

# Coin in a Fish



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**True stories of God's supply and  
financial assistance in the 1800's!**

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*They that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?*

*He saith, Yes.*

*And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?*

*Peter saith unto him, Of strangers.*

*Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.*

*Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.*

*(Matthew 17:24-27-KJV)*

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## 1—God Always Gave Me More

A man said, “God never gave me exactly what I wanted; He always gave me more.” He told of a time when after he had been married about three months he got sick, and the sickness carried on for more than nine months. He and his wife were in great distress.

He owed money and had no means to pay it. He was told that if he didn’t pay it by a certain day, that he would go to jail. He had no food for himself or his wife. He went up to his room and got down on his knees. He opened his Bible and laid his finger on several promises, and then claimed them.

He said, “Lord, this is Thy own Word of promise. I claim Thy promises.” He was taking hold of them by faith, and he prayed earnestly for some time. After that, he got up off his knees, took a walk, and then went to bed.

Before he went to sleep, he opened his Bible and saw this verse that said, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.”  
(Psalm 50:15-KJV)

He said, “It is enough, Lord.” He had full faith right then and knew deliverance would come, so he praised God with his whole heart.

Then he heard a knock on the door. When he opened it, there was a man who handed him a letter. He turned to look at the letter and then looked up—and in that instant, the man was gone.

Lek (Albania)

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He opened the letter and inside was just the amount of money he needed, plus five shillings more! He never found out who that man was. God knew and sent him! *“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.”* (Psalm 34:6-KJV)

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## 2—The New Dress

A Christian minister and his wife in Ohio, in 1860, loved and served the Lord the best they could. They were in great debt, and had to come up with funds for their ministry. They printed magazines telling of missionaries and requesting help for them.

One day, a couple who were to be married gave \$5.00 to this minister for the wedding ceremony. He gave it to his wife and said, "Here's \$5.00. Why don't you get yourself a dress?" It was a rare and special thing for her to be able to buy a nice dress.

Many of the ladies around the area were wearing dresses made out of a certain kind of cloth. This minister's wife had always wished that she could have that kind of dress, made out of that special type of material too. She went to price it, and found out that she would be able to get it for \$4.00. She decided she would get the dress for \$4.00, and give the one extra dollar to some missionaries.

When she went to the place where the magazines were printed to find the

**Guilder** (Aruba)



address of someone to send the \$1.00 to, she happened to notice a written article about how much the missionaries were in need. After reading the article, she decided that instead of buying a dress, she wanted to send the full \$5.00 to missionaries.

Her husband didn't know how they could afford to give so much, but he agreed that they should. So the lady sent the \$5.00 with a letter, yet not saying her name, just signing with: "A Friend of Missions." She figured she'd never hear about the money again, but she was happy to share with others.

The next week someone entered the room where she was and tossed a bundle into her lap. They said, "Here's a present for you!"

The lady opened the bundle. and it was a dress pattern with the exact same type of material she wanted to buy!

She said, "God has given me this, in place of what I've given." So she had given away the \$5.00, and still received the dress!

And that wasn't all. A short while later, she received a letter from the secretary for the Board of Missions and it had a printed copy of the letter she had written.

They asked, "Were you the one who wrote this letter? If so, there is a man in New York that said to send you \$25.00, with a note

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saying, “Buy yourself a dress, and give the rest to your husband and children.”

So she’d given \$5.00 to others in need, and had received back not only the dress she’d wanted, but five times as much money in return for her giving. *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?* (Matthew 6:30-KJV)

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### 3—\$50 Checks

When Dwight L. Moody was married and began serving the Lord, he was very poor and his faith was often put to the test. One day when he left his home to do his missionary work and labors of love, he said to his wife, “I have no money and the house is without supplies.”

He wondered if he would have to go back to selling shoes and boots to provide what they needed. Then he prayed, and within one or two days a stranger sent him two checks of \$50 to cover the needs of his family and his mission work. *“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”* (I Corinthians 9:14-KJV)

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### 4—A Flour Surprise

Dwight L. Moody’s wife informed him that they had no flour for their day’s use and asked him to please order some to be sent to the house.

Ruble (Belarus)



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But Mr. Moody had no money. He didn't know how he was going to come up with the money to get the flour that they needed for that day.

When he was out, he met someone who wanted to hear about the Lord, and really needed to talk to someone about his spiritual life. Mr. Moody talked with him and was so glad to lead him to the Lord. He felt very happy to be in service for the Lord and ministering to people's spiritual needs, and he forgot all about the money he didn't have and the flour that they needed.

When Mr. Moody returned home that night, he didn't know what to expect, because he hadn't sent the flour that was needed. However, to his joyful surprise, when he entered the house, there was a dinner spread with all the food that was needed.

What had happened was that morning a friend of his felt that he should send some flour to Mr. Moody's house, and so he did. The flour arrived just when it was needed.

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## 5—A Pair of Shoes

In a cottage in Connecticut there were two sisters watching over, and caring for, their much-loved brother. For many months he'd been sick. After those long months the younger sister began to get discouraged.

**Boliviano** (Bolivia)



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She was unable to work and earn money during all those months of caring for her brother and she didn't have any money to get her needs.

Her shoes were worn out. She had no way to get another pair of shoes except to leave caring for her brother, and to go to work to earn some money.

The mother said, "I know you need a pair of shoes, but don't worry the Lord will provide."

She was feeling discouraged and said, "Is the Lord going to come down from Heaven and buy me a pair of shoes?" She didn't seem too hopeful.

The mother said, "No, but perhaps He'll put it on someone's heart to buy you a pair."

The young lady said, "Oh, I don't believe it." She was very discouraged.

The older sister, who was a little more hopeful, said, "Well you're not going to get shoes any quicker by fretting, so you might as well stop saying all those things."

So the younger sister was quiet about it. By evening time another brother, who lived quite far away and who knew nothing about what they'd been discussing that morning, came by to visit and see how they were doing.

He said, "My brother has been sick for a long time and you've been caring for him, and I was wondering how you were doing. I was thinking that perhaps you, my sisters, need some things."

**Pula** (Botswana)



He looked down at the younger girl's shoes and said, "Hmmm, your shoes are worn out."

She blushed. She knew that the Lord was answering her prayer. She felt a little ashamed because of her lack of belief earlier and the words she'd said. The brother went on his way, and said nothing more about the shoes. Then the next day he sent two pairs of shoes for her.

That taught her a lesson she never forgot. She lived many years, and never again did she murmur like that. Those two pairs of shoes taught her to wait, to hope, to trust, and to have faith that God can send anything that she needed.

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## 6—The Lord's Insurance Money

The tradesman in New York had pledged to give the Lord a certain portion of his business income. He called it, "The Lord's insurance money." He chose to give a certain percent to the Lord of everything he earned, because he realized when he did that, then the Lord took care of things for him.

He was spared from things that might have normally cost him a lot of money, as part of the Lord's blessing. Debts that people owed him were paid, even when those same people didn't pay debts to others that they owed money to.

**Dollar** (Trinidad and Tobago)

The logo consists of the letters 'TT' in a large, white, serif font, followed by a dollar sign '\$' in the same font, all set against a solid black rectangular background.

People who were going to cheat him in his business were caught, and he didn't lose money that way.

When there was a fire at his office and it seemed it would burn up everything that was valuable, the fire was stopped at just the right moment and not one thing that was valuable was lost. Then the insurance company gave him enough money to fix up his office even better than it was before the fire.

He said, "I always pray for my business, and I ask the Lord to bless it for the good of others. Because whatever I earn, can be used to help the Lord's cause and others."

He said when he stops giving, and when he stops praying, then his business doesn't go well. But as long as he prays for it, then everything goes along easily and he hasn't a care or trouble. Furthermore, he hardly had any health problems either.

This man said, "The Lord is my banker, my helper, my insurer, my deliverer, and my Savior."

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## 7—A Thousand Times Given Back

There was a man who wasn't really a cheerful giver. He was in his shop, and someone came by asking if he would like to donate towards a needy cause. This man gave all the usual excuses of why he couldn't give anything.

Real (Brazil)



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The man asking said, "Why don't you just try it. Try giving five dollars. If by next week God hasn't repaid you, and blessed you for your giving, then I'll give you back your five dollars."

So the man agreed. He gave the five dollars to the one asking for a donation. The very next morning, he ran back to that man and said that an amazing thing had happened.

An old debt that someone owed him and that he thought would never get repaid, all of a sudden was paid to him—an hour after the man asking for donations had left his shop. One hour after he'd given \$5.00 he was repaid this debt. He was so astonished!

It was a check written for \$5,000. He could hardly believe it. He went into the bank to check and to make sure it was genuine, and it was! God had certainly repaid.

*"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38-KJV)*

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## 8—The Lord Paid His Debt

Mr. Huntington had some debts he needed to pay. He prayed for the Lord to provide the means to pay them. He was always looking eagerly and was open for any opportunity the Lord might put in his path to get

Riel (Cambodia)



those debts paid, but nothing worked out for awhile. One day, as he was in his study praying for the Lord's supply, a visiting woman knocked on his door and said, "I'm sorry to disturb you."

"You are not disturbing me. I just finished praying and will see the answer to that prayer," he told her in faith. He said he needed twenty pounds. She didn't have that to be able to help him. He told her that the Lord would provide.

Later that afternoon, two men visited him. They came and talked with him for a few hours. As they left, they both handed him an envelope. When he opened the envelopes, each one contained ten pounds! Together, it was exactly what he needed. The twenty pounds was what he had prayed for earlier.

Mr. Huntington called the woman and said, "See! Here is the answer to my prayer."

*"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."* (Matthew 7:7)

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## 9—Two Dollars Given—God returns it!

There was a woman who really loved the Lord and was rich in faith, yet often didn't have much in the way of earthly riches. She was reading in Matthew, chapter 5, the verse that says, "Give to him that asketh thee and from him who would borrow from thee turn not away."

Dollar (Canada)



She was thinking about it. "Is this just a nice verse, or are we actually meant to do it?"

She said, "Oh, the best way to find out if this promise is true is to test it." So she decided she would put it into effect at the next chance she had.

It was Saturday and she only had a small amount of money to get what her household needed for the weekend. So she bought what they needed. She only had a little bit of money left that would be needed on Monday when the shops would open again.

However, that same day, a friend whose husband had been out of business and was in distress said, "Do you have two dollars you could lend me to get what my family needs for the weekend?"

This lady realized that testing out that verse came sooner than she'd expected. She decided to put it into practice and see what would happen. So she took her last two dollars and gave it to this woman.

The lady who gave her last coins didn't know what would happen when Monday came, or how she would be able to provide for her family. On Monday, she didn't have any money or any way to get what was needed. She was sitting there thinking, "What should I do?" when there was a knock on her door.

Someone had come to her door with a bundle of clothes to be sewn, and said to the woman, "Would you

**Yuan (China)**





be able to help sew these for me? Here are two dollars for doing the job.”

The lady said, “Yes. I’ll do it.” She was very glad, and amazed to see how that verse came true. It was like she had just loaned the money. She gave it to someone in need, and the Lord gave it right back to her again.

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## 10—Dividing with God

A merchant thought back on the days when he had first started up his business, right after he’d given his life to God. He wanted to work together with the Lord, and make the right decisions concerning business and wealth. So he made a plan.

He said, “Whatever money I get from my business, I’ll set some aside for losses and expenses that might come up. I’ll also set aside enough to hire workers to help. I’ll pay whatever debts I have, and with the money that’s left, I’ll give one tenth of it to help others. It will be my 10 percent that I give to God, and the 90% that’s left is what I’ll use for my family and my own needs.”

He also made a plan, that if the amount of money that was the 90% exceeded a certain amount of money, that instead of giving just 10% he’d give 12 ½ %. If it continued to increase he’d continue to increase his gift.

His plan concluded with, “If the

**Colon** (Costa Rica)



amount I get each month that is set aside for my family is \$1,500 a month, then I will give 25% to the Lord.”

Sometimes it was difficult to give that 10% because he felt that he would really like to use it for his family, but he kept his promise and he stayed true to his commitment to the Lord.

Then things just got better for him. Business got better, and he kept getting more and more money. It seemed the more he gave away, the better things went in his business. He was never completely without what he needed.

In the end, it was like the Lord was giving back to him many times over, for all the times when it was a difficulty to give that 10%. The Lord had made it up to him in the end.

*“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*

(Malachi 3:10-KJV)

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## 11—A Man Called Wilkes

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Mr. Wilkes travelled around as a “journey-man mechanic”. He also had invented a kind of crank or spindle that was used for cotton manufacture.

He needed some money to start this new business—to be able to make his new invention, sell it to others and make it available for their use. He prayed for the Lord to supply the funds.

One day, the Lord put it on the heart of an elderly Christian man to help Mr. Wilkes. He said to him,

“Would any money be of service to you?”

It was the answer to Mr. Wilkes’ prayer. He took that money and started his business. Mr. Wilkes was an honest and good man who wanted to give to others.

He heard of some land for sale in Ireland that had a deserted copper mine. He bought that field for a small sum and re-opened the mine. It ended up yielding an abundance of excellent copper.

Mr. Wilkes said, “I promise to give to the Missionary Society, one guinea every day.” When he decided to give, the business in the copper mine increased even more and he got a lot of money from it.

He then increased his gift to the missionaries seven-fold, and instead of one guinea a day to the missionaries he gave seven! He chose to give as much as he could.

Mr. Wilkes wasn’t living in luxury. He lived very simply and

**Koruna** (Czech Republic)



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was giving all that he could. He gave nearly everything away to the missionaries, and that's why the Lord kept blessing him.

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## 12—Furnished House

One of Dwight L. Moody's friends, who was interested in his work, selected a house and furnished it with everything that was needed for convenience and comfort without Mr. Moody knowing.

Then as a present, he invited Mr. Moody and his family to use this house! They could stay there, and use everything in it.

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## 13—A New Year's Incident

A man, who would often go to see what he could do to help the poor that lived in his neighbourhood, was going to visit a lady who had once been rich. However, she was now a sad, poor, lonely widow.

He had a place where he kept money that he could give to people in need. Before he went to visit her, he looked in his drawer but found that there was only one last sovereign.

He thought he wouldn't take it to that lady, because there were many who needed him and it would be two or three more weeks before he got his

**Krone** (Denmark)



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next allowance. He hesitated to give out his last coin, but as he was about to leave the house a verse came to his mind, "The Lord is able to give thee much more than this." (2 Chronicles 25:9)

He opened the drawer and took that one sovereign, and went to the lady's house to wish her a happy New Year. She had such a face of joy and surprise. Tears ran down her cheeks and she said, "May God bless you. We had not even one penny left in our house, and no bread to eat. He's heard my prayers and sent you to supply our need."

The man felt so happy to be able to talk with someone about the Lord, and to help them in their time of need. He went home very glad.

The postman only came once a day. It was very surprising to him then to see, that night at ten o'clock, that there was a letter for him. He opened the letter, and there was a gift of five pounds for him with a letter that said, "You help many people—many poor are depending on your help. I want to give you these five pounds as well as a box of soap, to help you to be able to give to others that are in need."

Before the day was over the Lord had fulfilled that promise and had given this man nine times as much as he had to begin with, to give away to others.

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**Pound (Egypt)**



## 14—Fenenberg's Loan to the Lord

There was a poor man who came to Michael Fenenberg—a godly pastor in Bavaria. He begged him for three crowns, that he might finish his journey. That was all the money that Fenenberg had, but the man was begging so earnestly that, in the name of Jesus, he gave him his last coins.

A short while later Mr. Fenenberg had a great need and had no way to get what he needed. He prayed and said, "Lord, I lent you those three crowns. I pray you, please give them back."

That same day a messenger came with a letter which Fenenberg's assistant, Gossner, handed over to him and said, "Here's what you expended." He opened the letter, and in it was the equivalent of \$150 that someone had given to this godly pastor.

He almost felt ashamed. The Lord had given him so much back, in return to what he shared. He felt so joyful and amazed.

*"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."* (Proverbs 19:17)

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## 15—25 Cents

There was a minister who said, "Cheerful giving is what enriches the giver and brings down a blessing from above."

Euro (Europe)



He told a story of a poor clergyman that was attending a religious festival in a distant city. He only had twenty-five cents left in his pocket, and he would need that to buy food on his journey back home.

The last day of the festival, people were asking for donations to be used for good and worthy causes. This man only had twenty-five cents and although he really needed it, he decided to give it anyway. So he tossed it into the collection box.

A few minutes later someone invited him for a meal at their house. Before this man left their house to travel home, someone called him aside. They said, "For some reason, somebody just came up to me and paid back a debt that they owed me. I just felt I was supposed to give it to you."

The clergyman opened the envelope and noticed that there was twenty-five dollars in it. He had given twenty-five cents, and that same day the Lord had given him back \$25.00. One hundred times the amount!

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## 16—I Have Never Lacked Anything Good

Samuel Hick had attended a missionary meeting. It was a wonderful meeting, and he gave all the money he had in his pocket to help them. After the meeting was over he got on his horse to ride home, but he didn't have any money to pay his expenses.

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He was getting old. His horse was old. He was twenty miles from home, travelling alone in the dark night. The Enemy was tempting him to get discouraged, but he said, "I've never gotten completely stuck yet!" He knew the Lord would get him through that situation.

As he entered the town he was travelling to, a gentleman took his horse by the bridle and began talking with him. They had a wonderful talk together. Samuel Hick said, "I've not lacked any good thing. The Lord has given, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The gentleman said, "Can you read?"

Samuel Hick said, "Yes!"

Then the gentleman held a piece of paper in his hand which was visible by the glimmering light of the stars. It said, "Here's a five pound note for you. You helped God and His cause, and I believe you will never want."

Samuel Hick cried for joy. That was the Lord's answer to his need. When he got home and told his wife, she burst into tears and they praised the Lord together.

"We never give to the Lord, but that He gives to us in return," he said.

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**Ruble** (Russia)

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## 17—Miracle Letter

There was a widow who was an invalid and had no way to provide for herself—except through friends who helped, and through prayer. She prayed, and the Lord would provide whatever she needed.

One time, when she needed money and it was awhile before the answer came. She was wondering how much she should ask the Lord for. She had the faith to ask for \$25. Back then, that was a lot of money.

Then this lady wrote a note to a businessman in New York. She didn't say the amount she needed, or even that she needed money. She wrote a note and asked for help.

The businessman was on a long journey and by the time he got back his desk was filled with hundreds of notes and letters to read. It was on his heart to help someone, and he was praying that the Lord would lead him to someone who would really appreciate some help. He wanted to be a blessing to someone.

The man just randomly picked up a note from the desk and opened it. It was this lady's note. It didn't say much in it, and he wondered what he was supposed to do about it.

**Quetzal** (Guatemala)

When he prayed, he got the verse that says, "In as much as you've done it unto one of the least of these my brethren you've done it unto me."

(Matthew 25:40-KJV)



He didn't even know if she was a Christian or not. But when he thought about it, a thought was impressed on his mind that he should send her \$25.00, and so he did.

After he sent it, he suddenly realized that he didn't address the letter properly so he sent a second card to this woman, saying, "If you haven't received my letter, please go to the post office and ask about it."

Well, she received the little card but she hadn't received the letter because it wasn't addressed properly. So she went to the post office, and just in time. There was another woman by her name that lived in the same area, and the letter was almost sent to this other woman.

When the right woman received the letter from this businessman and opened it up, to her amazement there was \$25.00! The exact amount she'd been praying for.

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### **18—A Prayer for Supper Answered**

There was an educated and accomplished lady, and although by and by her life became one of poverty, she still trusted in the Lord's loving care. One day they had nothing to eat for dinner. There was not a dry piece of bread, not a bean, not a potato, not even enough for one pot of tea.

Nothing in the house to eat.

Her daughter said, "What will we do? When Charles comes home tonight he'll be so hungry. We have nothing to feed him."

**Hryvna (Ukraine)**



The mother said, "The Lord will send us something."

Three more hours passed. Charles would be there at six o'clock. When it was five o'clock the daughter said, "The Lord hasn't sent anything yet."

The mother said, "He will, before half-past-six." The mother prayed and asked the Lord to show how faithful He was to answer prayer, so that her daughter could see this miracle.

Fifteen minutes later, the doorbell rang very loudly. A gentleman was there holding his valise and said,

"Mrs., I left the room which I hired from you one year ago in a great hurry. I owed you five dollars. I had to leave so suddenly that I wasn't able to pay you what I owed you and I haven't even been in this city since then. I am rushing through it right now. I jumped off the car just to give you this money. Goodbye!" And the man ran off.

That was the answer to their prayer, right at that moment, when they needed it. They took the money and bought the needed food.

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## 19—A Peculiar Plant

A lady was being troubled by a creditor—someone she owed money to. He was giving her a very hard time and bothering her about it. But she had nothing she could do about it. She had no way to come up with money. She felt so burdened.

**Forint** (Hungary)



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The lady went for a walk outside for a few hours. She passed by the house of a friend who had just returned from Europe and went in to say hello. That friend gave her a small and peculiar plant that they had brought all the way from Wales. So she took the plant that her friend gave her and began walking back to her house.

As she walked, someone was following her and watching her. As she arrived at her house, this man bowed and apologized and said, "I haven't seen that plant since I left home."

He really liked that particular plant. It wasn't a native of that area and he was so happy to see one again. He said, "I'd be happy to buy it from you for \$10.00."

That woman was so glad. That was the answer she needed! She sold the plant to the man. The \$10.00 she received was half the amount needed to pay back her debt. It was enough to help her creditor, to whom she was indebted, to be patient, until the rest could be paid.

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## 20—The Story of John Daniel Loest

John Daniel Loest was a German tradesman in Berlin, Germany. He loved the Lord very much, and would pray about everything. He let the Lord guide his business in every way.

He was very willing to help others. He was constantly praying,

**Krona** (Iceland)



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and very fervent in his life of prayer. Then, by and by, he became very prosperous and had a well-frequented fringe and trimming shop.

There was one time that was very difficult in his life, in which he needed an extra dose of confidence in God's help. It seemed he was in an impossible situation to overcome. However, what happened astonished him and left him in wonder at the Lord's mysterious ways and how He can help everyone who needs Him.

There was a lady who had him be the security for her property. This meant that if anything went wrong in her business, they would come to him to help pay the money.

Everything was going fine in her life and there didn't seem to be any chance that this would ever happen. However, after months had passed, John Daniel received a very unpleasant letter stating that the 600 thalers that he had promised in case anything had happened in her business was due, and he had to pay those 600 thalers that were promised.

John Daniel was surprised and puzzled, as this was very unexpected. Not only did this bill need to be paid, but it had to be done by the next Tuesday. He had a very short amount of time.

He had also just accepted a bill for 300 thalers that needed to be paid that next Saturday. He began to worry, and wondered what to do. It was a

**Rupee** (India)



dilemma to all of a sudden need to pay so much money.

He thought he would hurry to a rich friend and ask for a loan. Then on his way to this friend's home he came upon another acquaintance who had lent him 400 thalers once before.

He was about to ask him if he could loan him some more money to get out of this difficult situation, when the man asked instead for John Daniel to please pay back the loan of those 400 hundred thalers by the next Friday

So now his debts were adding up. Having confidence in the Lord, John Daniels said, "You shall have it," and hurried on to visit the other rich friend.

His friend was home, but before John Daniel could say what he was there for, his rich friend said, "Oh, it's good to see you. I was just going to ask for you, because I want you to please pay back the 500 thalers that you owe me."

So that rich friend had loaned John Daniel 500 thalers before, and it still needed to be repaid. The rich man said, "I want to have it by next Wednesday, because I need to pay off the mortgage of my house which has just been asked of me."

John Daniel calmly replied, "You shall have it." Although his heart felt heavier by the moment, he was still speaking faith.

Suddenly, it occurred to him that the widow of a friend was rich

**Rupiah** (Indonesia)



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and possessed a large amount of property. Maybe she could help. John Daniel went to visit her. But it so happened that the deceased friend, the husband of that widow, had loaned John Daniel 500 thalers before, as well as 300 thalers for goods.

As he entered the widow's room, she handed him an order from the court asking him to pay what he owed. She said, "Please pay the 500 thalers on Thursday. You can pay the last 300 thalers early on the next Saturday, because there are a lot of funeral expenses and I need that money."

John Daniel said, "It shall be cared for," and then he left. He didn't even have a chance to make any request.

Everyone he'd tried to ask for money from had not been able to help him. Instead, they were asking him to pay them back. Rather than becoming overwhelmed and discouraged, his faith became greater. He knew God's hand was on him and that it would all work out to glorify the Lord.

In summary here was the situation:

600 thalers to be paid on Tuesday;  
500 thalers on Wednesday;  
500 thalers on Thursday;  
400 thalers on Friday;  
300 thalers on Saturday morning;  
and 300 thalers on Saturday  
afternoon.

All in all it was a lot of money to be paid soon, and it was already

**Dollar** (Zimbabwe)

The image shows the Zimbabwe Dollar symbol, which consists of the letter 'Z' followed by a dollar sign '\$', both in white on a black background.

Saturday. In his purse he only had four thalers. There was only one last person he thought he could go to, to request help. It was a rich moneylender.

He went in to ask, but instead of the moneylender helping him out he began to ridicule John Daniel for his faith in God and said, "Why don't you ask the Lord to help you? Why don't you ask Him?" This man reminded John Daniel that he needed to pay back his debt of 300 thalers to him as well, in two weeks time—the Saturday after next.

John Daniel turned away and did ask God for special help in his circumstances. With cheerful steps he hurried home and then had a long time of prayer and asking for the Lord's help. He asked God to forgive him and help him. He was refreshed and comforted after a good time of prayer, trusting in the One who is the richest and most generous—Jesus.

The next day, Sunday, was one of peace and trust. John Daniel just knew the Lord would provide. He spent that day with the Lord, resting and filling up on His Word. Then it was Monday. He arose with a cheerful heart, and hardly had time to get dressed when he noticed something with great surprise.

**Dollar** (Jamaica)

His sister and the assistant in his store seemed to be as busy as they could be, serving customers who had already come to the shop, even though it was very early in the



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day. They were packaging up everything people were buying. So many people were purchasing so much.

The shop usually wasn't even open at that time, and it was already very busy. Everyone was coming to buy things from his shop that day. Never in all his experience could he remember so many people frequenting his shop, and that early in the morning.

His shop wasn't even in the main centre of town either. It was, rather out of the way. They couldn't even cook dinner because it was so busy at the shop. No one had time for that. People took turns having a little coffee and bread instead of their normal meal.

The many people coming into the shop continued all day long. It took three people working fulltime that day, to help the many customers.

It wasn't just new customers coming to his shop to buy things either. Others who had not fully paid for something they bought from his shop, and owed him money came. They all started coming, saying "Oh, I am sorry I took so long to pay for it. Here is the rest of the money."

All kinds of people were coming, buying things and giving money that they owed him. All John Daniel could think was, "It is the Lord helping us!"

Finally it was night-time. They'd worked so long and hard all

Yen (Japan)



day, and were so thankful for the Lord's miraculous supply. They all sat down to their first meal. When it was over they counted up the money that had come in that day. Each hundred thalers was set by itself, and at the end when they added it up, there were six hundred and three thalers.

That's what was due on Tuesday, the next day—600 thalers that needed to be paid. That was sufficient for the first debt the next day, with just a little extra. John Daniel was so thankful that the Lord could help him in such a way. He imagined that there must have been a lot of angels helping to work out that miraculous day.

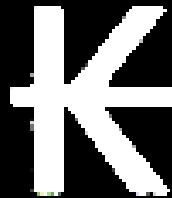
Tuesday was a repetition of Monday's amazing business. People just started streaming into his shop all day buying and paying back money they owed. By the end of the day they'd made 500 thalers and that was exactly what the debt was that they needed to pay the next day, on Wednesday.

Wednesday's sales continued to be a miracle and brought them 500 more thalers, and that was what was needed for Thursday morning. On Thursday they made 400 thalers in his shop, and that was just what he needed to pay the next day.

Friday's sales gave them 300 thalers, and that's what he could pay the widow on Saturday for the funeral expenses.

During these days of wonderful business, after each of

**Kip (Laos)**



the debts was paid, there were only a few thalers left. They had received just what was needed.

On Saturday morning, after he sent the 300 thalers to the widow, he just had two thalers left. Amazingly enough, the customers had stopped rushing in after he'd paid all those debts.

The shop was calm again, and oddly as it seemed, not even a single customer came to his out-of-the way shop. For that whole next week it was very quiet. No one was coming to his shop. It showed what an amazing miracle it was, that the whole week before, it had been busy, busy, busy!

However, he still had one more debt to pay that next Saturday. At five o' clock he had to pay 300 hundred thalers to that scoffing moneylender that he tried to borrow money from—the one who said, "Why don't you ask the Lord to help you?"

Well, John Daniel did want to show the moneylender that God does supply, but where was that money going to come from? Even though it had previously been a miracle week with abundantly supply, nearly everything was spent paying back all his debts. What could he do?

He needed another miracle. He was to pay it at five o' clock, and by three o' clock that afternoon he still didn't have what he needed.

**Peso** (Mexico)



The next hour went by slowly. At a quarter to four a woman came in and said, "I live here close by, alone, and I have a few thalers that I would like to ask you to keep for me. I'll get them whenever I need them. You can use them for now. I don't feel comfortable having this much money with me and I can't sleep well at night worrying about it, so I'd like you to take care of this money for me."

John Daniel was very happy and accepted the money, and then she hurried back. He counted the money, and it was 300 thalers—exactly what he would need to pay to the moneylender. He would repay the lady later, whenever she needed it.

When John Daniel was able to pay the bill to the moneylender it amazed him. It was a good witness to him that God answers prayer and takes care of His children who trust in Him.

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## 21—Two Hundred Dollars

A woman's husband had passed away, and at that time they owed \$200 for their boy's tuition at the school he attended. There was lots of difficulty involved and they were unable to pay that bill. She prayed day and night for a week, for the Lord to provide what was needed.

A gentleman visited, whom she had taken care of in his illness years before. She had taken him to

**Nairas** (Nigeria)



her house, and during that time she had fed him and helped him through his difficult illness, and he recovered.

A few years later, he was going to travel by steamer, and he came to say goodbye to her. He had his baggage and was headed towards the wharf where the steamer would depart.

He said, "If your boy wants to ride with me down to the wharf and say goodbye to me there, he can." The mother was glad. It would be fun for her boy to see the steamer.

Her son went with this gentleman to the wharf, and right before the man went aboard he gave the boy an envelope and said, "Take this to your mother."

The boy went back to his mother and gave her the envelope. She opened it up and it had \$200 in it. Just what she needed! There was a note with it that said, "Not that money could ever express my gratitude, but the enclosed may be useful for some little household matter."

The woman was so thankful God had answered her prayer in an unexpected way, in return for her love and caring of others.

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## 22—Diamond Ring

There was a poor, humble, Christian woman who had to attend court in another state because she owned some

**Rupee (Nepal)**

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property and a lawsuit needed to be settled about that property.

She was compelled to attend, but in order to travel there and have some place to stay she had to borrow some money. So she did, and she travelled to that city and found some cheap accommodation.

However, the court case dragged on and instead of the one week anticipated she had to be there for five weeks. Even after that, the lawsuit wasn't settled. They said she would have to return again in autumn.

She had been assured that it would be settled and that she would gain several hundred dollars from it, but that didn't happen and she was now in debt. She owed money to the people she'd borrowed from to take her trip and to cover the costs of renting a place to stay.

She paced the floor and called on the Lord to fulfill His promises. She didn't know what to do. She even needed money to be able to travel home. She went to get some fresh air, and walked down a side street.

After walking about three blocks she saw a diamond ring on the ground. She knew its value by looking at it, for in her younger days she was acquainted with the value of diamonds.

The lady kept it carefully and looked in the newspaper for anyone announcing that they lost their diamond ring. Then she saw it. It said

**Peso (Cuba)**



in the paper, “If anyone has found my diamond ring, please return it and I will give you \$75.00 as a reward.”

The lady was so happy! Jesus had answered her prayer for financial supply in this interesting way. She went to the address listed in the newspaper and returned the ring. The reward given to her was enough to pay her debts, and the fare for her journey back home.

*“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:19-KJV)

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## 23—Trust in the Lord

There was a poor woman who had hardly any way to support herself and her two little children after her husband passed away, except whatever work she could manage to do.

Yet, even though she was very poor, she still found a way to set aside as much as she could in order to give to others and to further the cause of the Lord—even just a penny every now and then.

One hard winter she was in great difficulty while trying to meet the needs of her family. However, she still kept setting aside the little bits she could in order to give to others, as her gift to the Lord.

**Pound** (United Kingdom)

When the time came for people who went to a certain church to give what they could, this woman had only a five-cent coin that she had saved



over time. She wanted to be able to share it and give it.

The only food she had left was a little bit of corn and one fish. That bit of food and the five-cent coin was all she had to care for her children and to share with others. So she cooked the food for her two children, and with joy she went and gave her coin to those at the church, sharing it with the Lord.

On the way back to her house she met someone who, she had forgotten, had bought something from her and hadn't yet paid for it. It had been so long ago, that this woman didn't even remember her and certainly didn't know how much this other lady owed her.

That woman said, "Oh, I don't know how much. Here, I'll just give you two dollars." Besides those two dollars, she filled up a basket with flour, sugar, coffee and other things for this poor woman's use.

The woman happily returned to her house. She said to her children, "The Lord gives a hundred-fold in this present life, and in the world to come everlasting life."

She went to give her little coin to share with others, and she got back many, many times over in return—right on that same day.

*"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." (Psalms 37:3-KJV)*

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Zloty (Poland)





## 24—The Colporteur

A colporteur in the Wabash Valley became quite discouraged. He was almost ready to give up. His job for the Lord was taking Bibles and other Christian material to houses all around, and selling them so people could read the Bible and get to know the Lord better.

At that time there had been lots of financial difficulty in the area. The wheat crops had failed two years in a row, and other money pressures were put on the people of the country. This colporteur was becoming so discouraged that he thought he should give up his job, because he couldn't make ends meet. He felt he was wasting his time.

But before giving up, this man went out into the woods and prayed with all his heart. He committed his life, his work, and his ministry to the Lord. When he had finished praying, he felt so much better.

During his prayer he asked the Lord to bless his work, and for forgiveness for anything in his life that he needed to be forgiven for. He asked the Lord for grace and strength for the future. Then he decided to give his job of bringing the Bible and Christian books to people all around another go.

That day of work, after his long and sincere prayer, he sold more books than he had in the whole week before! So he carried on, day by day. One day, he even sold several dollars worth of books to a family that had been

**Rand** (South Africa)



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uninterested and very against anything to do with religion.

Because he'd been praying, their hearts had changed and they were very eager to receive any of the Christian books he had to offer.

This man learned that when he prayed before he went to certain houses, and prayed for the people he was to meet there, the Lord opened their hearts so much more and made them eagerly want to receive these Bibles and Christian books from him. As long as he prayed everything went very well.

*“For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: ... the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.”* (Deuteronomy 2:7)

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## 25—Casting all Your Care on Him

A woman, who'd lost her husband, had a \$50 bill to pay. She was given two weeks' notice to pay that bill and she wouldn't be given even a day's grace. It had to be on time. She had no way to earn money, except for the articles she wrote. She would write articles and get money for that.

She had one other way to receive income, and that was she had a house that she was renting. The person renting it was always on time with their payment.

However, this time the article payment and the rent money didn't come. She prayed with all her heart

**Metical** (Mozambique)

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for the Lord to supply the \$50 that was needed.

After praying she rose up. The first verse she looked at was the one that said, "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7) After reading that verse, she felt all her worry leaving. Then a thought and feeling came to her that she had to write the editor that she'd sent an article to, that she hadn't yet been paid for. She felt she was to remind him to please pay her for her work.

The editor owed her \$20, and she knew the rest would come from somewhere. She had the faith that it would work out. The days passed and the very morning of the day she had to pay the \$50 came, yet she still didn't have even one single dollar on hand.

At 10 o'clock the man came to her house to collect the \$50. But half-an-hour beforehand, the postman was there and gave her a letter. When she opened it up, it contained \$50! It was from the editor. He said, "Here's the \$20 for your work, and an extra \$30 for the next article you will write for me later on."

The Lord just put it on his heart to give her that \$50. He didn't know of her prayer and her need, but the Lord did.

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Won (South Korea)

## 26—A Painter Called Allston

Mr. Allston stood at the head of American artists at one time, but there was a time when he was very poor.



One day, while in his studio in London, he threw himself on his knees praying for a loaf of bread for himself and his wife. He didn't have anything to buy bread with.

While he was praying, he heard a knock on the door. The artist quickly opened the door. There was a stranger standing there, asking for Mr. Allston.

The stranger said, "Who bought your famous painting called, 'Angel Uriel' that won the prize at the Exhibition of the Royal Academy?"

The artist said, "Nobody bought it." The man said, "Where can I find the painting?"

Allston said, "Here in this room." He showed him the painting, and wiped off the dust. He said, "It's for sale, but people haven't been willing to pay enough for what it's really worth."

The man who was enquiring said, "What's its price?"

The artist said, "Oh, every price I have given, people are unwilling to pay. What price do you want to pay for it?"

The enquiring stranger said, "400 pounds. Is that enough?"

The artist said, "That's more than I have ever asked for."

And so it was that he sold the painting, and thereby had plenty to supply the needs of himself and his wife, right when they prayed. The timing was perfect, and that man became Mr. Allston's close friend.

**Pound** (Falkan Islands)



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## 27—Clothing

There was a man studying at the theological seminary at Princeton, New Jersey, in 1860. He was very poor. His socks had big holes in them, he didn't have the undergarments he needed, and his shoes were old.

When they would play ball together, everyone could see his bare heels. He was very much in need, so his friend talked with him about it and they prayed together for the Lord to supply his needs.

The next day, this man said to his friend, "Did you give me that envelop of money through the ventilator?"

His friend said, "No." "Well," said the man, "An envelope with five pounds in it was pushed right through the ventilator in my room."

The man received the money he had been praying for. In addition, a box of clothing was sent for people who needed it and he was able to get the undergarments that he needed from it.

This man went on to be a wonderful missionary in a foreign country. This man would say, "Prayer is the key to God's treasury. Trust in Him, and He will provide."

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Peso (Uruguay)



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## 28—A Prayer for Thirty Pounds

There was a man and his wife who needed a sum of thirty pounds, to meet some payment the next morning. They had tried everything they could to collect that amount ahead of time, and had prayed for God to provide it. They still didn't have anything, when the night came.

However, as they were closing their store for the night, a sea captain knocked at the door and asked for some seaman's clothes. So they lit the gas lantern and found the clothes the man needed. He bought a little more than thirty pound's worth—just what they needed by the next morning!

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## 29—A Prayer for Five Dollars

One of the city missionaries in New York City received five dollars, with special direction that it was to be given to a certain poor Minister who lived on Amos Street. In the evening, the missionary visited and gave that Minister the money.

For a moment the Minister stood amazed and speechless. Then he made a note in his diary. He then turned and showed his diary to the man who'd brought him the five dollars. It said, "Spent two-and-a-half hours in earnest prayer for five dollars." Then the diary showed his note telling that the prayer had been answered.

Dinar (Kuwait)



The Minister received exactly that much before the day was over and said, "The Lord has sent it!"

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### **30—Exactly What He Needed**

There was a home missionary in Brooklyn that needed to pay the mortgage for his property. It was \$300. He didn't have the money and he didn't know where to get it. With an anxious heart, during the day he kept up his faith and courage by thinking of the Lord's promises.

The last night, before the day he had to pay the money, he spent in prayer until he felt peace that all was well. He reminded the Lord that his life belonged to Him. He wanted the Lord to be honoured, and the people to see that God takes care of those who serve Him.

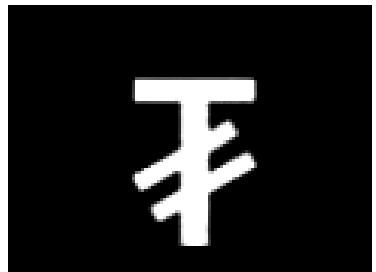
No money came that night. The next morning, he had to tell the man that he owed the money to that he was going to be unable to pay the debt. When he was there, someone handed him an envelope. He opened the envelope and inside it were six \$50 bills—exactly the \$300 he needed right then and there to pay his mortgage. The Lord had delivered him!

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**Tughriks (Mongolia)**

### **31—Knock at the Door**

There was a preacher who had a wife and children. He had been a preacher at a church, but was unable to continue there.



Because of that, they were now without their usual income. As they sat at the table with the very last bit of bread, the father felt very sad and went to pray.

The mother didn't know where they would get the food to feed their children. It was in the depth of winter, and in the morning after having spent a good night in prayer they lit the fire and began to boil the kettle.

They didn't have anything to eat, but right then there was a knock at the door. The preacher opened the door and there was a gentleman who handed him a letter. Inside it was some money, and a note that said, "Please accept this gift."

It was just what they needed. The Lord fulfilled His promises that, "He'll never leave nor forsake thee", and "Verily thou shalt be fed." (Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 37:3)

What had happened was that the man had gotten the idea to walk that direction and visit that Minister. Then the thought came to him to also include some money in a letter as he visited. He followed through on all those little thoughts that the Lord had obviously put in his mind. That's how this family's prayers were answered, and they were provided for.

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Lev (Bulgaria)

## **32—A Missionary's Experience in Mexico**

A man and his wife were missionaries in northern Mexico. For nearly four years they supported

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themselves through teaching, and through whatever other opportunities the Lord opened up for them, and what He showed them to do. However, because all around them were people facing difficult and extreme poverty, their income was very small.

Also, not everyone liked them. There was great opposition from the Romanists, since this missionary couple was Protestant. One day, in early 1869, they were praying desperately to find out if the Lord still wanted them to continue on as missionaries there, because it seemed they were going to be completely out of supplies and without any way to get what they needed for themselves or for the children they were helping.

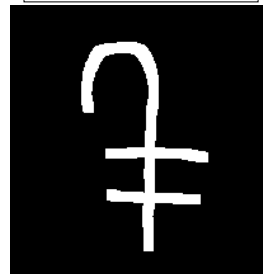
Shortly afterwards, they received a check for \$80. They knew it was the Lord answering their prayer. It was from someone who knew nothing about their circumstances or their prayer. It came just when they needed it.

Later on in the year, in August, they had but a few days left until they would be completely without the necessities of life. They laid their case before the Lord.

When praying, it didn't seem that He was leading them to leave the place. So they continued on, as faithfully as they could, believing the Lord would provide for them at the time He knew was best.

One evening, just after family prayer, there was a knock on the door.

**Dram (Armenia)**



They opened it and there were so many people that had come to see them, each one bringing something for them.

Everything they brought came to the total amount of 50 dollar's worth of goods. A portion of it was even given by the Romanists who had strongly opposed them. The Lord had truly answered prayer, and inspired the hearts of men to do His will.

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### **33-Depending on the Lord Day by Day**

There was a lady living in New Bedford. She received a letter from New York telling her of her mother's serious illness. The lady herself was sick, and very poor. She lived from day-to-day depending on the Lord's Prayer, one day at a time.

She wanted to visit her mother, but she had absolutely no way to pay for the travel or trip expenses. She loved the verse that says, *"He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shalt thou trust."* (Psalm 91:5)

She walked by faith and not by sight, and she knew the Lord would always be faithful to provide what she needed. She was praying for the means to travel, and for three days, waited for the answer. Then an elderly woman came to her house to express her gratitude.

She said, "I appreciate what you did for me three years ago. You helped me for days and days, writing and searching law

**Shilling** (Somalia)



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papers. This little gift is in no way equivalent to the work you did for me, but it's a little token to show that I haven't forgotten your kindness." And that was the answer to the woman's prayer. The money given was just what she needed.

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### 34—Giving Her Last Dollar to the Lord

A woman, sitting in the little church, heard the Minister make an urgent appeal for money to pay a debt of \$200. She only had one dollar in her pocket. She halfway drew it out of her pocket, and then put it back in. She thought she had no way to get any more money, and that was her last dollar.

Then she thought of the verse, "*Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*" (Psalm 37:3) She decided to trust the Lord for more money, took her last dollar out of pocket and dropped it in the offering basket.

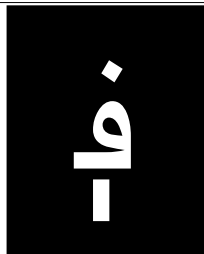
The very next morning, a lady came to her house and said, "I forgot to pay my bill from so long ago. Here's the two dollars I owe you." So the Lord paid back her dollar and gave her an extra one, right away.

Afghani (Afghanistan)

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### 35—Rolling Coins

There was a man who'd gotten some money one day and returned home very happy. He felt he could sleep well, having



his needs provided for. However, as he lay down, a thought came into his mind. There was a widow, the widow of his friend, and he knew that she was in want.

He thought, “Shall I keep all this money that I was given today to myself?”

The man decided to give some of it to the woman. He figured he would do it the next morning, but for some reason he couldn’t go to sleep. He was trying to rest, but the thought kept coming to him to go and give her some money, right then, that night. He continued to try to sleep, but the thought kept coming to take it to her right then. So at 11 o'clock he got up and went to her house.

He saw a light on in the upstairs room. He crept quietly into the house and up the stairs and to that room. He saw the woman earnestly praying. He couldn’t quite hear what she was saying, but he didn’t want to disturb her as she was very focused on her prayer.

He wondered what to do. He needed to give her the money, as he thought that’s what the Lord wanted him to do. So he took the coins, put them on their side, and rolled them into the room where she was, and then he left.

Later on there was a prayer and praise meeting, and this woman stood up and told the story to everyone about how she needed money to pay a debt the next day and was praying the night before. When she got up from her

**Denar** (Macedonia)

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prayer, there were coins on her floor and she was so happy.

This man who had given the coins was also in the room and said, “Yes it’s true!” and he told the story of how God had led him to bring the coins to her.

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### **36—A Little Girl’s Beautiful Faith**

There was a little German girl who was attending a Mission school where she learned about the Lord and how to pray. When she returned to her home she taught her parents how to pray for their meals, and they did. She was so sweetly teaching them.

One day her father was sick and unable to work. She said, “Pa, I’m going to pray that you will get well and will be able to go to work tomorrow morning.” At four o’ clock the next morning, she awoke and said, “Pa, do you feel better?” He said, “Yes, I am better,” and he went to work that morning.

Later on he couldn’t get work, and there was no food in the house for dinner. The little girl knelt down, and asked God to send them their dinner. She arose from her knees and said, “Now we must wait until the whistle blows at 12 o’ clock.”

At 12 o’ clock, there was a whistle that blew to let people know it was 12 o’ clock noon. As soon as it blew, the little girl said, “Get the table ready! It’s

Cedi (Ghana)

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coming.” Just then, a neighbour came in with some soup for their dinner.

*“Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.”* (Matthew 6:8-KJV)

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### 37—The Watch

One time, a person was much in need, and they had a watch. So they sold their watch to get money to provide what they needed. They loved the Lord, were doing the best they could, and that was what the Lord led them to do to provide their needs right then.

Without knowing anything about this person having to sell their watch, there was a friend who travelled abroad, bought a watch, and gave it to this person when they returned. Right after they'd sold their watch, they got one back again. The Lord had given back to them, what they'd lost.

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### 38—The Lord Gave Double

One morning, a man in prayer was calling on the Lord for the means to pay a bill of \$100 by three o' clock that afternoon. A check was sent to him for \$200.

Dong (Viet Nam)



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### 39—Can God Supply \$3,000?

There was a home that was set up to help people in need. They had \$3,000 placed in a safe, saved up for their needs. The \$3,000 was stolen—not a single dollar was left, not even a penny. Those that had lost that money had faith in the Lord's words that said, "*If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.*" (John 15:7)

The \$3,000 was what they had saved for a bill that needed to be paid. Even though they no longer had it, they still assured the person that they were going to pay this \$3,000 on time. Sure enough, before the day had arrived that they needed to pay the bill, they had \$3,000! It came through unexpected, and unusual, contributions given to them.

Also, because it was stolen and was announced to those in the area about that situation, many people decided to help. Many more things and gifts were given to this mission, as a result of that difficult situation. Extra blessings came from it.

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### 40—Kettle of Tea

There was a man whose wife was with child and was soon to give birth. The nurse was visiting their home, and they didn't have as much as tea to drink. The wife said, "Put the kettle on. Boil some water for tea."

Baht (Thailand)



The visiting nurse said, "But you don't have any tea and you don't have any way to get any."

The wife said, "Go ahead and put it on." She had faith that the Lord would provide the tea.

When the water hadn't yet reached a boil, there came a knock on the door. Someone came, bringing a gift for the wife. They brought her some tea.

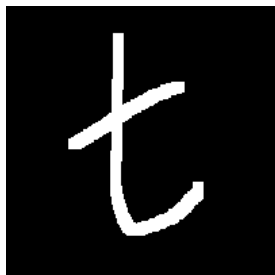
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### 41—Asking for Large Gifts

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, a home that was set up to help the sick and the poor wrote in their records, "There is due on the first of next month \$2,450 interest on our property. We are now within four days of that time, with not a dollar towards it. For several days, I have been asking that amount of the Lord."

They had four days to come up with \$2,500 dollars. How would that possibly be done? They took it to the Lord in prayer and awaited the results. That evening they received a letter. It was received by Dr. Collis, informing them that someone had passed away. Before the person died, they said they wanted to bequeath \$5,000 to that home that was helping others. Dr. Collis smiled. Before the day was over, the day they prayed for \$2,500, they were sent double the amount they asked for.

Lira (Turkey)





## 42—A Mother of Faith

Beate Paulus had three sons attending boarding school. Her daughter was with her at home. She believed the Lord wanted her to send the boys to school to be able to learn what they could—things she would be unable to teach them while busy with the work on the farm. However, Beate had no means to pay for their tuition sometimes.

One time their tuition was due, and she didn't have any money to pay it. Her husband didn't have any way to come up with funds for it. He really didn't know how the Lord would provide. Sometimes he thought she was being crazy and trying to do the impossible—sending her children to school without adequate funds to pay for it, except relying on the Lord in prayer.

That same day, letters were received from each of the schools saying that she must pay the tuition or else her children would be dismissed. Beate went up to her attic. It was a little room up there with a door that could shut and she could be completely alone. She went up there and prayed, and prayed, and prayed, until it was supertime.

**Nuevo Sol (Peru)**

Her daughter came and said, "Mother, come eat. Dinner's ready." Beate said, "I'm not ready to eat yet. Go ahead." And she kept praying.



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At bedtime, the girl asked her again, "Mother, are you coming?" She said, "I'm not ready to go to bed yet. You go to sleep." The next morning they called her for breakfast. Beate was still praying. She said, "It's not my breakfast time yet."

After awhile she finally came down. Her face seemed shining and glowing. They wondered if she'd seen an angel. Beate said that she was sure the answer would come, that she was praying for. The Lord had given her that faith.

Hardly had she spoken when someone was at the door and said, "The master of the Linden Inn sent me to ask if you could spare some time to go and see him."

Beate said, "Oh, I know what he wants. I'll come and see him at once." So she went.

"Oh, Madame, how glad I am that you've come," he said to her. "I can't tell you how it is. The whole of last night I could not sleep for thinking of you. For some time I've had several hundred gulden lying in that chest, and all night long I felt you needed the money and that I ought to give it to you. If that's the case there it is. Take it."

Beate told him, "Yes, I was awake all night long too, crying out to God to help. I received letters that our boys would be dismissed from their school unless I paid the money for their board."

**Guarani** (Paraguay)



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The master of the Linden Inn was a Christian man, and he said, "Oh, how wonderful! I'm so glad I asked you to come."

He opened up the chest, took three weighty packets, and handed them to her. She accepted it and said, "May God bless you."

Beate went home to her family who were curiously wondering what was going on. She took the three packets of money, laid them on the table next to the three letters requesting it, and told her husband, "See, I believed in God and had faith, and He answered."

*"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22-KJV)*

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### **43—Excerpts of “How I Know God Answers Prayer”**

**Published 1921 by Rosalind Goforth—Missionary in China starting out in 1888!**

An unforgettable proof of God's loving care came to us as a family about this time, when my parents were face to face with a serious financial crisis.

Isaiah 65:24 was literally fulfilled:

"Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

At that time, it is necessary to state, we depended on a quarterly income, which came through my mother's lawyer in England. Unusual

**Cordoba** (Nicaragua)



circumstances had so drained our resources that we found ourselves, in the middle of the quarter, with barely sufficient to meet a week's needs.

My dear mother assured us that the Lord would provide; that he would not forsake those who put their trust in him. That very day a letter came from the lawyer in England, enclosing a draft for a sum ample to meet our needs till the regular remittance should arrive. This unexpected and timely draft proved to be a bonus, which did not occur again.

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During the summer of 1887 a book written by Dr. Hudson Taylor came into my hands. In "China's Spiritual Needs and Claims" the writer told many instances of God's gracious provision in answer to prayer. The incidents related impressed me deeply.

A little later, a few weeks before my marriage, when I found I was short fifty dollars of what I would need to be married free of debt, I resolved not to let others know of my need, but to just trust God to send it to me. The thought came—if you cannot trust God for this, when Hudson Taylor could trust for so much more, are you worthy to be a missionary?

It was my first experience of trusting quite alone for money. I was sorely tempted to give others just a hint of my need. But I was kept back from doing so; and though I had a week or more of severe

**Pataca (Macau)**

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testing, peace of mind and the assurance that God would supply my need, came at length. The answer, however, did not come till the very last night before the wedding.

That evening a number of my fellow-workers from the East End Mission called, and presented me with a beautifully illuminated address and a purse. After these friends had left I returned to my home circle assembled in the back parlor, and showed them the address and the purse unopened!

Not for a moment did I think there was anything in the purse till my brother said: "You foolish girl, why don't you open it?" I opened the purse, and found it contained a check for fifty dollars!

This incident has ever remained peculiarly precious; for it seemed to us a seal of God upon the new life opening before us.

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One of the hardest words a missionary can get from his Home Board is the word "retrench." My husband and I were on one of our evangelistic tours north of Changte.

Every door seemed wide open before us, and the time ripe for a specially aggressive campaign of evangelism for the heathen. But, just as we were planning for this, word reached us from our station treasurer of a message received from the

**Peso** (Dominican Republic)



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Home Board that funds were low, and retrenchment must be carried out along all lines.

To us this meant dismissing helpers, and a general curtailing of our work. We faced the question squarely. Our own tithe had been long overdrawn. How then could we support the men we had, and go on with the work which was opening so gloriously before us after years of hard pioneer preparation?

But we decided to go on as we had planned, and to trust God for the necessary funds; believing that, though for the time being the home church had disappointed us, God would not fail us.

The following Friday a home mail reached us, in which was a letter from a lady in New Zealand. The writer said she had read a letter of ours in *The Life of Faith*, and wished to support an evangelist under us. This relieved us of the support of one man, but there were many other needs as yet unmet.

The following Monday, when our next mail was forwarded to us, a letter came from a lady in Australia, enclosing a draft ample to meet every special need in the work for a year to come. She stated very plainly that she did not wish the money put into the general funds of the mission, but to be used by ourselves in any way we thought best.

Indeed, had she known the special circumstances in which the letter would

**Lempira (Honduras)**



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find us, she could scarcely have written more exactly to fit our case.

Again, a year after this experience of God's faithfulness to meet all our needs, we began to feel the need of special funds for the work. My husband, as usual, seemed quite sure that we should keep on as we had been doing, and that the money needed would be sent.

In spite of all the blessed lessons of the past, my faith seemed to fail me; and I spoke decidedly against using our salary, when we needed it all for ourselves and our children's education. We were traveling homeward by cart at the time and the matter was dropped; though I felt my husband was hurt by my lack of faith.

When we reached home, that evening, a letter from a lady in Canada was awaiting my husband. He read it first; and I cannot forget the look on his face as he handed it to me, with the words "I told you so."

As near as I can recall it the letter said: "My mother and I are strangers to you, never having seen or heard either you or your wife. But my mother, who is an invalid, has for some time been restless because of a conviction that has come over her that she should send you some money. So to quiet my mother I am sending you fifty dollars."

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As I read the letter, I certainly did feel ashamed of my lack of faith. In writing our acknowledgment, I told how wonderfully opportune the gift



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had been.

A couple of months or so later came a reply, telling us that the invalid mother passed away soon after my letter reached them; and that the story of how God had used her in this matter greatly strengthened her faith, blessing and helping her during the closing days of her life.

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Early in the winter it became evident that a telephone was a necessity, with my numerous calls and engagements. I hesitated about going into this expense, not being quite sure that it was right to use in that way the money given me.

At last, I prayed that the Lord would show me his will in the matter by sending me half the amount needed for the telephone within a certain time, if it was right for me to get it. Before the time expired the money had come; so I got the telephone.

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As the weather became cold I began to suffer on the long drives in the country to appointments, and was soon longing for a fur coat.

I consulted our mission secretary as to whether, if sufficient money were given me, I could put it into a fur coat. The answer was a decided "Yes."

There was no doubt that the coat was a necessity in the Lord's work. So I began to pray the Lord to send the

**Litas** (Lithuania)



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money quickly, for the cold was severe. In less than two weeks I received the money needed, and of course got the coat.

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At the close of our four months of meetings in Great Britain, in 1910, I felt a strong desire to send a gift of five dollars to five different objects in Britain, to show in a practical way our sympathy with the workers in these various branches of the Lord's work.

My husband was in the midst of his accounts when I asked him to give me five pounds for this purpose. He told me it was impossible, as we had barely enough for the journey to China.

As I left him I wondered why I seemed to have these gifts so definitely laid upon me to send away, when there was no money. Reasoning that if the thing were really of the Lord he could himself give me what he wished me to send, I put the matter from my mind.

That evening's mail brought a letter from a stranger living some distance away, judging from the postmark; for the letter had no address, and was not signed. The letter said:

"I do not know you, nor have I met you, but the Lord seems to have laid it on my heart to send you this five-pound note as a farewell gift, to do

**Riggitt** (Malaysia)

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what you think best with."

It was with a joyful heart I sent off the gifts to the five Christian workers in Britain. Had the giver said it was "for work in China," as was usually the case, I could not have used it for any other purpose.

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While in Tientsin with my children during the revolution in 1912, I had occasion to go into the Chinese city with my servant. We visited three stores. On our way home by the tramway I discovered I had lost a five-dollar bill and one of my gloves. I had foolishly put the bill inside the glove.

Ashamed to let the Chinese servant know of my carelessness, I sent him home when we reached the end of the tram line. As soon as he was out of sight I took the tram back to the city.

On the way I confessed to the Lord my carelessness, and asked him to keep the glove and money, and lead me to where they were. I retraced my steps back to two of the stores where we had been.

As I entered the second, which was a shoe store, a number of men were in the shop; but there, right in sight of all, on the floor lay my glove, and I knew of course with the five dollars inside.

It was with a heart full of gratitude to my loving Heavenly

**Balboa** (Panama)



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Father, and an enlarged vision of his love, that I picked up the glove and returned home that day.

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The winter of our return from China, after the Boxer tragedies, I felt keenly the need of a good sewing machine, as I could not possibly do the children's sewing by hand and still get time for meetings.

One day, as my husband was leaving on a deputation tour, I asked him for money for a machine. He assured me it was impossible; that we had only sufficient for bare necessities.

I knew well he would gladly give me money for the machine if he had it. So I laid my need before my Father, confident that he knew it was a real need, and that according to his promise he could and would supply it.

I was so sure that somehow the money would come, that I went down town especially to choose a suitable machine. I found it would cost thirty-six dollars.

A few days later I received a letter from a band of ladies in Mount Forest, Ontario, enclosing twenty-three dollars and some odd cents, and saying: "Please accept the enclosed to buy something you have lost as our substitute in China."

Only a day or two later another letter came, from quite another part of Ontario, enclosing twelve dollars and some cents.

**Peso (Philippines)**



The two amounts came to exactly the sum I needed to purchase the machine.

The second letter stated that the money was sent to help me buy a sewing machine.

It has always been a puzzle to me how they came to send the money in that way, for I had not spoken to anyone but my husband about wanting a machine. When Mr. Goforth returned I was able to show him what the Lord could give me, though he could not.

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A few months after we returned to China from a furlough, I invited a certain missionary and his wife and children to pay us a visit. Peculiarly touching circumstances had led me to give this invitation.

Both husband and wife were in ill health, and greatly needed a change. They resided in a far inland station, quite cut off from other missionaries. They were not connected with any Society, and were looking only to the Lord for their support.

Just as these friends had started toward us, on their five-days' journey, smallpox broke out at our station, and one of the missionaries died.

Dinar (Serbia)

A telegram was sent, hoping to catch them before they left, but it did not reach them until they were a short



distance from our station. Then the whole family had to turn around, and once more take the long, trying journey, homeward. As the weather was very cold at the time, one could imagine what a terrible trial to faith the whole experience meant to them.

I felt so deeply for them that I planned to send sufficient to cover at least the expense of the journey. But, on getting out of quarantine, I found I could not draw on our treasurer for the fifty dollars needed, as Mr. Goforth was not at home.

However, the Lord had seen the need long before I felt it, and had the exact amount ready. Three days after I got out of quarantine I received a letter from Mr. Horace Goven, of the Faith Mission, Glasgow, enclosing a draft for five pounds which, at the rate of exchange at that time, came to fifty dollars Mexican.

The gift came from the workers of the mission, and he stated that they wished me to accept it as a personal gift. Needless to say, the draft was sent off that same day to the needy friends in the far-off station.

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Returning to Canada at the time of the Great War, we came face to face with a serious financial crisis. Only two ways seemed open to us. One was to lay our affairs frankly before the Board, showing that our salary was quite insufficient, with war conditions and prices, to meet our requirements.

The other course was to just go forward, get a suitable

home and whatever we required, and trust our Father to supply what was needed above our income. We decided on the latter course.

A dear daughter felt indignant that we should have a salary insufficient for our needs; but we assured her that to trust God for what was lacking was not begging.

The day came when this child and myself took possession of our new home. As we entered the dining-room we found a large mail from China on the table.

One letter was forwarded from the lady in Australia whose gifts, in the past, seemed always to have met some felt need.

Her letter enclosed fifty pounds, with the expressed wish that thirty pounds should be used for work in China, but twenty pounds was to be used to meet some personal need.

I handed the letter to my daughter, saying: "Shall we not believe that God will undertake for us? It seems to me as if our Father were beside us saying, 'My child, take this hundred dollars as an earnest of what I am going to do for you.'"

Tears stood in her eyes as my daughter gave the letter back, saying: "Mother, we don't trust God half enough!"

*"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

## HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

*Words: Annie Johnson Flint*

*Music: Hubert Mitchell*

He giveth more grace  
When the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength  
When the labours increase.  
To added affliction  
He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

His love has no limit,  
His grace has no measure,  
His pow'r has no boundary

Known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,  
He giveth, and giveth,  
And giveth again!

When we have exhausted  
Our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed  
Ere' the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our  
Hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)*

*Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*

*Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:3-5)*

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11)*

*Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)*



*Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*

*Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*

*And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

*Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

*Therefore take no thought, saying,  
What shall we eat? or, What shall we  
drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be  
clothed?*

*Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye  
have need of all these things.*

*(Matthew 6:25,26,28,30-32b)*

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness; and all these  
things shall be added unto you.*

*(Matthew 6:33)*

*Bring ye all the tithes into the  
storehouse, that there may be meat  
in mine house, and prove me now  
herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I  
will not open you the windows of  
heaven, and pour you out a blessing,  
that there shall not be room enough  
to receive it. (Malachi 3:10)*