The Lord Has Need Of It

Tony Mauck · Luke 19:28–40

INTRODUCTION

- It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- We live in a culture, we live in a time of receivers. People want to receive.
- Understanding the blessed state of giving first involves giving oneself to God.

1 Moving His Story Further Down the Road

1 Corinthians 8:3; 2 Timothy 2:19; Acts 3:6

- It was just a colt. A colt upon which no one had ever sat. But the Lord had need of it.
- One of the syndromes from which we suffer sometimes. Well, I'm just a nobody. What can little old me render to God's cause?
- If anyone loves the Lord, he is known by him.
- The I can't do anything syndrome has never done anything.
- Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have, I give to you.
- Whatever it is that you are able to contribute for the Lord's cause, we are moving this greatest story ever told down the road a little bit further.

2 Little Things Used Powerfully by a Big God

- Little things can be used powerfully by a big God.
- The things we say with our tongue can be a tremendous assistance to someone who needs support along life's road.
- David's sling. Again, just a little thing, but look how powerfully it was used.
- For it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
- You may be supplying a much larger part than you have any idea that you are contributing.
- Don't emphasize what you cannot do. Emphasize on what you can give.

3 The Honor of Being Used by the Lord

Luke 17:10; 1 Corinthians 1:30–31

- The right attitude is, you mean the Lord can use my colt.
- We never reach a point due to our faithful and loyal and diligent service, but the Lord somehow becomes indebted to us.
- We are completely indebted to the Father for His graciousness and kindness toward us and the fact that he can make some use of the likes of us.
- Whatever it is that we're able to contribute, it's only what we ought to have contributed.
- If any man boasts, let him boast in the Lord.

- Whatever contribution we've been able to give to God, how does that compare to what the Lord has done for us? I'll never level the scale.

4 Acknowledging Who the Owner Is

Psalm 24:1; Acts 17:24–25

- Really, what we're doing is we're just acknowledging who the owner is in the first place.
- Everything belongs to him anyway.
- He's the one that's giving me life and breath, and I'm merely the steward of the things with which I've been endowed.
- How little must I give to go to heaven? Let me just tell you, I don't like your prospects of getting there. That's not the right attitude.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you acknowledged that your very life and breath is owed to God because he gave it to you? And have you acknowledge that by submitting yourself to his will and employing yourself in his service? Would you acknowledge his ownership today?

MY NOTES