

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 19



“For I know the plans I have
for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you;
plans to give you hope
and a fu-ture.”
Jeremiah 29:11
you have heard!

To the tune of “Jingle Bells”



This day is sacred to our Lord.

Do not grieve,

for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10b

To the chorus of “Jingle Bells”



Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything,

by prayer and petition,

with thanksgiving,

present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

It's about prepositions!



Psalm 33:20–21

We wait in hope for the Lord.

He is our help and our Shield.

In Him our hearts rejoice

for we trust in His holy name.

Psalm 33:20–21

We wait in rhythm to the bus.



Therefore if anyone is in Christ
he is a new creation.
The old has gone,
The new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

The rhythm is Little Bo Peep



For we are to God
the aroma of Christ
among those who are being saved
and those who are perishing.
2 Corinthians 2:15

To the tune of Zippity Doo Dah



God made Him who had no sin
to be sin for us,
so that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21

To the tune of Yankee Doodle



2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

To the tune of The Mexican Hat Dance



Receiving **God's** Abundant **Gifts**



2013-2014



Receiving God's Abundant Gifts

The Gift of Peace

The Gift of Patience

The Gift of Prayer

The Gift of Healthy Relationships

The Gift of Changed Lives



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Brochures will be distributed April 4th

Be thinking
about who
you would
like to
invite!

You're invited!



Response

Rest

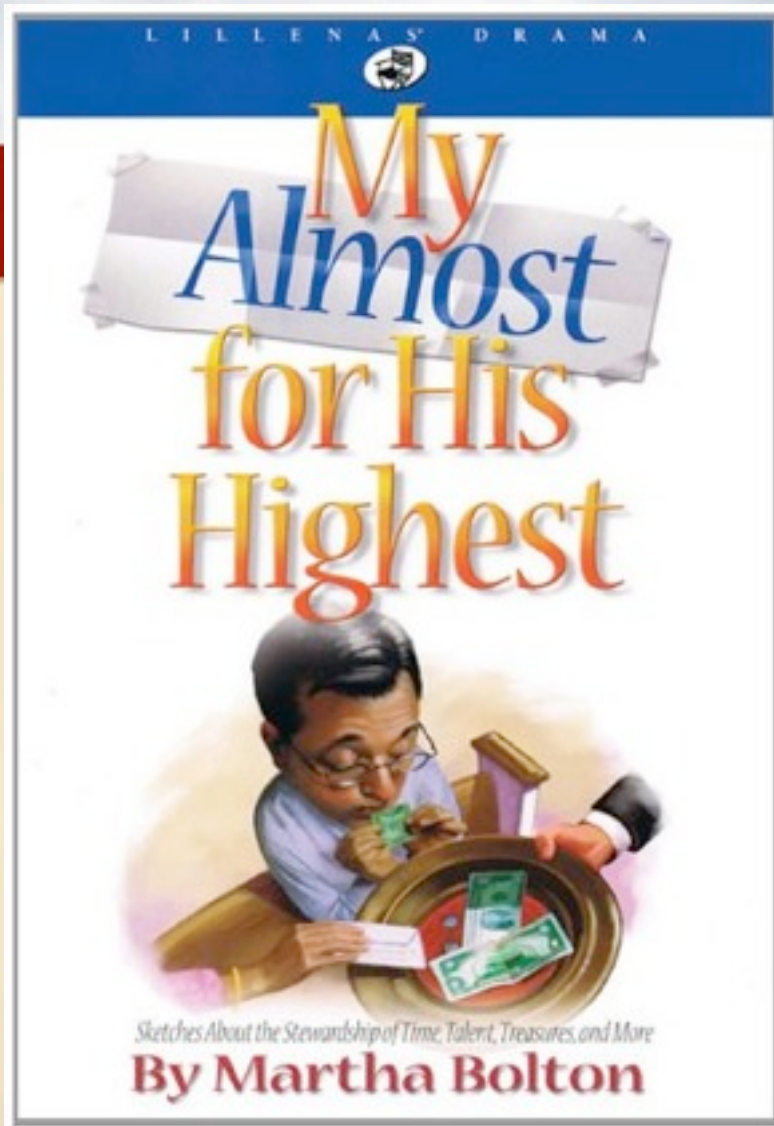
Result

“For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians”(2 Cor 9:2)





We are to be “leaky people,”
giving back
what we have been given.



“We should not become spiritual sponges, always absorbing, never giving.”

~Oswald Chambers,
My Utmost for His Highest

Response

We give our time

"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart." (Neh 4:6)



Response

We give our time



Clifford Layton



Response

We give our talents

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...” (2 Tim 1:6)

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“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you *not* to be? You are a child of God. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.”



Shine your light, O Lord
So that I may see
Just where I am heading
And what's in front of me

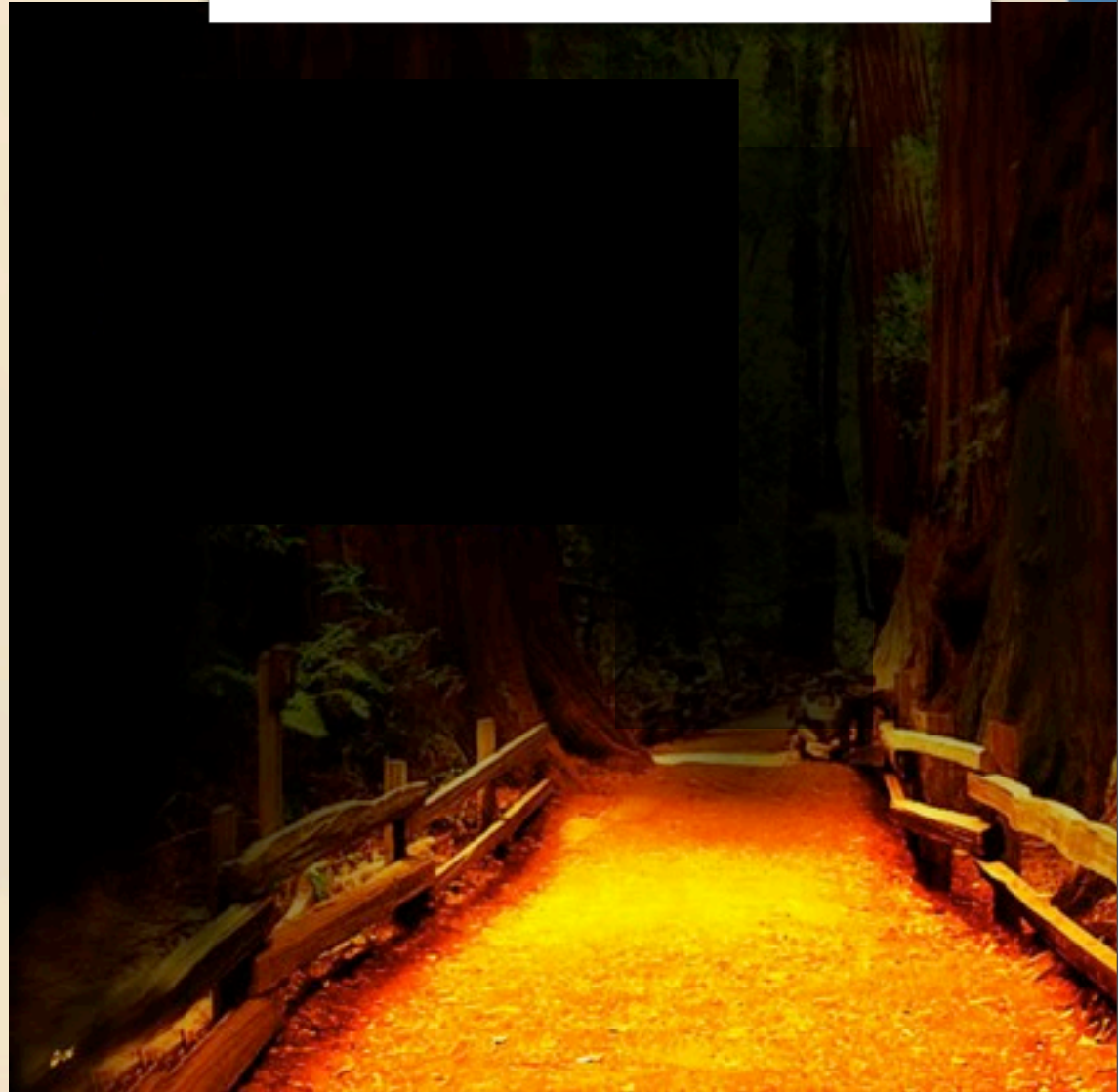
Your word is the light,
The lamp unto my feet
It may not light far ahead
Nor show me where it's steep

But it gives enough light
For each step I take
Just enough to see ahead
Along this road of faith

For this is what it surely is
As we walk with Jesus Christ,
The road that we are traveling on
Is by faith, not by sight

So shine your light, O Lord
So we may see our way,
Though you only show in part,
It's enough for each new day.

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“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need you will abound in every good work.” (2 Cor 9:8)

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“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion” (2Cor 9:10-11)





"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (*Prov 11:25*)

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Gal 6:9)





Rest

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (*Mt 11:28*)

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

(*Mk 6:31*)



Rest



There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven.
(*Ecclesiastes 3:1*)

Result

Because of the
service by which
you have proved
yourselves,
men will praise God

for the obedience
that accompanies
your confession of
the gospel of Christ

(2 Cor 9:13)



Applying the Lesson in Your Life

What is the season of your life?

Is it a time to respond?
To fan your gift into flame?

or

Is it a time to rest?

