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THE BLESSING

“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas, this woman was full of good works and alms deed which she did”
Act 9:39

Many of us know the story of Dorcas and how she was raised up from the dead by the power of God, but have we seen the connection between her life of doing good and the miracle which brought her up from the dead?

I believe that Dorcas was so rich in her heavenly account that when the need came there was credit to her name which God could draw upon, remember that God told Cornelius, ‘your prayers and your alms deeds, have come up before me in remembrance,’ can this be the reason for unanswered prayer that is the fact of our barrenness before God?

The fool in Luke 16 was rich before men but poor before God, Paul had this to say in 1 Tim6:

“Warn them that are rich in this world not to be proud or trust in uncertain riches, but to do good and be rich in good works, be willing to share what they have, 1Tim6:17-18.

There is an eternal benefit to doing good, hear what the apostle says in Vs 19,

laying up in heaven’s storehouse a good foundation for the time to come, you also remember what the Lord Jesus said”

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay up for your selves, treasures in heaven were the moth and the rust cannot corrupt and thieves cannot break in and steal.

The blessings of the life of doing good are not only eternal but also have a manifest reward here on earth.

“And let us not be weary in well doing, for is due season we shall reap if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith”. Gal 6:9-10.

God will reward on earth and in heaven the good we do in his name.

A missed opportunity to do good is a missed opportunity to walk the Jesus walk and to enjoy the benefits thereof.

Jesus said to me, do not let an opportunity to do good pass you by.

May I say that to willfully neglect an opportunity to do good, not because of inability but because of unwillingness is sinful, this is what the Apostle meant when He said,

“To him that knoweth to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin, 1 John”

The difference between a full harvest and a poor one in this area is motive, we have taught sowing and reaping in the church but we have taught with the wrong motives, we have made ourselves the reason why we sow and expect to reap, that is selfishness, the reason why God commands us to give is so that we may be a blessing, but in doing this God tells us if you do this you will be blessed, how many people will still be givers if there was no reward attached to it? Unless we are able to say from the heart my purpose in this is not so that I may be blessed but so that I may be a blessing we will have fallen short of the divine motive, thank God there is a blessing for the life of doing good as Dorcas found out.

What are you going to do about this? It is time to live up to the calling in your life.