Leftovers

David Bramhall · Malachi 1:8

INTRODUCTION

- My favorite time about Thanksgiving was not Thanksgiving Day, it was the next day. Because suppertime, we always had leftovers.
- I want to talk about something that's even more precious to us than financial things.

1 Our Time Is Our Most Precious Possession

2 Corinthians 12:14–15

- We have to understand, too, that time is something that is sacrificed to the Lord.
- Our time is important. It's an important possession.
- I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls.
- We can write big checks, but we don't give our time to God. God wants our time.

2 Most Selfish and Stingy About Our Time

Matthew 8:21–22

- There are several more who have a problem about giving the thing that we are most selfish and stingy about, and that's our time.
- If anything's going to give, it's going to be attending services.
- God's work is not optional, but it should be first thing.
- Jesus put the emphasis on doing his work over burying a loved one.

3 Giving Our Lord Our Leftovers

Malachi 1:8; Malachi 1:13

- If that's our attitude, then our problem is we're giving our Lord our leftovers.
- We do with our calendars and date books that which we've always said was sinful to do with our checkbooks.
- We insult the Lord by giving him nothing but the time we have no other use for.
- It begins to look as if the Lord gets our time only when there is absolutely nothing else going on.

4 A Few Questions I'd Like to Ask

- Isn't it hard sometimes as an elder when you set the time for services to be able to please everyone.
- I think it's because people don't want to give up a week's worth of time.
- So that we can take that most precious commodity that we have, time, and give it back to God.
- Have we lost the concept of sacrifice when it comes to the Lord's work?

5 Time Is Short

Luke 10:31–33; Matthew 16:25

- But are we going to allow that to encroach on our time that we need to give God?
- If we don't get a fresh grip on the concept of sacrifice in the matter of our time, we're going to lose our souls.
- Whosoever save his life will lose it, but whosoever lose his life for my sake will find it.
- Withholding our schedules from the Lord, we are refusing to give up our lives for him one day at a time.

6 Don't You Realize What He Did for You?

Philippians 2:5–8; Matthew 13:22

- Did he ever let himself get involved in anything that was so important that he could not lay it aside for any moment to serve our needs?
- He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on a cross. That's what he did for us.
- A lot of people, they think less of midweek Bible study, but it's not any less.
- The thorns grew up, cares of this world, choked the life out of us.

THE CHALLENGE

So in return, do we give him our leftovers of our time?

MY NOTES