

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

What Did We Expect?

Worksheet 11: **November 13, 2014**—*stewardship*

By and large, we get from God what we tend to expect from Him—what He's promised in His word! If we discount *Who* He is, thereby disallowing His providence, power and promises, we're in unbelief, and have little to expect. But when we're talking about our Great God, we need to have Great expectations!

“When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory,
it will not lack for God's supply.”

Hudson Taylor

“Covetousness, materialism and worldliness are among the most
pervasive (yet unacknowledged) sins of modern Christians.
Often, believers are blind to the materialism that subtly saturates our very souls.”
Gregory Frizzell

“God does not require us to give up anything
that it is for our best interest to retain.”

Ellen G. White

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Exodus 36:6b-7

Psalm 119:57

Proverbs 11:28

Ecclesiastes 7:12

Haggai 1:9

Scripture to Memorize:

Matthew 6:3-4a “*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Charles Spurgeon said, “He who follows Christ for His ‘bag’ is a Judas...” Place an **X** on the line to the left of any statement you believe he is making.

_____ Jesus carried a bag with Him everywhere

_____ Do not follow Jesus only for what you can hoard for yourself

_____ Love the Lord Jesus and follow Him because of that love

2. Look up **Psalm 119:57-60** (NIV) and write out the 4 statements beginning with “I have” and “I will” on the lines below.

v 57 “I have promised _____”

v 58 “I have sought _____”

v 59 “I have considered _____”

v 60 “I will hasten and not delay to _____”

3. What does the statement ‘treasures in heaven are laid up, as treasures on earth are laid down’ mean to you? Explain.

“He who is so good a steward as to be willing to use his substance for his Lord,
shall be entrusted with more.”

Charles Spurgeon

Recommended Reading:

Handbook to Happiness, Dr. Charles R. Solomon

This Way to Happiness, Dr. Clyde M. Narramore

Charles Spurgeon **Morning** and Evening
February 14

*“Day by day the king gave Jehoiachin
a regular allowance as long as he lived.”*

2 Kings 25:30

“Jehoiachin was not sent away from the king’s palace with a store to last him for months, but his provision was given him as a daily pension. Herein he well pictures the happy position of all the Lord’s people.

“A daily portion is *all that a man really wants*. We do not need tomorrow’s supplies; that day has not yet dawned, and its wants are as yet unborn. The thirst which we may suffer in the month of June does not need to be quenched in February, for we do not feel it yet; if we have enough for each day as the days arrive we shall never know want. Sufficient for the day is *all that we can enjoy*. We cannot eat or drink or wear more than the day’s supply of food and raiment; the surplus gives us the care of storing it, and the anxiety of watching against a thief. One staff aids a traveler, but a bundle of staves is a heavy burden.

“Enough is not only as good as a feast, but is all that the veriest glutton can truly enjoy. **This is all that we should expect; a craving for more than this is ungrateful.** When our Father does not give us more, we should be content with his daily allowance. Jehoiachin’s case is ours, we have a sure portion, a portion given us of the king, a gracious portion, and a perpetual portion. Here is surely ground for thankfulness.

“Beloved Christian reader, in matters of grace you need a daily supply. You have no store of strength. Day by day must you seek help from above. It is a very sweet assurance that a daily portion is provided for you. In the word, through the ministry, by meditation, in prayer, and waiting upon God you shall receive renewed strength. **In Jesus all needful things are laid up for you.** Then enjoy your continual allowance. Never go hungry while the daily bread of grace is on the table of mercy.”

Consumer's Prayer

by Joyce M. Shutt

Throwaway bottles,
Throwaway cans,
Throwaway friendships,
Throwaway fans,
Disposable diapers,
Disposable plates,
Disposable people,
Disposable wastes,
Instant puddings,
Instant rice,
Instant intimacy,
Instant ice,
Plastic dishes,
Plastic laces,
Plastic flowers,
Plastic faces,
Lord of the living,
Transcending our lives,
Infuse us with meaning,
Recycle our lives.

(Ann Landers column—Colorado Springs *Gazette*
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