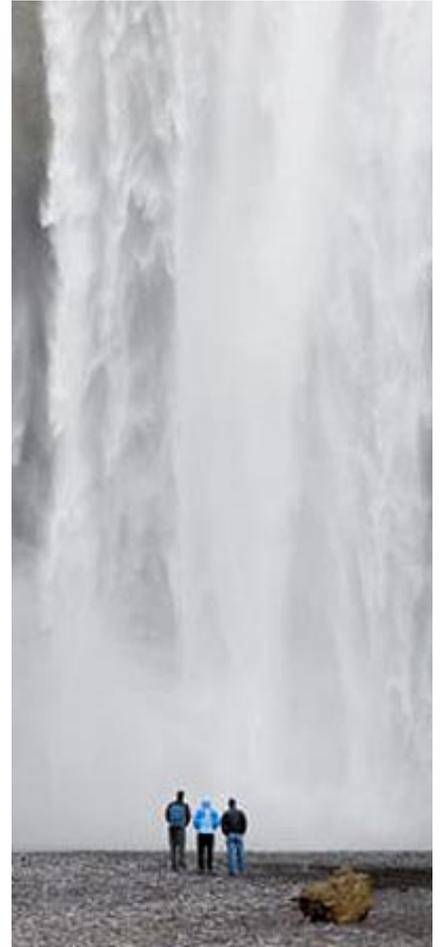


"And to know the Love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:19-21 KJV

Remaining thirsty by a waterfall is as ludicrous as being needy as a believer. "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, BEFORE YE ASK [and] shall supply all your need according to His riches." If you stay by the waterfall, you'll never thirst. Our problem is we allow lust to entice us away into the desert of sin. We thirst, not for lack of supply, but because we left the supply. "This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (conversation); but thou shalt meditate (think) therein DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Was this commanded for God's benefit? To the contrary, it was a blessing to the faithful. God's commands are blessings. His supply is already in place for the obedient. Disobey and you suffer want. To disobey, you must leave the "exceeding abundant" bounty of God's provision. Abundant means no lack or need. God's bounty exceeds abundant. It is infinite! Do you have doubts? God challenges you to prove Him. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. Bring ye ALL the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house (of ministers), 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." Could you live without breath, food, or water? God tests our love and character with increase. Giving God back a tenth of His provision, time, and possessions is merely a token of your trust in the "exceeding abundance" of His promised bounty. Even after deducting 8 hours a day for sleep, you still owe God a tithe, tenth, of your time. (24hrs x 7 = 168hrs - 56hrs = 112hrs / 10 = 11.2hrs) A half-hour a day praying and twenty dollars a week to the Church still makes you a God-robber! If you don't trust your church with money, why trust it with your soul? Why go there? Is it any wonder we struggle? You wouldn't have life without God. Jesus said, "Where two or three are GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, there am I in the midst of them." Go to a church where God is!

Your thoughts cannot begin to know,
The wealth of bounty God will show;
To ev'ry soul who comes to Him,
Forsaking all the pride of sin. ~CGP

We are a conduit for God's provision. If you want water to flow, you have to open the nozzle. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Use a teaspoon to give and that's how you'll receive, because you only need what you give away. Will you love and trust your Creator of "exceeding abundance?"

*"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"
Romans 8:31-32 KJV*