you step up to the plate and feed the hungry?

ATTITUDES NEEDED IN THE CHURCH

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Good or bad, attitude is something everyone possesses. Our attitude is how we feel toward a person or thing and is ever showing. Most church problems would die on the vine if we would cut down bad attitudes. Here are some good attitudes needed in the church:

“LET THERE BE NO STRIFE.” I like Abraham's attitude when he said, “*Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren*” (Gen. 13:8). This peacemaker attitude is surely needed among the Lord’s people today. Jesus said, “*Blessed are the peacemakers...*” (Mt. 5:9). There is too much bickering and backbiting in some places. Such would be eliminated overnight if brethren had this “*no strife*” attitude!

“HERE AM I; SEND ME.” Isaiah displayed a good attitude in Isaiah 6:8 when the Lord said, “*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*” and Isaiah replied, “*Here am I; send me.*” It would seem that some would prefer the Lord send someone else. All too often there is a shortage of workers in the Lord’s vineyard to do “*the work of the Lord*” (1 Cor. 15:58). We

would have more laborers than you could shake a stick at if more brethren had this “*send me*” attitude!

“ALL THAT THE LORD HATH SPOKEN WE WILL DO.”

One of Israel’s finest hours is when they voiced, “*All that the Lord hath spoken we will do*” (Ex. 19:8). When it comes to what the Lord says, some want to do just part of what He says. God expects us to keep all His commandments always (Dt. 5:29). A lot of problems would vanish if all had this “*will do*” attitude!

“I WILL VERY GLADLY SPEND AND BE SPENT FOR YOU.” Paul told the Corinthians, “*And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you...*” (2 Cor. 12:15). Isn’t that a great attitude? Some are unwilling to show care and concern for others, afraid it’s going to cost them something. You know what? It might just do that. But anything you do that will be worthwhile will involve cost! This selfless attitude springs from our love for “*one another*” (Jn. 13:34-35). Can you imagine how close the relationship of

brethren would be, if everyone had this “*spend and be spent*” attitude?

**LIKE FATHER,
LIKE SON**

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Ever see a little boy in his daddy’s footsteps? Your example as a father is crucial for your son may grow up to be just like you. Here are some examples of “*Like Father, Like Son*” in the word of the Lord:

LIKE DAVID, LIKE SOLOMON. Solomon followed in his father David’s footsteps. “*Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father...*” (1 Ki. 3:3).

LIKE MANASSEH, LIKE AMON. Amon “*did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did. And he walked in all the ways that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them...*” (2 Ki. 21:19-22).

LIKE REHOBOAM, LIKE

ABIJAM. Abijam “*walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him...*” (1 Ki. 15:3).

LIKE JOASH, LIKE AMAZIAH. Amaziah “*did according to all things as Joash his father did*” (2 Ki. 14:3). What will your son do, if he does according to all that you do?

Like father, like son — the child of God is to imitate the Heavenly Father. The Lord said, “*Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect*” (Mt. 5:48). Again it is written, “*Be merciful as your Father is merciful*” (Lk. 6:36).

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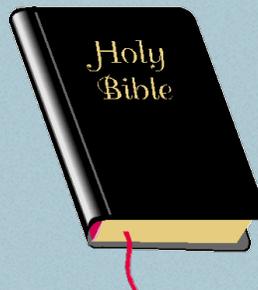
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