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Strange Givers: More Outlandishness in Circulating God's Blessings

by Jim Eliff

I laughed out loud when a well known conference speaker told me that most people give just enough to make themselves miserable. I've always *tried* to be a radical giver. God stirred me up about this many years ago when reading the life of George Muller. I've attempted to increase my giving year by year so that a large percentage of the resources He provides come *through* me rather than stopping with me. An old friend of our family once said, "God blesses a channel, not a reservoir." I like putting God's money into circulation. Yet, I am still plagued at times by the thought that I've only begun to touch the beauties of giving, and that there is so much more joy and blessing to be spread and to be received, if I would be more free with what God has supplied me.

Perhaps you have a similar story. Are we to become really strange about giving? I mean, are we to become odd or outlandish as believers in the use of our money? Whatever our current giving patterns, how "reasonable" should we be in this area of stewardship?

Giving isn't about sacrifice. Oh, I know that it is in one way, but in another way of looking, it has only to do with joy. When Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive, He

meant it. So, we are not just grudgingly meeting endless needs when we give, but enjoying God with every gift given. If you are one of those who stays on the "miserable" level, this article might be especially insightful.

Let's think through this matter of peculiarity in giving by considering some biblical truths surrounding the question. Taken together these truths will guide us:

1. There are some rich believers in the Bible.

We know that there were some rich people in the early church. They were instructed to be generous, but this does not take away the fact that they were well-to-do. For instance, Erastus, the city treasurer in Corinth, was surely such a man. He is said to have built a city street. Could you do that on your income? I walked on this street recently when visiting the Corinthian ruins. He built it with his own funds, as the inscription states. If we have the right Erastus, and many think we do, he is mentioned twice in Scripture as a friend of Paul, and a fellow believer. Joseph of Arimathea would be an illustration of another wealthy man, one who provided the burial place for Jesus.

In the first letter to Timothy (6:17-19), Paul told him what to say to

rich people:

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

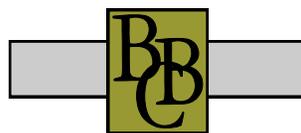
Some men who are respected as good workers cannot help but make money, it seems. Others have inherited money. This is no sin. There is a certain way they are to behave among the people of God, however. They should not live pretentiously. Their money is not their own and is to be used for the needs of the church and the advancement of the gospel in special ways. They are not to trust in riches, but in God alone. By doing so, they will make for themselves a foundation for the future. Many use their money to be secure, but there is actually no security in money at all. It can be used to gain a true security for the future only by using it compassionately.

You can be rich. In fact, almost all Americans live in the top 5% of the world's wealthiest people. God

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really does not despise this in itself. But money is more about *compassionate* use rather than *personal* use. There are also many snares that accompany wealth as we will see.

2. You can learn to be content with the basics only.

We certainly know that each man, poor or rich, is to run from covetousness as quickly as possible. Just before Paul's teaching about rich people, he states the following:

For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang. But flee from these things you man of God (1 Timothy 6:7-11).

We may have more, as we have already learned, but we are to be content with whatever we have. Paul said "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am" (Phil. 4:11). Some of us may be rich, but we cannot "*want* to be rich." If a man is not content, he becomes greedy for more. This greed is dangerous and lays us open to huge temptations. It is a root sin for other evils. It may in fact, cause us to stray from the truth, a damning reality. We are to flee from such things. It takes a very wise person to handle money, because the love of it will destroy us. So, we are to bring our contentment level down to the basics of food and covering. All else should produce a river of praise and gratitude. This is not to imply that we deserve even food and covering. These are just the ground floor of contentment.

We still see in the above passage that it is possible to have money and negotiate through this world as a believer. In other words, a person may be rich and content, without greed, and this will be seen by his generosity. Abraham was such a man, for instance. He had a great deal of true faith, and therefore is said to have pleased God,

but he was certainly wealthy. He exuded contentment and trust. It is not money, but only the *love* of money, that opens up the dangerous way.

Jesus once encountered the Pharisees, saying that what they loved was abominable to God. What did they love that brought on such a statement by Jesus? They were described as "lovers of money" (Luke 16:14). They had trust in it and wanted more of it. They were covetous people. They illustrate exactly the opposite of contentment.

3. Giving is all about the affections.

We cannot be legal about money and possessions. We cannot draw a line at a certain place and say,

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“Everyone who has this much or more is covetous, and everyone who has below this line is pleasing to God.” Lust is a matter of the heart. A poor man may lust for more, and a rich man may have no lust at all. Contentment is also a matter of the heart. “If you gain riches, don't set your heart upon them” said Solomon.

Generosity is also about affections. Paul took an offering for the Jerusalem church from all the churches. He wrote the Corinthian folks saying that each man should give “according to what is in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 8:7). Let me quote that verse:

“Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Paul did not think that a certain amount or percentage of the people's income was mandated by God for this offering. Rather, it was a matter of per-

sonal affection for God and others. If you love greatly, you will have a heart to give more. God loves a cheerful, rather than a coerced, giver. We may, apparently, give all we wish dictated only by our affections.

We may give just as we *want* to give. We may be as generous as we desire to be, provided all other biblical family obligations are taken care of. If we were to give away even what was necessary, in the long term, to take care of our family, then we would be worse than an unbeliever (1 Timothy 5:8). I'm saying “long term” because the widow who gave two mites was praised by Jesus for giving all she had to live on. But if she had dependents, she would not be right in giving that away all the time. Also, if we give what belongs to another through debt, we will not be giving our money at all, but his. But if we have money and possessions that are truly ours, we are free to give them, reducing our possessions as much as we wish, in support of the body of Christ or the advancement of the kingdom.

It is fascinating to note that Christ never spoke ill of persons who gave to Him all they had. The woman who anointed Jesus with the perfume that was worth a year's wages was praised for her action. The widow mentioned above, who gave all she had to live on, was said to have given more than all the other pretentious pharisaical givers put together. The disciples who gave up houses and lands, and daily life with their family, to follow Christ, were to receive much more of the same now and in the future world.

4. Christ already owns it all.

We can go further than this: All believers are required to give up *all* their own possessions, according to Jesus. He said, “Any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). The right to own anything is given up when we come to Jesus.

This last point is worth pondering. If all rights to ownership are gone, then it is really not so difficult to reduce our possessions in favor of the Kingdom. No, not at all, if we really understand our promise. We should have

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made all we own ready for the Master's use at the beginning. When He comes calling for things or cash, it is His prerogative to do so for it fully belongs to Him already. That is the foundation of all our possession-reduction and gift giving.

Yet, even though it belongs to Him, we may still *choose* to give it for the advance of Christ's cause. He let's us maintain a stewardship of His possessions. And He is not put off when we make investments of His goods and His income in the Kingdom that He established. That is a privilege we get, an enjoyment of giving what belongs to Him. We don't deserve such a nice arrangement. I may give 50% or 80% or more of my income, if I wish. It's really up to my desire. In fact, Jesus even motivates me to do this by saying that I am to lay up treasure in heaven through giving (Matthew 6:20).

5. Money and possessions must be evaluated in terms of the war.

I gained this insight years ago from Ralph Winter, former head of The Center for World Evangelization. He said that we should think of our relation to possessions like we would if we were soldiers in a war. We don't want to drag much along that is unnecessary in a war. Think of the foolishness of taking so many possessions with us that we can hardly carry out our responsibilities at all. We should have the best kind of items which are pertinent to functioning effectively in the war, but should settle for whatever gets us through life otherwise.

As an illustration, I travel to speak in conferences, so I need a good vehicle for that. I also use the computer constantly for writing, so having adequate equipment is crucial to carrying out my part of the battle. It would be foolish to have poor equipment for writing if my express responsibility in the war is to write. A church also meets in my home, so I need a house with adequate room. It does not need to be elaborate, but fitting to do the best I can do in the battle. But, I may not need the best music recording equipment, or sports equipment, because, for me, these items do not constitute necessary

tools for the battle. They may be that for others, but not for me.

6. We are one Body, therefore we actually give to ourselves.

We are part of Christ's body; we are all one. And we can use the sharing of funds from one part of the Body to the other to make the Body work well. We are really helping ourselves when we do this, because we are one with the other believers. Also, the Body of Christ may well expand because of our generosity.

7. It is really more blessed to give than to receive.

We know the blessings of giving, surely, already. There is little that can be more exciting. Because your heart follows your gifts, liberated giving will make you focus on heaven and God. "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also," Jesus said. Someone may ask you how you can enjoy life. The answer should at least include this: "I am happy and fully satisfied in God because I've chosen to give generously. I'm blessed because I get to be a blessing to others."

When my brother and I were young pastors together, we tried to put this lesson into practice. When we would feel somewhat flat spiritually, we would give something away that we really liked. The result was always joy. Giving is a key for producing joy. Remember this when you are prone to be depressed.

Where does this leave us?

If it is permissible to be rich in the Body of Christ provided we don't *want* to be rich, and if, whether rich or poor, we set our contentment level at the lowest possible place (food and covering); if giving is about the heart after all, and if Christ owns all of our money and possessions in the first place; and, if we are in war and should live like it; and if our giving actually helps the Body of Christ of which we are a true part, or expands it; and if it is really more blessed to give than receive; if all this is so, then, we are totally free to be far more generous than we have ever considered before. We may give as much as we please. And, we may feel that we are not doing our-

selves a disservice in any way by giving a much larger percentage of what God has given us. We can be outlandish in our giving.

"God loves a cheerful giver." So, be that way, in whatever way you can, for the sake of your own joy, and for the freedom from the tyranny of things you will exhibit to others, and for the immeasurable benefit you can be to the Kingdom of God.

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WHAT ABOUT HOME SCHOOLING?

by Greg Barkman

With the recent renunciation of his Christian faith by Josh Harris, poster child for the home school movement, critics have surfaced who blame Josh's educational background. The fact that his parents were well-known advocates of home schooling only adds fuel to the fire. Does his defection cast a shadow over home education? Is it fair to blame home schools for the apostasy of one of its most prominent personalities? No, it is not valid to fault home schooling for Harris's defection, but it may be helpful to offer some analysis.

HOW TO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN?

As Christians, we believe we have a divine mandate to educate our children. It is our responsibility to teach them God's Word, train them in godliness, and equip them to become effective representatives of Christ in the world. All of this requires that they be well educated, and parents have the primary responsibility to see that this occurs. In America, there are basically three educational choices: Public Schools, Christians Schools, and Home Schools. What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of each?

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Parents were educating their children long before public schools began. Strong families found ways to achieve good educational outcomes. Doing so required determination and resources, and the academic results were astonishing compared to today. Children from weaker homes were, however, disadvantaged. Some received an inferior education, and not a few received no education at all.

Enter public schools, whose goal was to provide education for all, not simply the privileged. The suc-

cess of democratic participation in government, as well as equal economic and social opportunities requires universal education. Government shouldered the task of providing resources, and this enormous project was largely successful. In the early years, most Christians were satisfied. Their children's teachers were likely to be fellow believers, and often members of the same church. God was acknowledged, prayer generally opened each school day, and the Bible was respected and taught in public school classrooms. Slowly, this all changed. Court decisions outlawed first one, then another Christian practice, until public schools became completely secularized, and increasingly sought to undermine Christian faith.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MOVEMENT.

Beginning as a trickle in the 1950's, Christian schools became a stream in the 60's, and a torrent in the decades to follow. There were plenty of ups and downs, with some schools closing almost as soon as they began, but overall, the movement continued to grow. As educational achievement declined in public schools, the demand for private education increased. With declining morality and increasingly liberal philosophy in public education, more Christians elected to enroll their children in Christian schools.

However, Christian schools were not the panacea some expected. Most achieved academic levels that exceeded their public counterparts, but a few were little better. Not many Christian schools could offer the advanced math and science courses available in the larger public schools, leaving parents with academically gifted children to wrestle with diffi-

cult choices. In addition, labor intensive requirements for special needs children were beyond the financial ability of most Christian schools. Although competing with the decreasing academic test scores of public education was not difficult, it was all but impossible to match the tax supported funding levels of public schools. Classroom education is an expensive proposition, and Christian schools will never be able to match the financial strength of government funded education.

But the greatest disappointment was the inability of Christian schools to graduate all their pupils as highly committed Christians prepared to set the world on fire for Christ. Although knowledgeable Christians know better than to expect guaranteed spiritual success from Christian schools, that is exactly what many promised in the early years of the Christian school movement. Enough time has now elapsed to reveal the folly of those expectations. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink, and you can expose a child to a strong Christian environment, but you can't make him a Christian. Only God can change the heart.

HOME SCHOOL MOVEMENT.

Which brings us to the home school movement which, in some ways represents a philosophy that has come full circle. Returning to the home school education of the early years of our nation before the establishment of public schools, many Christians are now removing their children from both public and Christian schools to practice home schooling, which requires enormous effort and sacrifice. The movement began with great

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promise, as did both the public and Christian school movements at their beginnings. But once again, failure to achieve unrealistic expectations is discouraging some observers. How can a man like Josh Harris, reared in a Christian home and educated in a home school, declare himself an unbeliever? Let me ask a different question. How long will it take Christians to believe there is no technique, institution, or method that is able to guarantee results that God has reserved to His sovereign intervention? When will we believe Jesus when He says the wind blows where it wills and no one can dictate its movements any more than anyone can dictate the work of God's Spirit? The home school movement, for all its strengths, has little better success in producing a new generation of committed Christians than does the Christian school movement. Both can point to many wonderful results, and both must acknowledge disappointing failures. Human effort can in no wise guarantee spiritual success.

What are some strengths of the home school movements? It's hard to match the pupil to teacher ratio. Even with a boatload of children, and home schoolers are famous for large families, each pupil is able to receive more personal attention from his teacher, usually his mother, than any student in a traditional classroom. Furthermore, the flexibility of home schools to craft an individual course of education best suited to each pupil's abilities is unmatched by any other approach. The close interaction of children with their own parents for most of each day is beautifully suited to build strong families and keep parents closely involved in the lives of their children.

But, these and other strengths are coupled with some weaknesses. Too many home schooled children fail to learn the discipline of conforming to a schedule and being on time. It's too easy to get a lazy start in the morning, long after other children

have arisen early to arrive at school at a prescribed time. It's not unusual for those who were home schooled to struggle well into adulthood to be where they are expected in the morning. There are exceptions, where home schools are run with clock-like precision, but the home environment encourages a more haphazard approach. Years without schedules forms habits not easily broken. Perhaps traditional classrooms have lessons to teach about adult responsibilities which may be undervalued. I have also observed that some home school families are weak in their commitment to

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builds the house,
they labor in vain
that build it.”**

Psalm 127:1

the local church. Having put all their eggs in the basket of family priority, they sometimes fail to understand the high regard God places upon the local church, an institution He designed as an essential tool for spiritual growth. Home school parents may realize their mistake too late when their grown children demonstrate little interest in Christ, His Word, and His church. It wasn't supposed to turn out that way, but it does, more than it should. And let's face it, some parents are ill suited academically and motivationally to provide quality education in their homes, and yet, for whatever reason, they plod along, to the detriment of their children. Wasted years of inferior instruction are not easily overcome later in life.

No human institution or endeavor is perfect. There are no perfect families, schools, or churches. God has a purpose and design for

each one when given its rightful place. We can no more honor God by elevating family at the expense of church than by exalting church at the expense of family. We need to accept each as His gift, and integrate both family and church into well balanced Christian living. We can do everything “right,” but unless God blesses our efforts, they will be in vain. “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it” (Psalm 127:1). I fear some misread that to say that home schooling guarantees the Lord is building the house. It doesn't. Whatever we do must always be coupled with the humble realization that we can guarantee no desirable result. We are entirely dependent upon God to breathe life into our efforts. When we understand this, our pride is abased, and we give all glory to God for whatever good we enjoy. Sometimes God knocks the props out to teach us this truth. May we learn it early, rather than late.

On The Feminine Side

by Marti Barkman



“She managed to make it through Thanksgiving without an ounce of gratitude.”

Thanksgiving. Food, family, and friends, in autumn colors. Autumn is becoming everyone’s favorite time of year and Thanksgiving is often the favored holiday. There’s more time for enjoying togetherness than we have at Christmas.

Though Thanksgiving is still weeks away, your thoughts may already be centering on the menu for the day, and all those magazine covers displaying the most delicious food *ever* are tempting you to experiment just a bit. Do we have time between now and November 28th to do a dry run with those recipes, or should we stick to the tried and true? Every year I say I’m going to be a Mary this time around, instead of a Martha, and not have *twenty!* dishes on the menu. But last year’s decision to leave off sweet potatoes...the food that comes in autumn colors...was met with disappointment. And there is that matter of my name.... In past years I’ve floated the concept of serving something other than turkey. Seems my family thinks I’m joking when I mention a soup and sandwich buffet. Or Italian. Sounds great to me, but on The Day, we join hands and bow our heads to give thanks for ...turkey. And at least ten of those have-to-have traditional sides dishes!

I have been successful in introducing one new idea, successful because this one involves clean-up, and most of

our guests seldom consider this part of the day’s event. This is one idea for which you might give thanks when all is eaten and done...

...When you finish the soup or salad course, ask for two volunteers. (The male variety works well here. They are often intrigued by the prospect of a new activity.) A sink or basin of hot soapy water has been prepared beforehand (maybe in the laundry room) where they will wash the soup bowls or salad plates and silverware. These are now ready to be used when serving dessert. By the time this cleanup is finished, you are ready to serve the main course. Upon finishing the main course, another set of volunteers will wash the plates. Silverware can be loaded into the dishwasher by a third person. In our house, these helpers appear to be having the best time. By the time dessert is consumed...usually after taking a bit of a break...the fun of dish washing has worn thin, and many have moved on to the den and football, but there’s good news! There is plenty of room in the dishwasher for every guest to place their own dessert plates, coffee cups, and silver! And the only thing left to clean up are the pots and pans, easy peasy since they have been soaking in those basins of dishwater. Don’t have space for all this? Be creative...a table in the garage or back porch, weather permitting, makes a great ‘scullery’.

But we’ve gotten ahead of ourselves talking about cleanup. Thanksgiving dinner isn’t ready yet so we must

backtrack to the kitchen for a few hours. By the way did you notice that sentence at the top of the page? Check it out. Recognize anyone you know? I’m not suggesting it is you...but it could be. Could be me. We’ve probably all had holidays when we’ve struggled with the demands of the day, on one hand, happy to be surrounded by those we love, but overwhelmed by the thought of a bird bigger than our youngest child taking over the kitchen, or more casserole dishes than our oven will accommodate. Wanting to use paper products, but there’s that one guest who will be offended by the shocking lack of china. Pumpkin pies that got too brown on the edges and the whipping cream that would have covered up the burned crust? You don’t have any. It fell out of the grocery bag and sat in the back of your car for two days, and was discovered just after midnight last night. At least you figured out a way to make the gravy ahead of time this year and not only is it done, but it’s not too thick and not too thin. And that noise you hear? That’s your perfect gravy boiling over on the stove!

Is it expecting too much to ask for gratitude in the midst of the above scenario? You know the gratitude drill...think of all the things that have gone wrong in the kitchen and remember that nothing goes wrong with what you don’t have. We have our beloveds to serve, the kitchen in which to cook, the money to purchase ingredients. We have eyes to read

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recipes, hands to put ingredients together, family with whom to gather. We have the change of seasons to enjoy, a country that has designated a day for giving thanks and the continuing freedom to do so in a way that honors the one true God. Surely these are reasons for MUCH gratitude!

Sometimes, while going through that gratitude drill, we make statements like this: ‘At least I’m not battling disease.’ But maybe you are and the outcome is uncertain. “At least I still have all my family intact.” But maybe you don’t, and holidays are bitter-sweet with memories. And so many more ways in which we might stir up the gratitude in our hearts, but all

based on the things we call good, with no mention of the difficulties for which we should also give thanks.

What about a Thanksgiving refrain... something we repeat...to correct our thinking when we are overwhelmed by the abundance of gifts from God. All things, no matter what they are, whether we call them sorrows or blessings, are gifts, and make up the “all things” for which we are to give thanks. How about Romans 11:36 for our refrain: ‘For from Him...and through Him...and for Him...are ALL THINGS. To Him be the glory forever!’ Let’s not go through the approaching holiday season just getting through, but rather, let’s make that refrain the words of our mouths, and the unceasing meditation of our

hearts! Let’s make it all about HIM.

In all things
GIVE thanks!



Praise and Thanksgiving

O MY GOD,
Thou fairest, greatest, first of all objects,
my heart admires, adores, loves thee, for my little vessel
is as full as it can be,
and I would pour out all that fullness before thee
in ceaseless flow.

When I think upon and converse with thee
ten thousand delightful thoughts spring up,
ten thousand sources of pleasure are unsealed,
ten thousand refreshing joys spread over my heart,
crowding into every moment of happiness.
I bless thee for the soul thou hast created, for adorning it,
sanctifying it, though it is fixed in barren soil;
for the body thou hast given me,
for preserving its strength and vigour,
for providing senses to enjoy delights,
for the ease and freedom of my limbs,
for hands, eyes, ears that do thy bidding;

for thy royal bounty providing my daily support,
for a full table and overflowing cup,
for appetite, taste, sweetness,
for social joys of relatives and friends,
for ability to serve others,
for a heart that feels sorrows and necessities,
for a mind to care for my fellow-men,
for opportunities of spreading happiness around,
for loved ones in the joys of heaven, for my own
expectation of seeing thee clearly.

I love thee above the powers of language to express,
for what thou art to thy creatures.

Increase my love, O my God, through time and eternity.

—Arthur Bennett, *The Valley of Vision*
A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions

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12	Coffee n' Courage Elders/Deacons Meeting
13	IMPACT Clubs
17	Members Meeting ESL
19	Coffee n' Courage
20	IMPACT Clubs
21	Silver Saints Men Sharpening Men
24	ESL
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27	No Wednesday Service
28	Thanksgiving Day
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	Laura Warner
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