

All In 4

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Fred Smith quote, "The problem with the church is that they act like consumers, when in fact they should be acting like distributors."

Willie George quote, "If we knew how great the reward was in this life and the life to come for any service to God, we would never hesitate to enlist people in the service of the Kingdom and giving their lives as a "living sacrifice."

Mark 9:41 - I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

Matthew 16: 27 - For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Revelation 22:12-13 – **12** Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Example:

- 1807 - little Bobby Moffat was in church in Scotland
- As the offering basket was handed to him, he stepped into the aisle and stood in it.
- An usher scolded him and asked him what he was doing?
- "I'm giving my whole self to Jesus."
- 8 years later he became a missionary to Cape Town, South Africa and met and married Mary Smith.
- They left Cape Town and went beyond the current boundaries of 100 miles to take the Gospel to those who have yet to hear.
- They travelled to Botswana (1,200) – no highways
- LION ROAR IN CAMP
- They brought the gospel to the Swana people and the bushmen.
- They translated the Old and New Testament into Swana.
- After 20 years they returned to Glasgow, Scotland, tired and broken in body, seeking help.
- They were asking people to go back with them to help them.
- "Come and help us take Jesus to these people. I stand upon the hill and see the campfires of a 1,000 villages, where no missionary has ever been."
- No one responded, but God touched the heart of a young man named David Livingstone, who eventually married Robert and Mary's daughter.
- Livingstone had an incredible impact of bringing the Gospel to Africa.
- When he died, they buried his heart in Africa (Near Impeka) and carried his body more than 1,000 miles to be brought back to be buried in Westminster Abbey.
- He said after his wife died, "I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it is forward."

Step into the "Offering Basket" today!

Romans 12:1-2 - So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering, a living sacrifice. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you (knowing his will for your life), and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Ephesians 4:7 – But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

There is a special grace given to you for the distinct purpose of serving others.

God has designed this grace to equip us to fulfill that service.

Ephesians 4:16 - Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that ***the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.***

There is a HEALTH that flows into our lives as a result of yielding to that grace.

The absence of that grace can cause us to suffer unnecessarily.

I Corinthians 11:30 - That is why (not discerning the Lord's body) many of you are weak and sick, and some have even died prematurely.

I Peter 4:10 - As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as ***good stewards*** or ***managers*** of the manifold grace of God.