

Be Supply Minded With God

We Must Know How Much God Loves Us Always!

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Are We Profitable?

Our law demanding mind set sees us in relationship to God *as debtors*. We see God expecting from us obedience, servitude, and offerings. We see God requiring of us before He'll bless us. In fact, we see ourselves created to serve God and give back to Him some representation of our existence and its meaning. **It is as if we are profitable to Him or not.** Jesus certainly taught along those lines:

Mt 25:30 **'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness.** There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Lu 17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, **'We are unprofitable servants.** We have done what was our duty to do."

Ro 3:12 They have all turned aside; **They have together become unprofitable;** There is none who does good, no, not one."

When we see or examine profitableness it presses us to think in terms of production, requirements, and demands upon us by a Holy God. Our natural mind set sees this as our duty to deliver back to God something of value. All of this puts us under demand and that brings us to the law! It is the law that is the standard by which all actions, behavior, and attitudes are judged. The law brings every one of us under condemnation and guilt because we all fall short of God's glory. The truth is we could never produce one thing that would be considered good, necessary or profitable to a Holy God. None of our efforts to please Him, produce or make good works happen has any worth. All of

our efforts are as *filthy rags* because all of them are *self righteous* (Isa. 64:6). Jesus said, “Without Me you can do nothing...” (John 15:5). Any effort of our own without Him is the rub! He is jealous for us concerning our well being. We will never be satisfied, fulfilled, and happy without Him—He knows that, many of us don’t.

Originally we were not made to be under the law’s examination it was the fall that changed our relationship to God. Before the fall, God’s grace supplied and provided everything. We were created to manifest His glory, walk with Him, take in His supply, and shine forth the light of His divinity! We were to be channels and vessels containing the power of God—we were meant to enjoy God’s goodness forever. After the fall, God’s glory left because sin nature claimed the right to be on its own! Under grace there was only acceptance, supply, and love. After the fall, our sin nature demanded the right to prove our worthiness. It demands our rights to make our own way and do our own thing. Sin nature wants to live life as it sees fit. **This is altogether opposed to grace and supply.** Sin nature wants credit, praise, power, and self rule. Under the fall, the conditions of our relationship to God became separated and based upon standards of achievement that are measured by the law.

Why The Law?

Is the law God’s way of punishing us? Is it His way of controlling us? According to scripture:

Ro 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Our pride blinds us so much that we think that our good deeds are good enough. The law enters in to expose us to the truth. The ministry of the law therefore, is condemnation. We are all guilty of selfishness. Our sin nature is the reason behind everything evil in this world. Ultimately, the law’s purpose is to bring us to the end of our selves; to show us that

there is no hope of ever being able to measure up, prove one (self) worthy, and be a truly loving being without God. Our efforts, our love, and our attitudes are subject to sin and that makes us completely unsafe.

With this in mind, Jesus taught about unprofitable servants only to show our inevitable position of having nothing to offer! We, without God, are unprofitable. We, without God, have only self righteousness to offer. The prophet Isaiah makes a profound statement:

Isa. 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, **and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags**; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

This isn't speaking about our sins being as filthy rags; it is our self righteousnesses! In other words, when we live life for our self and seek to be our own source; to be responsible for our own supply and purpose, these efforts are as filthy rags to God. **We were not made to be our own**; we were made for Him! When we serve ourselves this is putrid to God. We are perverting our purpose and *ruining our glory*.

This Is An Amazing Truth!

God didn't make us to serve Him but to actually be served by Him!

Consider these two verses side by side:

Mr 10:45 "**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many."

And,

Heb 13:8 "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**"

I had always considered this statement of Jesus for the time period of His mission on earth as the Lamb of God; however, as this next verse

expresses, He doesn't change! His mission then continues to this day and forever! This is the divine nature being manifested. **God is not looking to be served, but to serve!** This is a radical understanding to our fallen sin natured mind set. I am not worthy to be served! I am the servant and I am the created meant to serve the creator!

In the world it is always about serving self and getting others to serve us. The powerful, rich, and famous are served; not servants! We have a real problem if we see ourselves as trapped in servitude to anyone. The truth is however, that when people use their position, power, and influence to serve self there is condemnation! All of our gifts, talents, power, position, fame, wealth, opportunities, etc. are meant to be used to serve! When politicians use their elected office to serve themselves it is rejected, exposed, and condemned! We were not meant to serve ourselves but to be servants to one another. When we hear statements like, "Look out for number one!" the world may approve but divine love is repulsed by it. Paul the apostle wrote:

Ga 5:13 For you, brethren, **have been called to liberty**; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, **but through love serve one another.**

Without God's love we will serve self; however, through His love we can be free to serve one another. It is the love of God that has been poured out and flows constantly to us in our born again experience that makes us free to serve. It is the constant love of God towards us that when we receive it, walk in it by faith that brings life and fulfillment to us. The love of God is our source and supply always!

1Jo 4:19 We love Him **because He first loved us.**

What this means is that God's love is being provided, given, and supplied to us without price or cost to us—it is a gift given through Jesus! The blood of Jesus provided the way for God to restore in righteousness His love for us in us! By faith we believe and know the

love of God and that makes us full, secure, and free. We put away the law for example, because we are no longer under its judgments:

Ro 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, **for you are not under law but under grace.**

God has taken away the offense that separated us from His love—our self righteousness. Now He is free to supply us His grace as He originally did in the garden with Adam and Eve. The only thing preventing us from experiencing the freedom of **God's Spirit in our life is our sin consciousness.**

Our sin consciousness manifests in this way: We struggle with believing that we are worthy to receive God's gift of life and love. We struggle with believing that we don't owe God something in return. We struggle with believing that God is not holding something against us. We struggle with believing that our purpose is to be filled with God's Spirit and shine forth His glory! We struggle with the idea that Jesus, the divine Son of God, continues to serve us! We want to serve; we want to earn! We struggle with resting in the peace of God that our life's purpose is just to know Him, receive His constant flow of love towards us and be the constant expression of His presence!

Jesus in His High Priestly role remains in this position of **serving us forever:**

Heb. 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, **since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

Our carnal mind set can't grasp the true nature of divine love! God's love is constant, forever, never changing, and always flowing. God's nature is supply, give, provide, and give again! Jesus is our *intercessor always supplying* what we need in having taken away our sin, in making us righteous and standing on our behalf before God's holiness. He ever intercedes to help us hit the mark of God's glory!

Ac 20:35b "And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**

God is the giver and always stands in the more blessed position—forever. God never stops giving and supplying. It was falling into sin, pride, and self rule (the desire to be our own god) that stopped the supply. Now that Jesus has paid for all sin and through the Holy Spirit we are born again, **we are back in His grace forever!**

This grace is constant just as His love is constant. We love God and others because He first loved us! We forgive and accept others because He forgave and accepted us. We stand in righteousness because Jesus established it and then fulfilled the law for us in the cross. Man's sin nature wanted to make it on our own; we couldn't. Jesus came to fulfill that costly mistake, take on our responsibilities and demands, and take away the judgment of our failures in His own blood.

Col. 2: 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
14 **having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us.** And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

It is as if we arrogantly entered into the game of life thinking and believing we could accomplish meaning, purpose, and righteousness on our own. All of us having been trapped into this law based situation were helpless to make any gain. All of our efforts only caused more of the curse of the law to come upon us.

The whole purpose of the law therefore, was to make it plain how futile it is to think we have any resources of our own. All of our efforts are

perverted, tainted, selfish, **and fall way short of God's true purpose for us.**

If we were made to be self glorifying then we would have reason to believe we are successful to some degree; **but if we were made to be God's glory there is no comparison.** Our glory might be like a candle while God's glory for us is more like the sun's glory. In fact, the glory God has for us is nothing less than His Only Begotten Son! Is there a greater glory? Can we see that our glory falls so far short?

Ro 3:23 "...for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God,**"

God never intended for us to be independent of Him. **God's love compels Him to want the best for mankind because He made us to see, to understand, to be aware, and to know Him!** It would be immoral to create us to understand God, be aware of Him, and able to be in relationship to Him, **but never** give us who He is! In fact that is ultimately the purpose of hell; it is a place without relationship to God. Hell was created for the devil and his angels—the fallen. When we reject Christ as our savior there is no other place for sinners to go than hell.

Life Is Not About Us It Is About God

Our understanding of God became skewed because of sin and the demands of the law. Under grace God has restored His intent for us that we'd be the recipients of His love always. God made us to know Him, live in His love, and walk in His Spirit—grace! Jesus made this possible!

Now, for us to enjoy and experience the fullness of **God we must understand that God's nature is to supply, give, and provide.** God's love always gives because it is more blessed to give! Unlike human nature that is so limited, God's nature is unlimited, all powerful, and never ending! **When He supplies He only gains and gains more;** He

gains in our life and His glory is known. It is when we know His glory that we are changed, transformed, and made into the image of His Son (II Cor. 3:18). As we take, assert, accept, and walk in His supply, God's life is manifest **and enlarged in our life** and world.

As We Take We Actually Decrease And He Increases!

As we take we actually decrease in our pride, selfishness, and become more like Him! **It takes humility to receive and to take...**for God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble!

We, humanity, when we give we diminish and it takes away our strength. We deplete and run out of energy, resources, and time. We are not God and God is not like us. We were created in His image to manifest His glory. God is not a conduit of our glory. He channels to and through us; we channel nothing to or through Him. It is a one way street so to speak.

God is love and love bestows, bequeaths, and supplies. Love doesn't take; it gives. When we give we must be re-supplied! When we put out we must rest to regain. This is human nature; however, divine nature needs **no** rest, or to regain energy, or be re-supplied.

When we take in, drink, feed, and consume, we gain strength and nourishment. When God is fed, energized, and increased so to speak, **it is by giving and supplying.** God increases in glory when we take from Him. **He increases in our life when feed from His supply.**

John the Baptist said, "I must decrease and He must increase..." another way of understanding this is, I must take and take from the Lord, He must become more and more my source and supply...the more I look to, take from, and depend upon the Love of God, **the more He increases in my life!**

I must take from Him to live, move, and have my being! **I must know and believe** His love for me or I will always be insecure, empty, and needy! I must decrease, I must let go of self dependence, self trust, and self reliance; I must put down my god of self, to take in the only true god, now, today, and forever! **The more I take from Him, the more He becomes to Me!**

The more I assert His truth in my life the More He is manifested in it! Miracles happen to those who know how much God loves them! Miracles happen to those who know that God gives, supplies, and provides always!

God doesn't consume, eat, or need refreshment (or nourishment); He is life, the source, and nourishment to all things! God's nuclear fusion (so to speak) of ever increasing constant source of power is multiplied unto us through **His grace!** God increases in glory when we receive it!

God doesn't deplete He multiplies and never runs out (or low)...He increases...therefore, the scriptures reveal:

2Pe 1:2 **Grace and peace be multiplied** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

Jude 1:2 Mercy, peace, and **love be multiplied to you.**

Divinity increases in glory and power when it is channeled, taken from, and received! God is glorified when we receive Him, taken in His glory, and channel it through our life. The scripture says "multiplied" not just added; this means that the divine nature expands, multiplies, increases as we take in His grace and peace!

Remember Jesus With The Woman At The Well?

I love the story of Jesus at the well when the Samaritan woman comes to fill her container. The disciples had gone off to find food and Jesus

remained behind. The implication is that Jesus in His humanity was tired and hungry. When the woman arrives at mid-day she is avoiding grief and shame from others. The well was most busy in the morning and the women would gather, talk, gossip, and often alienate her. Therefore, she came when no one else was around. She knew she was not included, not accepted, and didn't want to be ridiculed. She was self-conscious because she was a woman who had had five husbands and was now living with a man that was not her husband. She was self-absorbed and didn't know how much God really loves her.

When she arrives Jesus asks her for some water. This was not customary for a Jewish man to speak to a Samaritan woman. The Jews considered them like half-breeds. They were not included as true Jews. The Samaritans however, held onto the Jewish beliefs. They held onto the belief in the Messiah and expected Him to come. They must have trusted that the Messiah would include them. She was surprised by Jesus' behavior.

As their relationship begins to unfold, Jesus was moved with compassion for her and when she received it she became Jesus-conscious! This freed her from herself! She ran into town to proclaim a man, a prophet, even the Messiah to all her detractors. She was no longer self-conscious in shame; she met Jesus and it changed her life!

Jesus was blessed ***as He increased in her life*** and that made the divine life within Him manifest. The result was that He grew in strength physically because she believed Him, changed her life's situation, and was set free! **Jesus supplied; she took it in.** Jesus, who had been tired and needing refreshment, was refreshed by giving and supplying what she needed. This is what Jesus said to His disciples:

John 4: 32 But He said to them, **"I have food to eat of which you do not know."**

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, "**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**"

Conclusion

We are profitable to God when we live in His constant flow of love!

We are pleasing to the Lord when we enjoy His glory. We were meant to be One in the Spirit, joint heirs with Christ Jesus, and be partakers of His divine nature. There is no room for earning, boasting, or seek self interest in this position or place. There is only Jesus and the Father in the fellowship of the Spirit. This translates to us as a constant flow of God's love in and through us! We are always supplied the life of Christ to live, move, and have our being! **Our food is to take in God's love and walk in His will!** Our food is to be vessels of the divine glory!

We are at rest in the *joy of the Lord* which is our strength! We are to stay in the peace of God which is the power of His presence. His presence is the supplier, the provider, the source, and the substance of life! By faith in His grace we put aside our pride, the law's demands, and judgment of others or of self; by faith we stay grace minded which is to remain **supply minded with God! We stand in His forgiveness, cleaning, righteousness, and glory as a constant gift to us through our relationship with Jesus.**

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