



Church of Christ

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Heart to Heart...

People live for themselves. We want to be independent and make our own way. Our abilities, our intellect and schooling and for many, their money becomes their way of life. What happens to one when their ability fails them? What happens when the economy turns sour and money is lost? What happens when we can no longer take care of ourselves? It can lead one to mental disaster. It reveals what we have trusted all along; ourselves.

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord, therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” (Rom. 14:8) We, in Christ Jesus, belong to the Lord! We say the words that the Lord will provide for our lives, but our fears and desires tell something different. We really don’t see God as the provider for everything needed in our lives, therefore, we don’t live for the Lord. We trust our skills to provide, and when they fail us, we feel worthless. Do we really believe God can provide? Some struggle so financially because their lusts have taken place over God. Their desires (lusts) are what drive them and those desires become their god. The promises of God become empty words. Faith is only spoken, not lived!

A fellow was building a new home and needed water. He commissioned an expert to dig him a well. The well digger, very seasoned in the art of his trade, scouted the property for the right place to sink the shaft. He found an underground river and put in the well. He left the fellow with these instructions: “Every day you must pump some water from the well. Make sure of this or you’ll be sorry.” As time went on, the fellow was enjoying his new home. He became very content and decided that the water was more than enough, so he stopped pumping every single day as he was told. He left on a trip and came back home, turning on the water. It was stagnant and slow running. The well was drying up! He turned on every faucet, but to no avail. He drove to town, found the well digger and told him the well was drying up and stagnant. The digger asked, “Did you pump the water every day as I told you?” The fellow admitted he hadn’t and asked why that was so important. The well digger replied, “Sir, the water in the well comes from an underground river that feeds the small tributaries of water which are connected to your well. Water must continue to flow through these small tributaries so the well can continue to receive fresh water. If you quit pumping, the ground will dry up and the underground river can’t find its way to your well and the water supply gets cut off.” As the well digger walked away, he turned and said, “Remember, the source of the water is the river, not the well!”

The source of our blessings in life is not our skills, money or intellect. The real source is God and by faith is the only way to see that. **“Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,’ that we might confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?’”** (Heb. 13:5-6) Think about it!!!

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