

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

Spend and Be Spent

Worksheet 14: **February 11, 2016**—*sanctification*

Love and tight-fistedness do not go hand-in-hand, and there comes a time in our Christian walk when Jesus will ask us to open up our hands—WIDE. Open them to the Savior's complete will; open them to the poor, to the suffering, to the wandering, and to the lost of this world. We are called to give our best, and to give it all!

“When the cause of God invites thee, give thyself to it.
When the poor require thee, give thy goods and thyself away,
For thou art Christ's! Never belie thy profession.”

—Charles Spurgeon

“Many people want to direct God,
instead of resigning themselves to be directed by Him,
to show Him a way,
instead of passively following where He leads us.”

—Madame Guyon

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Proverbs 11:25 *“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”*

Matthew 14:14 (in sickness)

Matthew 15:32 (in hunger)

Mark 6:34 (sheep without a shepherd)

2 Corinthians 6:13 (read verses 11-12, too.)

Galatians 2:10

Scripture to Memorize:

Acts 20:35 *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

Prayer Requests and Praises:

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Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Read **2 Corinthians 12:15**—the first full sentence—and write out what you believe Paul is saying to the believers in Corinth.

2. Check any and all of the three boxes below that express what it would mean to **spend** and **expend** yourself on God and His Kingdom.

to pay out to wear out to exhaust

3. Explain how **spending** and **being spent** for God and his Kingdom was demonstrated by a Bible character. Example: Stephen—he gave his very life!

Let us spend ourselves on the kingdom of God
 —the Lord God and others—
 because the kingdom of God is the buy of a lifetime!

Recommended Reading:

Hudson Taylor’s Spiritual Secret, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor
The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Prayer of Jabez, Bruce Wilkinson

Open Hands

1) To give unselfishly;
To love the least of these
Jesus, I'm learning how to live
—with open hands.

2) All these treasures that I own;
Will never satisfy my soul
Jesus, I lay them at your throne
—with open hands.

Chorus: And I lift my hands open wide
Let the whole world see
How you loved; how you died
How you set me free.
Free at last I surrender all I am
—with open hands
—with open hands.

3) To finally let go of my plans;
These earthly kingdoms built of sand
Jesus, at your cross I stand
—with open hands. (Chorus, then Refrain)

Refrain: Jesus, You took the nails,
You bore the crown,
You hung your head,
Your love poured out;
You took my place,
You paid the price,
So, Jesus, now I will give my life! (Chorus twice)

—Words and music by Matt Papa