

There is an invisible work going on here which can be a bit hard to put into words. It is something we can't double-bluff as well. For example, if we go into a free work opportunity secretly hoping that we're going to get something in return, this usually backfires in some way.

If we are doing something with a motivation other than love, we won't actually enjoy what we are doing, and it will feel just like a system job. In addition to this, the person we are helping is more likely to pick up at some level that our intention is not pure... or God may decide to set up a situation where we don't receive the thing we're secretly hoping for... probably to show us the wisdom of trusting Him more fully!

This work of trust and motivation is something which is natural for us to struggle with, but which we are likely to make improvements with over time, the more we experiment with Faith Outreaches, and with the Seek-First-The-Kingdom principle in different aspects of our lives.



In Matthew 10, Jesus sends out his 12 disciples (and later on, in Luke 10, Jesus sends out another 70 disciples) with various guidelines, including the instruction to share the message with people and not to take any money, or thought for how they will be provided for during the journey.

He says, "... for the workman is worthy of his meat" (Matthew 10:10), which goes to show that if we work for God, he will provide us with food and anything else we need, in order to get the job done.

How many of us believe that God is able to provide everything we need? How many of us want to let go of the things we don't really need, which are probably responsible for why we are choosing not to be dependent on Him? Jesus said "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head". (Luke 9:58). Could our fear of circumstances (like sleeping rough) be getting in the way of us walking in the footsteps of Christ?

Jesus said: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom". (Luke 12:32) The real question is, do we actually believe this?

In Hebrews 13:8, Paul says: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever". The truth is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. The only thing that has changed is that there are considerably fewer people who actually believe this now. (Luke 18:8)

We are sending this article out as a kind of message in a bottle hoping that it will find the rare individual who does believe, and who has the courage and desire to act on this belief as well.