

Nothing of our own

One day it dawned on me as I thought about the fact that I have come the far I have come in life by and through others and furthermore, I also found out that whatever I have I have been given. This caused me to start to thank God for His faithfulness and provision in my life.

One of the most profound revelations that could transform a person's life is knowing that we all in our own selves have nothing of our own. Birth and death prove that. What we consider our own is no longer once we die and when we were born, we had nothing—nothing.

- a) *Ecclesiastes 5:15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.*

None of us has singlehandedly achieved a thing on our own. Thinking so is totally false. We are dependent on each other for things to be done and accomplished in our lives. The house you have you did not build it alone and IF you did, you did not make all your equipment or windows, bricks, paint, roof and so forth. This true for everything you have such as car, clothes, phone, even your breathe etc.

- a) *1 Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*
- b) *John 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.*

1. Giving

1 Chronicles 29:9-16 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord : and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. [10] Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. [11] Thine, O Lord , is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine ; thine is the kingdom, O Lord , and thou art exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. [13] Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. [14] But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. [15] For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. [16] O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

Notice a few things from these verses:

- a) the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly,
 - i) When people offer willingly, there will be rejoicing, even great joy. We should be giving with a cheerful heart for God loves a cheerful giver (2Chronicles 9).
- b) Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said,
 - ii) Notice that the blessing of God is released by words. We have to say to bless others.
 - iii) Numbers 6:23-27 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, [24] The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: [25] The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: [26] The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. [27] And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.
- c) Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

- i) Greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty belong to the Lord.
- ii) All that is in the heaven and the earth is the Lord's. It is not ours no matter what many think. We do not own it. Every good thing is God's.
- iii) Pride says I have made this happen without anyone's help.

A revelation that we have nothing of our own should remove all boasting and pride. What would make one think they are better than the other if they understood this? This ought to remove comparison. Every single good thing we have, we have been given us.

- a) Riches
- b) Honor
- c) Promotion
- d) Health
- e) Knowledge, understanding, and Wisdom.
- f) Sound mind
- g) Strength
- h) Shelter
- i) Food, water
- j) Job
- k) Gifting
- l) Talents and so forth.

Yes, there are certain biblical principles that have to be applied to release these things, but the true source of good is God (James 1:17). The enemy might pervert that but nonetheless, the truth remains that God is the source of our life and everything we have and acquire in a godly way.

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

- a) If the sinner, ungodly or unjust knew this, it would be shocking to them. All their hard work and saving is all laid up for the godly. Just imagine someone toiling and hustling

- in every way just to end up saving and storing for another.
- b) One day, there will be a change of hands of all this wealth, from the sinner to the saint. In other words, the sinner is indirectly working hard for the saint.
 - c) One of the reasons we struggle with giving is because we think our own strength and abilities have brought us whatever we have.

2. Faith

Commonly when we talk about faith, we say things like faith **IN** Jesus which is true, but little is said about the faith **OF** Jesus. Without the faith of Jesus, we could not have faith in Jesus. We were so destitute and lost that it took the Lord to draw us to Jesus and He also gave us His faith (Romans 3:22; 12:3; Galatians 2:16, 20; 3:22; Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 3:9) that we, in turn, used to believe in (Galatians 3:26; Colossians 1:4; 2:5;) Him and live life. We did not have a single thing when we first came to the Lord. Everything down to faith to believe in Jesus, be healed, and so forth is the provision and doing of the Lord. Thank You, Jesus.

Faith of Jesus

- a) Romans 3:22 Even the **righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
 - i) The righteousness of God *which is by faith OF* Jesus Christ
- b) Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not **justified** by the works of the law, but **by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be **justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

- i) We have believed in Jesus by the Faith **OF** Jesus.
 - ii) Justified by the Faith **OF** Jesus

- c) Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
 - i) This verse reveals that we live by the life of Jesus. “the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith **OF** the Son of God,”
 - ii) Notice Paul did not say by faith **IN** the son of God, but **OF** the son of God. There is a difference.

- d) Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that **the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**
 - i) We receive the promises **OF** God through the faith of Jesus

- e) Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
 - i) We have confidence and boldness by the faith **OF** Jesus Christ.

- f) Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through **the faith of Christ**, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
 - i) Righteousness is by and through the faith **OF** Jesus Christ.

3. His Spirit

Man was so destitute that even after the resurrection of Jesus, He had to empower them to be a witness. It could not be done on our own. We needed help—huge help.

Acts 1:4,8 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. [8] But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- a) Every single gifting, we have the Lord has given to us. We came naked with nothing and naked shall we depart.
- b) Everything we have and will ever receive; the Lord has given unto us. He is only asking us to give Him what He has given unto us. We were so destitute that God had to give us to give to Him. We had nothing to offer Him. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah!

One day I was singing unto the Lord while playing my guitar and the Lord spoke to me and said, you couldn't sing—true, you couldn't play—true, I mean I couldn't do anything but now I do. When I'm singing or playing, I'm using and giving back to Him exactly what He gave to me. Lord, I'm forever grateful and thankful. Thank You so much.

We can develop a brand new perspective on life if we truly understand this.
Thank You, Jesus.