

Reflections with Sharon

The flip side of little-by-little

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

In “Little by little,” I teased your minds about considering the wisdom of God which so often moves Him to provide for us little-by-little. But you must know that in His sovereignty, God sometimes chooses to deal with us on the flip side of little-by-little; that’s when He far exceeds our wildest expectations and takes us on the ride of a lifetime, opening up Heaven’s floodgates and unleashing such an outpour of blessings on us that we are simply overwhelmed by the overflow. Things we had been praying about for years - the husband/wife, the business, the house, the car, the job, the ministry, the deal, the breakthrough - begin to happen all at once; doors open up to us everywhere; needs are met in abundance; provision comes in by bucketfuls; plans fall nicely into place; relationships are established everywhere we go; healing occurs and restoration takes place wherever we need it; friendships blossom at every turn; assets grow and multiply; victories are swiftly won, and scarcely do we have a dream but that it turns into reality!

To some of us such favour seems mesmeric. Could it be that we have so conditioned our minds to thinking only within the boundaries of having a little at a time, that we’re almost afraid to discover what else may lie beyond the walls of our just-enough mentality? We are so fearful to step outside our comfort zone, that we subconsciously sabotage any shot we may have at prosperity. But God is not confined to our narrow-mindedness; and when we attempt to put restrictions on His ability or willingness to bless us, we cheat ourselves, because the fact is that God delights to bless His children; He loves to lavish us with His best.

That’s why the right heart attitude is so important: In little or in much, God must be the object of our trust. When we receive answers to our prayers though yet unspoken; when we are able to enjoy the fruits of our labour almost immediately; when our days are filled with plenty; when everything we touch turns to gold; when pleasing circumstances surround us on every hand; when we seem to lack for nothing; when God serves us mega doses of His favour and we find ourselves having more than we need, - and that relates to any area of our lives, not just money - do we think beyond ourselves?

There’s nothing like times of abundance to show us the true state of our hearts. Can God count on us to stay faithful to Him on the flip side of little-by-little?

Until we are able to give joyful thanks to God in times of abundance, graciously embrace His rich rewards, and look for ways to reach out and bless others, we are not ready for life on the flip side of little-by-little.