

## **GIVING CHANGES LIVES**

**John 6:5** Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?”

**John 6:6** He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

**John 6:7** Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!”

**John 6:8** Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up.

**John 6:9** “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

**John 6:10** “Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.)

**John 6:11** Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.

**John 6:12** After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.”

**John 6:13** So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

### **1. GOD OFTEN USES UNLIKELY PEOPLE TO GIVE LIFE**

**John 6:9** “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

### **2. GOD TAKES WHAT WE OFFER AND MULTIPLIES IT**

**WHEN IT WAS IN THE BOYS HAND IT WAS LIMITED**

**VALUE IS DETERMINED BY WHOSE HAND IT’S IN**

**EXAMPLE: TENNIS RAQUET, GOLF CLUB, BASEBALL BAT**

**WHEN YOU WERE IN THE ENEMY'S HAND ....**

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**3. YOUR GIFT WILL CHANGE YOUR SPIRITUAL STATUS**

**THE BOY WENT FROM BEING AN UNKNOWN TO BEING THE FRIEND OF THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. HIS GENEROSITY SAVED THE SAVIOR'S REPUTATION.**

**GIVING WILL CHANGE YOUR STATUS**

**GIVING WILL GET YOU NOTICED IN HEAVEN**

*Mark 12:41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. 43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."*

**GIVING WILL MAKE YOU WEALTHY BEYOND MATERIALISM**

**WHAT I NEED IS NOT FLEX, FLASH, DIAMONDS, GOLD CHAINS, DESIGNER WHATEVER.....**

**I WANT LITTLE BOY WITH FISH SANDWICH STATUS....**

**WHAT I NEED IS TO HAVE IS STATUS WITH GOD SO WHEN I SAY I HAVE TO BUILD A 3000 SEAT CHURCH IN NIGERIA DURING A DEPRESSION.....**

**WHEN I SAY I NEED 2.1 MILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE OUR CHURCH SAFE FOR THE SAINTS ....AND TECHNOLOGICALLY EFFICIENT TO REACH THE LOST**

**WHEN I SAY MY KIDS ARE IN TROUBLE OR MY GRANDSON IS SICK...**

**ALL HEAVEN STANDS AT ATTENTION AND SHOUTS DOWN TO ME**

**THE SAME GOD WHO PAID YOUR COLLEGE TUITION**

**THE SAME GOD WHO ADOPTED YOU WHEN YOUR PARENTS DIED**

**THE SAME GOD THAT RAISED YOUR SON FROM HIS DEATHBED**

**THE SAME GOD WHO ESTABLISHED CRC**

**THE SAME GOD THAT HEALED YOU FROM CANCER**

***Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.***

**THE SAME GOD WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS.....**